

## North Marine Parks Advisory Committee

### Meeting 11 Communique

### 03 December 2024 Online

#### Attendance

##### Members

Kerrie Bennison (Chair)  
Adele Pedder  
Raquel Carter  
Paul Donohoe  
John Glaister  
Leah Talbot  
Amanda Ewart  
Robert Fish  
Cass Hunter  
Bo Carne  
Ian Knuckey  
Vonda Malone (apology)  
David Ciaravolo (apology)

##### Observers

Laura Boren (NT Government)  
Madeleine Glacken (QLD Government)  
Darci Wallis (Australian Fisheries Management Authority)  
Michael Usher (NT Fisheries) (apology)

##### Guests

Shaun Barclay (Branch Head, Parks Australia)

##### Secretariat (Parks Australia)

Frances Verrier  
Deklyn Townsend

#### North Network Management Action Update

The Secretariat delivered a management highlights presentation to complement the Year six Consolidation Phase Implementation Plan report for the Committee's comment. Highlights included on-Country meetings with Traditional Owners, scientific voyages to marine parks and updates on Our Marine Parks grants activities.

#### Executive Welcome and Update

Shaun Barclay, the new Marine and Island Parks Branch Head introduced himself and provided an update on relevant processes led by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water (DCCEEW) and Parks Australia.

#### Network Establishment

The management team provided the committee further context on the history of the Network's establishment, consolidating information provided in Meeting #10 and out of session. The session provided a forum to address outstanding queries.

#### Key Activities – Commercial Fishing

Representatives from Queensland Fisheries and the Australian Fisheries Management Authority provided information on commercial fisheries relevant to the Network, including fishing areas, target species, gear and relevant processes and research underway.

#### Next Meeting

Meeting #12 is planned for mid-2025. For more information about the North Marine Parks Network or the committee:

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#### Meeting Overview

The North Marine Parks Advisory Committee and observers from Northern Territory, Queensland, and Commonwealth Governments met online over Microsoft Teams for Meeting #11 on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024. The main objectives of meeting #11 were to:

1. Provide a Network management action update
2. Introduce the Branch Head and provide updates on relevant Departmental processes
3. Consolidate information on the Network's establishment
4. Provide information on relevant Fisheries activities