



SIV Board Meeting #208 of 23 February 2023

Location: Zoom Meeting

Chairperson's Summary

This was the 208th meeting of the SIV Board.

Key items discussed included:

- SIV Chair Transition
- SIV Priorities
- SRL Membership
- VICRAC

SIV Independent Chair Transition Process

- The transition process requires continuity for both the incoming CEO and Independent Chair. The amended Constitution (accepted by Members 2022) enables appointment of an Independent Chair.
- The Board is accountable to the Members. Therefore, the recruitment process must be transparent and accountable, noting there are suitable persons who are interested in the role.
- The Board approved the process outlined below:
 - The current Independent Chair to have contract extended by 2 months.
 - Recruitment of a new Independent Chair process:
 - Working group to oversee the process to include current Chair, Deputy Chair and Director Luke Anedda.
 - The Independent Chair role will be advertised on SEEK, LinkedIn, and via professional networks.
 - The preferred candidate will meet in-person with the Board and CEO for final approval.

SIV Priorities

- The Chair referred to the Board decision to support re-location of commercial fishing and aquaculture from the portfolio of Outdoor Recreation to that of Agriculture. This policy position has been presented to SIV's current Minister Sonya Kilkenny – without response. SIV did seek a meeting the Minister Agriculture, Gayle Tierney, which has not yet occurred.
- The SIV Chair has met with VFF President Emma Germano and presented this policy position and received in-principle support.
- SIV could provide an educative opportunity to landholders using current fishery sustainability practices
 - Blue-green algal blooms
 - Climate impact
 - Examples such as Corner Inlet fishery management plan (an example of co-managemnt)
 - Corner Inlet partnership with Landcare to manage the loss of sea grass.

SRL Membership

- The SRL operates under and IPA with the FRDC based on levies paid by Rock Lobster Licence Holders. VRLA was the Victorian member of SRL and is disbanded. The VRLC recommends that SIV become the member of SRL. There is no financial or resource commitment required.
- The SIV Board approved SIV Membership to the SRL.

VicRac

- Opportunities exist for re-submission of priorities for projects. The current SIV representative Helen Burvill recommended SIV be actively re-submitting the VFA Simon Conron's project to measure recreational catch for priority species with smarter and more targeted tools.
- The Board approved that the VFA Simon Conron project to measure recreational catch for priority species with smarter and more targeted tools be submitted.

Next meeting: March 2023 – Melbourne Seafood Centre,

Joanne Butterworth-Gray
SIV Independent Chair