

# Terms of Reference

## Australian Society for Fish Biology (ASFB) Fisheries Management Committee

### 1. NAME

The name of the Committee shall be the Australian Society for Fish Biology Fisheries Management Committee.

### 2. SCOPE

The scope of the Australian Society for Fish Biology (ASFB) Fisheries Management Committee (hereafter ‘the Committee’) is fisheries management and policy within the Australian continent and offshore dependencies, including within State and Commonwealth waters.

### 3. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Committee is to provide an ongoing forum for emerging and existing professionals in fisheries management and policy development who are members of ASFB.

### 4. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Committee shall be to *inter alia*:

- (a) maintain a dedicated forum for fisheries managers and policy makers to network and engage with each other to discuss approaches to commercial, recreational and traditional fisheries management and policy challenges and consider possible solutions, through the collaboration of ideas, networking and information-sharing;
- (b) bridge the gap between science and management by creating and increasing opportunities for fishery managers, policy makers, compliance and scientists to collaborate and share information across multiple jurisdictions in Australia to enhance effective management of Australia’s aquatic resources;
- (c) provide tangible benefits to the development of fisheries management and policy approaches through this collaboration and information sharing and through the identification and promotion of specific workshop, training and development opportunities;
- (d) provide a network for provision of advice, support and guidance to persons interested in a career path in fisheries management and policy, as well as established fisheries managers;
- (e) improve consistency, accessibility and transparency in fisheries management and policy decisions and legislation between jurisdictions through greater information-sharing and liaison; and

- (f) increase the standing and recognition of fisheries managers and policy makers through promotion of the profession.

## 5. MEANS OF ATTAINING OBJECTIVES

The following means may be used to attain the objectives of the Committee:

- (a) The holding of an annual meeting, which will coincide with the annual meeting of the ASFB;
- (b) The holding of other meetings and workshops as appropriate, including an intersessional meeting;
- (c) Utilising avenues including the ASFB newsletter and social media as well as the managers email list to publicise recent knowledge or activities relevant to fisheries management and policy, including:
  - i. recent changes to management and policy;
  - ii. career, training and development opportunities;
  - iii. conferences and workshops;
  - iv. updates to ASFB members on the activities of the Committee and on current issues relating to fisheries management and policy;
- (d) The provision of information on fisheries management and policy for the ASFB website; and
- (e) Consider and discuss issues with the Australian Fisheries Management Forum (AFMF) through the AFMF Fisheries Management Sub-committee.

## 6. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) The membership of the Committee shall be open to all members of the Australian Society of Fish Biology.
- (b) The Committee shall be governed by an Executive. The members of the Executive shall be:
  - i. One Chair and one Deputy Chair from any jurisdiction who shall co-ordinate the Committee's activities;
  - ii. Chair and Deputy Chair are to be determined/elected by members of the Executive Committee by consensus, where possible;
  - iii. One member or their nominated proxy (by exception) from each jurisdiction as jurisdictional representatives. The Chair

and Deputy Chair may also act as the jurisdictional representatives;

- iv. Changes to a jurisdictional representative are to be nominated by the outgoing representative, with the nominated person accepted as a member of the Committee upon the nomination being seconded by any existing member of the Committee.

(c) The position of Chair should generally be vacated every two years, (but may be extended at the Committee's discretion, but should not exceed four years). If the Chair wishes to seek re-election he/she may, as may the Deputy Chair. The past Chair may stay as a member of the Committee.

## 7. ANNUAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee shall hold an annual meeting to coincide with the Australian Society for Fish Biology's annual conference. The Committee meeting shall be open to all members of the ASFB, but only Committee members are eligible to vote on Committee matters.

Any additional non-jurisdictional persons or non-ASFB members with specialist skills may also be invited to attend the Committee's annual meeting as an observer.

## 8. VOTING

The Chair, Deputy Chair and State, Territory and Federal Government representatives shall be entitled to one vote or shall have the right to appoint a delegate who shall be entitled to one proxy vote, for voting on Committee matters. Executive members may submit votes *in absentia* via the Chair and/or Deputy Chair.

## 9. MANAGEMENT

Decision making should generally be made by consensus. The Executive shall implement the Committee's general business, and a simple majority shall decide all questions at Committee meetings. If voting is equal, a motion is lost. A defeated motion can be re-presented at subsequent meetings. A quorum at Executive meetings shall be four, representing at least four jurisdictions.