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Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Minutes**

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# Great Australian Bight Management Advisory Committee (GABMAC)

## 2024 Meeting – 30 November

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Mr Barry Windle (the Chair), opened the meeting at 9:02am ACDT/9:32am AEDT.

### 1.0 – Preliminaries

#### 1.1 Welcome and apologies

The Chair:

- Welcomed members and observers to the meeting.
- Made an Acknowledgement of Country paying respect to this country's First People and Traditional Custodians of the land throughout Australia. Acknowledging Australia's Traditional Custodians of Country and recognising their continued connection to land, waters and community. Paying our respects to them and their cultures and to Elders past, present and emerging.

GABMAC (the MAC) members noted the Acknowledgement of Country, that the meeting was being recorded, and commenced proceedings.

The MAC noted the current membership (Table 1) and that all members, invited participants and observers were present (there were no apologies).

**Table 1 – GABMAC members and other attendees.**

Member	Position
Mr Barry Windle	Chair
Mr Lance Lloyd	Research Member
Dr Steven Rust	Economic Member
Mr Neil MacDonald	Industry Member
Mr Jim Raptis	Industry Member
Ms Marcia Valente	Industry Member
A/Prof Tim Ward	Conservation Member
Dr Mark Grubert	AFMA Member
Ms Rebecca Jol	Acting Executive Officer, AFMA
Observer/s	Affiliation
Mr Keith Rowling	NMAC (SA)
Mr Phil Robson	Raptis & Sons, Fleet Manager

#### 1.2 Declarations of interest

MAC members declared their conflicts of interest as outlined in Fisheries Management Paper 1. Members and reviewed/updated their Declarations of Interests at Attachment A.

The Chair asked attendees to identify any conflicts of interest with specific agenda items (Table 2).

The MAC decided that conflicted participants would be permitted to contribute to discussions but would be excused from the meeting for any recommendation made by the MAC for the items listed in Table 2.

Table 2 – Participation in items where there were declared conflicts of interest

Agenda Item	Potential conflicts of interest	Discussion Participation	Recommendation Participation
3. Orange Roughy	Jim Raptis Neil MacDonald Marcia Valente Keith Rowling Phil Robson	Yes	No
4. Total Allowable Catch (TAC) and under/over catch recommendations for 2025-26	Jim Raptis Neil MacDonald Marcia Valente Keith Rowling Phil Robson	Yes	No
6. Research Priorities	All Industry Members	Yes	No

### 1.3 Adoption of agenda

The MAC noted changes to the agenda and adopted the agenda ([Attachment B](#)) as final.

### 1.4 Minutes of previous meeting

The MAC noted that the finalised minutes of the GABMAC meeting held on 30 November 2023 are now available on the AFMA website.

### 1.5 Actions arising from previous meetings

The MAC noted the action items arising from previous meetings taking them largely as read. MAC advice was requested for the following action:

- November 2023 (5.3) AFMA to determine if the 10 t incidental catch triggers for Orange Roughy in each of the five GAB Orange Roughy Management Zones should be considered by GABMAC each year.

AFMA proposed that GABRAG considers the 10 t incidental catch triggers of the five Orange Roughy Management Areas on an annual basis and then informs GABMAC of any breaches.

GABMAC supported the approach as presented.

## 2.0 – Management and Industry Updates

### 2.1 Manager’s Update

A written update was provided to GABMAC members on the key management issues arising since the last meeting in October 2023.

The update was taken as ‘read’. No comments were made in relation to this report.

### 2.2 Industry Update

The MAC noted updates provided by Industry member, Neil MacDonald, relating to fishery operations and impacts since the previous meeting in November 2023. The following points were addressed:

- The GAB was subject to a strong and extended period of cold-water upwelling from November 2023 into May 2024.
- Catch rates of both Deepwater Flathead and Bight Redfish have been well above average, and the latter were seen earlier than normal. Some boats have been placed on catch limits to ensure the market is not adversely affected by high catches.

