



## **Chairperson's Summary**

**SIV Board Meeting #219 of 29 November 2024**

**Location: In person and Zoom**

### **Confirmation of new Board members**

- Three industry elected directors were due to finish their first term at the 2024 AGM held earlier in the day. A call for nominations was undertaken in advance of the AGM.
- Both Maria Manias and Barbara Konstas expressed interest in a second term on the SIV Board.
- One new nomination was received for Wolfgang Platzer from member organisation, San Remo Fishermans Co-Op.
- No objections to the nominations were received at the AGM.
- The Chair welcomed the returning and incoming Board Directors and noted that Michael Hobson has stepped down from his position on the Board.

### **2024/25 – 2027-28 Strategy Check In**

The board reviewed progress on activities and planned initiatives against the three strategic pillars identified at the Board strategy day in May.

- Advocacy & Communication
- Thought Leadership & Promotion
- Strength & Resilience

Feedback was provided by the SIV Board regarding:

- maximizing reach of consumer-focused communication and education campaigns.
- growing the environmental credentials of the industry to assist with social licence.
- leveraging seafood festivals to build community support.
- increasing scope of SIV Events that showcase the provenance story behind local seafood.
- identifying the right environmental projects to support.
- leveraging existing networks and Gov support to help grow markets for Victorian seafood products.
- partnering with schools / training providers to promote awareness of employment opportunities within the sector.
- diversifying income streams to provide the resources required to continue providing and growing services to SIV members.

### **Cost Recovery Reform Working Group**

- The VFA has established a Working Group to consider a proposal to change how levies are administered.
- SIV has insisted there be transparent and broadscale communication around matters being discussed by the Working Group.

- There was concern around the legality of the proposed model and the need to seek legal advice before any formal position can be considered by SIV.
- Questions raised by industry on transparency from the VFA on expenditure of levies.
- Concern raised on how the VFA accurately and reliably determine beach price.
- Concern that a GVP model will favour lower productivity fisheries and that a financial burden will be placed on more productive fisheries.

### **Other Business**

#### **Fish Naming Committee (South American Flathead)**

- Submissions are being sought by the Australian Fish Naming Committee to rename the South American Flathead to its original form – South American Duckbill.

#### **Rock Lobster Management Plan**

- The Management Plan currently before the Minister for endorsement includes changes requested by the VFA Executive that did not go through the Management Plan Steering Committee.
- It's likely many members of the Rock Lobster Resource Assessment Group and Management Plan Steering Committee would not have agreed to those changes as they have been consulted and, subsequently, did not endorse the revised plan.

### **Next meeting**

February 2025

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