**Member attendance:**

Tricia Beatty

Rosemary Black

John Burgess

Brian Busteed

Peter Cochrane

Bob Creese

Adrian Wayne

Steve Whalan

Russell Gueho (Chair)

**Apologies:**

Rick Stuart-Smith

**Observer:**

Norm Lenehan, NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI)

**Meeting Overview**

The seventh meeting of the Temperate East Marine Parks Advisory Committee was held at the Sydney Institute of Marine Sciences and via Microsoft Teams videoconference on 15and 16 June 2022.

The Chair provided an Acknowledgment of Country, paying respect to the Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting was held.

The primary objective of the meeting included discussion about the Foundation Phase Review conducted by Parks Australia into effectiveness in implementing the Temperate East Network Management Plan since it came into effect on 1 July 2018. The discussion captured learnings from the first four years of management to inform the development of a Consolidation Phase Implementation Plan to cover activities over the next four years.

The second day of the meeting was optional for members interested in hearing more from scientists with recent expertise in the Temperate East, see below for more details.

**Six Monthly Management Report**

A presentation about Parks Australia’s activities since the last meeting in November 2021 was provided to members; highlights included:

* **Authorisations**

15 authorisations were issued across the network, including 7 research, 4 recreational fishing, 1 commercial media, and 3 for commercial tourism. This is one less than the previous six month period.

* **Compliance**

8 compliance incidents were reported in the network, resulting in 1 warning notice, 2 advisory letters, and 3 penalty infringement notices. This was an increase of two more incidents than the preceding six months.

* **Science**

Highlights include:

1. A new collaboration with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to map unexplored seafloor areas of the Solitary Islands Marine Park.
2. Another collaborating with CSIRO and NSW DPI to conduct eDNA research in the Solitary Islands Marine Park.
3. A reef health monitoring pilot survey has commenced in Emily and Slaughter Bays in Norfolk Marine Park to develop health indicators and trial a citizen science monitoring project.
* **Indigenous engagement**
Parks Australia is exploring further opportunities to work with Aboriginal communities and NSW DPI to develop Sea Country education programs related to the Hunter Marine Park and NSW Port Stephens - Great Lakes Marine Park as well as the Solitary Islands Marine Park.
* **Parks Protection and Management**
Parks Australia is working with key stakeholders to coordinate actions for water quality improvement on Norfolk Island in the catchment adjoining Emily and Slaughter Bays.
* **Communications, Education and Awareness**Communications products about Galapagos shark avoidance for Lord Howe fishers (rec fishers and tourists/visitors to Lord Howe Island) and a Norfolk Island Water Quality Fact sheet were produced.

**Research and Monitoring Priorities**

Dr Cath Samson (Science Planning and Operations, Parks Australia) provided the Committee with an overview of the Temperate East Science Monitoring and Research Priorities for the next five years. Members will be given a further opportunity to provide feedback on Temperate East science priorities once the planning process is further advanced.

**Day 2 Science Presentations**

As the meeting was held at the Sydney Institute of Marine Science, scientists with expertise in the Temperate East Network were invited to present their research to available Committee members on the optional second day of the meeting.

Although some presentations were not possible due to illness (covid), the Committee had the opportunity to delve deeper with presentations from the following researchers:

* **Dr Melinda Coleman**, Principal Fisheries Research Scientist – NSW Department of Primary Industries on their climate change research
* **Dr Tim Ingleton**, Research Scientist – NSW Department of Planning and Environment on Mapping the gaps in the shallow-waters of the Temperate East
* **Dr Joel Williams** - Research Scientist, UTAS on research in the Hunter and Lord Howe Marine Parks conducted by the National Environmental Science Program’s Marine Biodiversity Hub.

**Next Meeting**

The next Committee meeting will be held at a date to be confirmed in November 2022. For more information about the Temperate East Marine Parks Network or the Committee, visit:

https://parksaustralia.gov.au/marine/management/partnerships/temperate-east-advisory-committee/

and [parksaustralia.gov.au/marine/parks/temperate-east/](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CA04515%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CINetCache%5CContent.Outlook%5C3KHH8ZUM%5Cparksaustralia.gov.au%5Cmarine%5Cparks%5Ctemperate-east)

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