- Due to a number of issues such as breakdowns, refits and skipper availability there has been less effort applied in the fishery so far this year. The Danish seiner in particular, has had limited fishing after the skipper left the boat and is now up for sale and not expected to return into the GAB fishery. There are three otter trawl boats remaining in the GAB fleet. Low effort is expected to continue with one of those boats requiring substantial upgrades.
- Market prices have held up compared to a number of other species/fisheries.
- All vessels have been provided with the updated Boat Operator’s Manual (BOM) for 2024–25 and representatives from GABIA have met with skippers and crew to review their operations in relation to the BOM.
- Some Orange Roughy research fishing has been undertaken with some reasonable catches taken. An initial trial of acoustic sounding of Roughy hills has been provided to CSIRO.
- The Crew Based Data collection process is now being actively adopted by boats.

The MAC discussed the following points:

- Industry member, Jim Raptis added that Industry are experiencing high numbers of Deepwater Flathead extending right across the Bight. Catches have increased from an average of 800 kg per day to an average of 2 tonnes per day. These higher-than-average catches have continued for 5 months and may correlate with the extended period of cold-water upwelling.

## 3.0 – Orange Roughy

### 3.1 – Revised Orange Roughy Research Plan

Mark Grubert updated the MAC on the revised Orange Roughy Research Plan for the Great Australian Bight Trawl Fishery (the Research Plan). GABMAC noted that:

- The aim of the Research Plan is to collect data to resolve stock structure and biomass status of Orange Roughy in the Great Australian Bight. The Research Plan allows for research fishing in defined areas under scientific permits, with catches limited by an annual Research Catch Allowance (RCA) set by the AFMA Commission.
- The research plan reflects the data requirements and recommendations made by GABRAG to obtain sufficient data to support an assessment of the status of Orange Roughy in the GAB and outlines the program of work and the nature of the activity to meet those requirements.
- The Research Plan will be reviewed annually, and updated as necessary, until such time as it is no longer required (previous iterations of the plan had a 5-year review period).

GABMAC adopted the plan as proposed.

### 3.2 Research Catch Allowance for 2025-26

Mark Grubert led the discussion on the Orange Rough Research Catch Allowance (RCA) for the 2025-26 Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery (SESSF) season

GABMAC noted the following:

- Scientific permits were issued to two vessels to fish for Orange Roughy under the Research Plan during the 2024–25 SESSF season.
- The AFMA Commission set a ‘base RCA’ of 200 tonnes (t) for GAB Orange Roughy for the 2024–25 SESSF season and provisionally approved an additional 200 t RCA (to apply in those areas subject to little or no research fishing) if at least 150 t of the base RCA is caught.

- AFMA proposed to continue these arrangements for the 2025-26 season. GABRAG supported this arrangement when it met on 18 September 2024.

GABMAC discussed the following points:

- Industry member, Jim Raptis, highlighted the importance of the research program and Industry's ongoing commitment to collecting data to support a stock assessment of Orange Roughy and resolve stock structure and biomass status of Orange Roughy in the Great Australian Bight. Mr Raptis reiterated concerns that the allocated RCA combined with overlapping dog fish closures are inhibiting opportunities to collect data.
- In response to this concern, GABMAC noted that GABRAG and the AFMA Commission have dealt with this issue by providing an additional 200 t if 150 t of the base RCA is met. Further to this point, the Scientific member noted that the priority of the research plan is to collect enough data to run an assessment for one subset of the fishery at a time to ensure adequate resources are available to process the data.
- AFMA sought advice from GABMAC for a 3-year RCA term approach noting that the proposal needed to go through due process and be considered by GABRAG, in the first instance. Recommendations for a 3-year RCA approach will be brought to GABRAG out of session. The committee noted that if approved, AFMA would continue to provide the Commission with regular updates on the progress of research fishing in the GAB through the RAG and MAC process and through its regular branch update meetings.
- A stock assessment is scheduled for 2025. However, the RCA has been under caught, the fishery is down to three boats and has a narrow window to catch fish. GABRAG will need to review the data that has been collected and to determine what will be required to support a stock assessment. If there is not enough data, then GABRAG and GABMAC will need to reconsider a new plan.
- GABMAC noted that a similar data collection program for western zone Orange Roughy, run by SETFIA, has been successful, and as a result, a data limited assessment of the western zone stock may be undertaken 2025. If the model is proven effective, then the same model could be applied to run an assessment on GAB Orange Roughy.

