



SIV Board Meeting #211 of 27 June 2023

Location: Zoom

Chairperson's Summary

This was the 211th meeting of the SIV Board.

Key items discussed included:

- Introduction to new SIV Chair – Roland Roccioletti
- FY 2023-2024 Budget
- SE Marine Parks Submission
- Rock Lobster TACC
- World Aquaculture Society Conference
- Energy Sector Consultation

Introduction to new SIV Chair

- Noting that this was the first board meeting for the new Chair, Michael Hobson as Deputy Chair facilitated the meeting.
- Deputy Chair welcomed Roland Roccioletti as the new Independent Chair and introduced him to the Board.

FY 2023-2024 Budget

- Draft FY 2023/24 budget presented to the SIV Board.
- Frameworks included for potential revenue growth.
 - o Increased voluntary membership
 - o Clean Green Rock Lobster program administration
 - o Energy sector engagement (see item 12 Other Business).
- Marketing/comms role – Recognition of requirement for additional part-time staff member. Start date proposed for new calendar year.
- Budget was endorsed the by the SIV Board unanimously.
- Recognition by the Board that the shape of the budget may change through-out the year.

SE Marine Parks Submission

- SE Marine Parks Management Plan under review. Industry offered the opportunity to provide input to Parks Australia.
- The SIV submission sought to highlight the contribution of the seafood industry to regional communities and the Victorian economy, it's value to food security and the recent pressures threatening future industry viability.
- Six recommendations were made to Parks Australia for consideration in drafting a new MP.

Rock Lobster TACC

- VFA confirmed that TACC in both zones will be reduced:
 - o EZ TACC (21 T)
 - o WZ TACC (242 T)
- It was noted that fisheries management costs are similar for both zones but split over fewer licence/quota holders in Eastern Zone. Elevated running costs in conjunction with fee costs continue to place significant strain on individual businesses.
- The VRLC (sub-committee of SIV) approached the VFA seeking sufficient fee relief in the EZ to assist business viability. Following discussions with the VFA a total of \$150k of relief was provided to the sector for the 2023/24 fishing year.
- Recognition provided to the SIV CEO and VRLC Chair for their roles in advocating for much needed fee relief for EZ licence holders.

World Aquaculture Society Conference

- SIV (funded by the VFA) attended the conference, which was held in Darwin, to learn from global advances and assess future opportunities for Victoria.
- Opportunity to network with representatives from peak bodies, research providers and private companies regarding both aquaculture and wild catch opportunities relevant to Victoria.
- Several sessions attended such as – Blue Economy CRC, aquaculture genetics, emerging species commercialisation, resource management, zoning/licensing, inland aquaculture and biofouling.

Energy Sector Consultation

- SIV has been approached by a high number of proponents from the energy sector (petroleum and renewables) seeking assistance to distribute relevant information to industry.
- Board agreed that the cost to SIV should be met by the proponents who give rise to the need for that communication activity.

Next meeting

August 2023 – Zoom

Michael Hobson
Deputy Chair