

## **CHAIR'S SUMMARY**

The Council held its 20th meeting in Sydney on Friday 7 December 2018. The following are the key issues discussed at that meeting:

1. The Council undertook a thorough review of both the priorities and challenges facing all fisheries sectors, and as a result, a revised document will be presented to the next Council meeting in April 2019 incorporating updated comments from all Council Members.
2. In a similar vein, Council undertook a review of its Strategy document, with the top four challenges and priorities (see 1 above) to be incorporated into the Strategy.
3. Council will continue to work with your Department to develop a Cost Recovery policy following the implementation of the Business Adjustment Program.
4. A plan incorporating process and timelines for developing and implementing Harvest Strategies in NSW fisheries will be presented to Council in 2019.
5. A draft policy on Co-management in Fisheries has been submitted to Commfish for consideration. However, the aim is now to see if the draft policy can be slightly amended to apply more broadly to all fisheries sectors.

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Chair  
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