GABMAC supported the RCA as proposed.

### 3.3 Albany and Esperance Bycatch TAC for 2025-26

GABMAC noted the following points:

- The majority of the Albany and Esperance Quota Zones are closed to commercial fishing due to the overlap with the 'Albany' and 'Humdinger Magic' Orange Roughy Research Zones.
- The RCA allocated to scientific permits under the Great Australian Bight Trawl Fishery (GABTF) Orange Roughy Research Plan 2020–24 is separate to the Albany and Esperance Bycatch TAC.
- This stock is not subject to overfishing, but biomass status is uncertain.
- AFMA propose to continue with a bycatch TAC of 50 tonnes (t) for the Albany and Esperance Quota Zones. This proposal was supported by GABRAG when it met on 18 September 2024.

GABMAC supported the continuation of a bycatch TAC of 50 t. There were no dissenting views.

**Action 1:** AFMA to seek advice from GABRAG (out of session) to consider a 3 year RCA for Orange Roughy and report back recommendations to GABMAC at the next meeting.

**Action 2:** AFMA and GABRAG to review the Orange Roughy data plan and verify the data required to support a stock assessment and present a data plan to GABMAC at the next meeting.

## 4.0 – TAC Recommendations for 2025-26

- Catch rates of Bight Redfish and Deepwater Flathead have been good during the current season, but the overall catch will be relatively low due to mechanical issues experienced by two of the three otter trawlers in the fleet and the retirement of the single Danish seine vessel.
- The Great Australian Bight Industry Association (GABIA) has requested that the AFMA Commission consider the carry-over up to 50% undercatch of Bight Redfish and Deepwater Flathead during the current season into the 2025–26 season due to the abovementioned mechanical issues.
- GABRAG supported this request when it met on 8 November 2024 and noted that the carry-over up to 50% would pose negligible risk to the stock providing that the average catch over the term of the current MYTAC does not exceed the 3-year average RBC (which is not possible under the proposed change to the undercatch provision).
- A visual representation of the monthly number of otter trawl (OT) shots in the GAB during the current and five previous SESSF seasons was provided to the MAC that clearly demonstrated that the number of OT shots deployed by the GAB trawl fleet in July 2024 was significantly down on the same time in the previous season. Likewise for September 2024 versus September 2023.
- A carry-over of undercatch would require an amendment to the undercatch and overcatch provisions for the current season to allow for any additional carryover of the Bight Redfish and Deepwater Flathead TACs into next season.
- A majority of GABRAG members supported the undercatch proposal put forward by GABIA, with one dissenting view that did not relate to any sustainability concerns.

For the abovementioned reasons, GABMAC considered that there was reasonable justification for GABIA's proposal and supported a 20 per cent undercatch provision for Bight Redfish and a 50 per cent undercatch provision for Deepwater Flathead.

### 4.1 Deepwater Flathead

GABMAC noted the following points:

- Industry's disappointment with the AFMA Commission's decision to deviate from GABMAC advice and reduce the Deepwater Flathead TAC to 940 tonnes for the 2024-25 season. GABIA intend on raising this matter again at their next meeting with the AFMA Commission for more clarification on the decision process.
- Recommendations made through the RAG and MAC can be reviewed and substantiated based on catch rates and GABRAG will have the opportunity to review the TAC setting process for Deepwater flathead given that the next stock assessment has been brought forward to 2026.
- That the Commission's decision to reduce the TAC of Deepwater flathead was based on lower recruitment levels in 8 of the previous 10 years used in the assessment and that similar scenarios in species in the southeast have resulted in stock decline. The Commission noted that this trend was significant enough to take a more precautionary approach and adopted the TAC from a low recruitment scenario.
- GABMAC acknowledged that the advice provided by GABRAG at the 2023 meeting, presented a higher risk to the stock than the TAC that was set by the Commission.

