Chairperson's Summary
SIV Board Meeting #229 of 26 August 2026
Location: SIV Office / Zoom

SIV Financials

- The Finance and Audit Committee reported a strong financial position and that the audit was underway with no material issues reported at this stage.
- The Board agreed that future P&L reports should include a year-to-date budget column, with the annual budget mapped by month to improve monitoring and support reforecasting where required.

Government Relations

- The CEO updated the Board on changes to Ministerial portfolio and regulator arrangements for fisheries and aquaculture, and on recent engagement with Members of Parliament.
- The new statutory authority responsible for fisheries and aquaculture is to be known as Fishing, Hunting and Outdoor Victoria, with transition from the Victorian Fisheries Authority expected once implementation arrangements are finalised.
- SIV's 2026 Election Priorities have generated strong engagement with MPs across political parties. The proposal to trial Pacific oyster aquaculture in Western Port Bay has attracted particular interest from MPs in Eastern Victoria.

Government Inquiry Hearings

- SIV has participated in Victorian Government inquiry and hearing processes concerning the Star of the South Wind Farm Project offshore Gippsland and the Victorian Marine Gas Terminal Project in Port Phillip Bay.
- SIV's presentations sought to elevate member concerns regarding potential impacts of industrial projects on commercially important stocks and future access to fishing grounds.
- The Board noted the importance of SIV representing commercial fishing interests in public assessment and approval processes.

Seafood Directions Conference

- The CEO and Wolfgang Platzer reported on key themes from the Seafood Directions Conference, including food security, emerging freezing and preservation technology, artificial intelligence and robotics.
- SIV is following up opportunities to use camera/AI technology to collect fish measurement data that may contribute to fisheries management and stock assessments.
- SIV will investigate options for a seafood education program, drawing on existing activities undertaken by San Remo Fishermen's Co-op and the Melbourne Seafood Centre.

Victorian Seafood App

- The prototype concept is being tested with 100 consumers and five retailers, with findings to be incorporated into a business case covering the revenue model, app build, go-to-market activity and business development requirements.
- The intended model is free consumer access, with revenue generated from participating restaurants and retailers.
- The Board supported using the final business case and testing results to explore government grant opportunities that could provide seed funding for go-to-market phases.

CEO 2026-27 KPIs

- The Chair presented an updated draft of the CEO's KPIs.
- Final approval was deferred to allow Board members additional time to review the revised KPIs and provide feedback to the Chair.

SIV Board Matters

- There are no Board vacancies requiring appointment at the 2026 AGM, with current Directors remaining within their first or second terms under the 2022 SIV Rules.
- No Deputy Chair was appointed at this meeting. The purpose, responsibilities and governance settings for the role will be considered further as part of the next meeting / strategy session.

Other Business

- The Board endorsed the CEO to replace former Executive Director Jonathan Davey as Seafood Industry Victoria's registered Public Officer with the ATO.

AGM and Strategy Day

- The Board agreed that late October is the preferred period for the 2026 AGM, subject to final confirmation and member availability.
- The AGM will be followed by an in-person strategy session to commence development of SIV's next three-year strategy, targeted for release in July 2027.
- The session will review the current strategy, election priorities and 2022 SIV Rules before developing priorities to inform a first draft of the next strategy. An independent facilitator will be engaged.

Next meeting - October 2026

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