GABMAC supported maintaining the 940 t TAC for Deepwater Flathead based on no new data to justify changing the assessment noting that GABRAG will have the opportunity to review the TAC options after the next stock assessment.

## 4.2 Bight Redfish

GABMAC noted the following:

- The removal of the Danish seiner from the fishery and prolonged mechanical issues has led to less effort within the fishery and the capacity of the fleet to fish the TAC has been compromised.
- There is no new evidence to change of provisions for Bight Redfish.

GABMAC supported a TAC of 935 t for Bight Redfish for the 2025-26 season.

## 5.0 – Climate Risk Framework

GABMAC noted the work underway as part of AFMA's Climate Adaptation Program and the application of the Draft AFMA Climate Risk Framework (CRF) to Bight Redfish.

GABMAC noted the following points:

- The Climate Adaptation Working Group met with industry representatives, management and scientific stakeholders at a meeting on 9 October 2024 to consider the trial application of the CRF to Bight Redfish.
- That GABRAG considered the draft Climate Risk Framework (CRF) Species Assessment Report at its 8 November 2024 meeting and proposed no further changes.
- That the initial application of the CRF will be for trial purposes only. AFMA does not intend to implement the recommendations from the trial (at the fishery level) until the framework is fully developed and implemented across fisheries.
- The Framework is being designed to integrate with the existing consultation and advisory group processes and will align with annual TAC/E setting process. The relevant RAGs and MACs will step through the process each year and provide advice to the Commission, prior to the start of the next fishing season.
- For some low-risk species, where no changes in the fishery have occurred, the application of the assessment may be held back until new information becomes available or a trigger (time threshold) has been met.
- The MAC noted that comments and questions in relation to the trial application of the CRF to Bight Redfish can be forwarded to [Daniel.Corrie@afma.gov.au](mailto:Daniel.Corrie@afma.gov.au) Senior Manager, Climate Adaptation and Strategic Reform.

## 6.0 – Research Priorities

Mark Grubert introduced the agenda item. The following points were noted:

- GABRAG evaluated four research priorities for inclusion in the SESSF Annual Research Statement 2026–27 when it met on 8 November 2024.
- That no proposals from AFMA's current call for research were received prior to the 8 November GABRAG meeting and proponents for two studies relevant to the Great Australian Bight Trawl Sector have requested extensions that fall after GABMAC 2024.
- There are four SESSF research priorities for potential ARC funding in 2026-27 financial year, including:
  - i. Ageing of SESSF quota species for three years (ending 30 June 2029);
  - ii. Stock assessments and data services for SESSF species for three years (ending 30 June 2029);



- iii. Review of Tier 1 assessments of SESSF stocks; and
- iv. An evaluation of vessel profitability, market trends and price elasticity in southern Australian trawl fisheries.

GABMAC discussed the following points:

- Industry queried if CSIRO could produce two versions of the ERA proposals for the GAB, one including Danish Seine data and one without noting that, although the Danish seine is currently out of action, there is information available for the past 18 months.
- Industry queried the purpose of the 60-mile dogfish closure proposal when previous surveys have been completed and limited fishing has occurred within the closure. AFMA re-affirmed the research is to compare previous estimates with new estimates. The AFMA member noted that EM will help towards providing an evidence base for minimal to no catches of dogfish to bring to the Commission, in support of opening the closure to Orange Roughy fishing.
- Industry raised concern about the probability of research items not being progressed and for the confidentiality of vessels, given the small number of boats in operation and lower data obtainability. AFMA assured priority scopes can be refined still to maintain confidentiality of each vessel.

GABMAC accepted the cost, management priority and feasibility rankings for each of the research scopes for 2026-27 financial year as recommended by GABRAG.

**Action 3:** AFMA to request that CSIRO split the ERA research proposal for the GAB into two versions; one with the Danish seine component and one without.

## 7.0 – Update on the EM trial in the GABTS

The MAC received a progress update on the trial of Electronic Monitoring (EM) in the Great Australian Bight Trawl Sector (GABTS).

The MAC noted the following main points:

- The project completed the Install Phase in May with four installs representing different operation types in the fishery and four world-class EM system vendors. The project team initiated post-install modifications to the camera locations and/or field of view as required, in order to improve the quality of data. Other system modifications (camera zoom, resolution or framerate) were undertaken remotely by vendor technicians when vessels were in port to help manage costs.
- The project completed its Data Collection phase in September, with three of four vessels completing trips with observers.
- GAB specific review protocols were developed to compare catch compositions using two different methods. Review of footage from trawl vessels may require vessel specific protocols due the variety of operations observed between vessels. Feedback from the reviewer will be obtained and used to inform the process moving forward. Weather and seabird abundance has also been collected from EM footage; however, this is less granular than Observer data.
- The project is now in the Data Review phase. An ex-observer project team member and one independent AFMA observer have completed Data Review on footage coinciding with the three observer trips. Additional data may be reviewed.
- The next phase, the Data Analysis phase, will be undertaken by ABARES. The project team is on schedule to provide the requested data (logbook reports, observer reports and EM review reports) to ABARES by the end of November 2024.

- The Danish seiner has stopped fishing in the GAB. The observer trip with EM was already undertaken and footage has been reviewed. The EM system has been removed from this vessel.
- One vessel did not have an observer trip corresponding with the Data Collection phase and is currently undergoing repairs until mid-December. The project team are considering how the absence of an observer trip impacts the data congruence component of the trial's assessment report. The project team will consult with industry and decide shortly after.
- The scope of the project remains unchanged; however, the schedule may be extended to accommodate fourth observer trip if required.

## 8.0 – Remodelling to a Standards-Based Program

Rebecca Darcy from the EM team introduced the item and presented four model options for the delivery of EM hardware and ongoing support services. SEMAC noted:

- AFMA's objective of the next iteration of the EM program is to provide a more reliable, flexible, adaptable, interoperable, and cost-effective EM program that is responsive to specific data needs and that can independently verify fishing activities and monitor compliance.
- The main incentive for developing a standards-based program is to step away from a single EM provider and open the market to multiple providers to encourage competition, system innovation and to give industry a choice of their EM provider.
- AFMA's approach is to develop a standards-based EM program. This will require AFMA to implement EM standards and any EM provider that can meet these standards will be granted access to provide EM hardware and ongoing support services (i.e., hardware maintenance, data management and communication services) in the market.
- AFMA has scoped four feasible model options for the delivery of EM and ongoing support services.
- Dependencies, unknowns and uncertainties for a standards based program include internalised EM video review, operation of EM provider business, cost of hardware and support services, who joins the market, industry intend to engage with an EM provider and if the market is large enough.

The following key points were discussed:

- Industry commended the EM team and AFMA for their high-quality work on the EM program so far in the GAB.
- Industry were interested by the second standards-based option and how it allows industry to take ownership of the EM hardware.
- Industry noted concern of the ownership and access of the data, noting ownership should be split equally between skippers, industry and AFMA.
- An observer highlighted to the RAG, that in the Northern Territory, Industry owns the data and hardware and send the hardware to the government for review and post-review data is not held. GABMAC noted that the Northern Prawn Fishery is undergoing similar conversations surrounding data ownership.
- GABIA has distributed EM Standards Based Program to GABIA members and is awaiting feedback.
- Discussion between GABIA and AFMA EM team to develop ideas further will commence once feedback has been received.

## 9.0 – ETP Species Monitoring and Mitigation

GABMAC was provided with recent information on Endangered, Threatened and Protected species (ETP) interactions in the Great Australian Bight Trawl Sector (GABTS). The Committee were asked to provide advice on improved monitoring and mitigation measures for this sector.

GABMAC discussed:

- Individual measures that various boats are taking to avoid seabird interactions.
- An industry member noted they were unaware of any significant seabird interactions and the methods they employ to avoid interactions.
- AFMA’s proposal to implement offal management regulations, similar to that in the South-Eastern Trawl.
- The need to work through the challenges for different boats and how to mitigate those risks noting that the solution will be different for different boats.
- GABIA noted that all boats are required to have a plan and that GABIA intend to work with the different skippers to resolve this issue and update their Seabird Management Plans (SMPs).
- The different EM system on different GAB vessels. In mandating EM, this process is being explored by the Standards-based program which is expanded on in Agenda item 8.
- Research permits may enable vessels to trial different mitigation methods to provide more time to find suitable arrangements.
- GABMAC noted that globally, offal is very well documented to be a key contributing factor to seabird interactions on fishing vessels. Managing offal discharge is key to limiting seabird interactions. If Industry are able to prove limiting seabird interactions another way, then there could be exemptions to the conditions that relate to offal.
- GABIA and AFMA to organise a meeting out of session to outline seabird mitigation measures specific to vessels in the GAB and facilitate collaborative decision making to outline offal management measures.
- GABMAC agreed to mandate EM and additional offal management measures in the GABTS by 1 May 2025; noting that GABIA will facilitate a meeting with Industry and fishery managers in January to refine seabird mitigation measures specific to each vessel’s unique challenges.

**Action 4.** GABIA to organise a seabird management meeting between Industry and fishery management to outline seabird mitigation methods for GAB vessels.

## Other Business and Action Items

Industry raised concerns with conflicting reports produced by CSIRO on dogfish surveys conducted in the Great Australian Bight and the resulting impact on fishing capacity.

The status of action items at the close of the meeting are summarised in [Attachment C](#).

## Future Meeting Schedule

The MAC is expected to meet once in 2025, ideally in the last fortnight of November. An in-person MAC meeting may be considered based on member availability.

## Close of Meeting

The Chair closed the meeting at 14.04 ACDT / 15.04 pm AEDT.

## Attachment A – Register of Interests

Name (role)	Declared interests
Mr Barry Windle (Chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No interest in the fishery, pecuniary or otherwise</li> <li>• Independent Chair of the Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery Management Advisory Committee (SA)</li> </ul>
Dr Mark Grubert (AFMA member)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employed by AFMA. Trawl Manager,</li> <li>• No pecuniary or other interest.</li> </ul>
Dr Steven Rust (Economic member)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No interest in the fishery pecuniary or otherwise</li> <li>• Employed as a Marine Resource Economist with the Institute of Marine and Antarctic Studies at the University of Tasmania</li> </ul>
Mr Lance Lloyd (Research member)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No interest in the fishery pecuniary or otherwise</li> <li>• Member of GABRAG and SESSFRAG</li> <li>• Board Member, AwF – Aquaculture without Frontiers (Australia)</li> <li>• Director – Lloyd Environmental Pty Ltd.</li> <li>• Research Fellow – Federation University Australia</li> </ul>
A/Prof Tim Ward (Conservation Member)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate Professor, Fisheries Scientist, Institute Marine and Antarctic Studies, University of Tasmania</li> <li>• Scientific Member, AFMA Small Pelagic Fishery Resource Assessment Group</li> <li>• Independent Conservation Scientist, SA Marine Scalefish MAC</li> <li>• Independent Scientific Member, AFMA Sub-Antarctic Resource Assessment Group</li> <li>• Principal Investigator, AFMA Research Projects (SPF Monitoring, Blue Mackerel Spawning Fraction, Jack Mackerel DEPM, Blue Mackerel DEPM)</li> <li>• Scientific Advisor, Principal Investigator, Natural Environment and Resources, Tasmania (Developmental Sardine Fishery)</li> <li>• Principal Investigator FRDC Research Projects (Research to support the development of a Tasmanian Sardine Fishery)</li> <li>• Independent Conservation Scientist, GAB MAC</li> </ul>
Mr Neil MacDonald (Industry member)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director NMAC (SA) P/L</li> <li>• Executive Officer of the Great Australian Bight Industry Association (GABIA)</li> <li>• Executive Officer of Charter Boat Association South Australia</li> <li>• Executive Officer Southern Fishermen’s Association</li> <li>• Executive Officer of Saint Vincent Gulf Prawn Boat Owner’s Association</li> <li>• Executive Officer of Marine Scale Net Fishers Association</li> <li>• Committee support services South Australian Rock Lobster Management Advisory Committee &amp; Research Sub-Committee</li> <li>• Support services South Australian Professional Fishers Association</li> <li>• Chair of CGG Gippsland MSS Scientific Advisory Committee</li> <li>• GABMAC Industry Member</li> <li>• Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery Management Advisory Committee (SVGPBOA) Member</li> <li>• Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery Research Sub-Committee (SVGPBOA) Member</li> <li>• Lakes &amp; Coorong Fishery Management Advisory Committee (LCFMAC)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director of the Australian Council of Prawn Fisheries</li> </ul>
Ms Marcia Valente (Industry Member)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee Consultant for Silver Phoenix Holdings who hold two GABT SFRs</li> </ul>
Mr Jim Raptis (Industry Member)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operates two boats in the GABT Fishery and owns four GABT SFRs as well as quota in the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery</li> </ul>
Mr Keith Rowling (Observer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GABIA</li> </ul>

## Attachment B – Meeting Agenda

Time (ACDT): 09:00 – 12:30

Location: Microsoft Teams

Chair Name: Mr Barry Windle

Start time ACDT (duration)	Item	Purpose	Lead presenter/s
09:00 (30 min)	<b>1. Preliminaries</b>		
	1.1 Welcome and apologies	For ACTION	Chair
	1.2 Declaration of interests	For ACTION	Chair
	1.3 Adoption of agenda	For ACTION	Chair
	1.4 Minutes from previous meeting	For NOTING	Chair
	1.5 Actions arising from previous meetings	For NOTING	Executive Officer
09:30 (30 min)	<b>2. Fishery Updates</b> 2.1 AFMA update 2.2 Industry update	For NOTING	AFMA (MG) GABIA
10:00 (30 min)	<b>3. Orange Roughy</b> 3.1 Research Catch Allowance for 2025–26* 3.2 Albany and Esperance bycatch TAC for 2025-26* 3.3 Revised Research Plan	For ADVICE	3.1 AFMA (MG) 3.2 ARMA (MG) 3.3 GABIA
10:30 (15 min)	<b>Morning Tea</b>		
10:45 (30 min)	<b>4. TAC recommendations for 2025-26.</b> 4.1 Deepwater Flathead* 4.2 Bight Redfish*	For ADVICE	AFMA
11:15 (30 min)	<b>5. Climate Risk Framework</b>	For ADVICE	AFMA
11:45 (30 min)	<b>6. Research Priorities*</b>	For ADVICE	AFMA
12:15 (45 min)	<b>Lunch</b>		
13:00 (30 min)	<b>7. Update on the EM trial in the GABTS</b>	For NOTING	AFMA
13:30 (30 min)	<b>8. ETP species monitoring and mitigation</b>	For ADVICE	AFMA
14:00 (30 min)	<b>9. Remodelling to a Standards-Based Program</b>	For ADVICE	AFMA
12:15 (10 min)	<b>Other business and action items</b>	For ADVICE	Executive Officer
12:25 (5 min)	<b>Future meeting schedule</b>	For NOTING	Executive Officer
12:30	<b>Close</b>		

## Attachment C – Actions arising from GABMAC 2024

Agenda Item	No.	Action Item	Responsible Entity	Timeframe
3.2	1	AFMA to seek advice from GABRAG (out of session) to consider a 3-year RCA for Orange Roughy and report back recommendations to GABMAC at the next meeting	AFMA	Out of session
3.2	2	AFMA and GABRAG to review the Orange Roughy data plan and verify the data required to support a stock assessment and present a data plan to GABMAC at the next meeting	AFMA GABIA	Out of Session
6	3	AFMA to request that CSIRO split the ERA research proposal for the GAB into two versions; one with the Danish seine component and one without.	AFMA	Out of Session
9	4	GABIA to organise a seabird management meeting between Industry and fishery management to outline seabird mitigation methods for GAB vessels.	GABIA	Out of Session