

*MANAGEMENT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE TRAINING
FOR
WESTERN AUSTRALIA*

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Western Australian Fishing Industry Council (Inc.)

Project Number 96/351

Non Technical Summary Following an investigation of training matters concerning Western Australian Management Advisory Committees, it was felt that selected members of the commercial fisheries operating in Western Australia could benefit from a seminar/workshop similar to the Fisheries Management Seminars previously offered by the Australian Maritime College in the Eastern States.

Under the sponsorship of the FRDC, a two-day seminar was arranged in Perth in September 1996, which 16 persons, representing 10 different commercial fisheries (including Pearling) attended; some of whom were currently serving on a Management Advisory Committee.

The seminar was an unqualified success in that it gave the participants an insight into fisheries management that would otherwise not have been available to them. The participants strongly supported the notion that events of a similar nature should be conducted in future to raise the general understanding of Management Advisory Committees for both current and potential committee members and the WA Fishing Industry in general. Participants also supported the idea this type of activity should be available to people from more remote regions of the State.

Background A Management Advisory Committee Training Needs Analysis was conducted in Western Australia in the period January - April 1996 to investigate the level of interest in providing training to persons currently serving, or who had the potential to serve on, a Management Advisory Committee.

Following the submission of the Training Needs Analysis Report the WA Fishing Industry's Executive Committee sanctioned the idea of presenting a two day seminar for members of the West Australian Fishing Industry involving local presenters. A representative of the Australian Maritime College was to be invited to ensure consistency of the seminar with the type of program being offered in the Eastern States under the other FRDC funded program being conducted at the time.

Need The above mentioned report highlighted the need to offer training for West Australians in Fisheries Management similar to the type of training offered in the eastern seaboard by the Australian Maritime College. Because of time, distance and cost factors it has been difficult for West Australians to attend such courses. It was decided to invite Dr McIlgorm from the Australian Maritime College to participate in the establishment of an inaugural Management Advisory Committee training course for Western Australia. The course was to utilise local (West Australian) expertise and be delivered along the lines of the Australian Maritime College's program but tailored to suit the West Australian environment and needs of the local industries.

Objectives

1. To present a two day seminar/workshop for potential /newly appointed Management Advisory Committee members.
2. To give participants an overview of the topical issues concerned with the running of a Management Advisory Committee
3. To give newly appointed Management Advisory Committee members a broader understanding of their role and responsibilities whilst serving on a Management Advisory Committee.
4. To give confidence to potential Management Advisory Committee members to help them overcome initial apprehension of what may be expected of them prior to being appointed on a Management Advisory Committee.

Methods A two day seminar/workshop was arranged, with optimum participation by the attendees to question and discuss issues with presenters on topics that included the following:-

- WA Industry Structure & Representation
- Industry's Role , Accountability & Responsibility Aspects In MAC's
- Fisheries Resource Management Act
- Industry Action In Fisheries Management
- National Competition Policy - The Himler Report
- Process Of Government
- Cost Recovery - Who Pays?
- Financial Management of a MAC
- Fisheries Properties Rights
- Security Of Access & Resource Sharing
- Fisheries Management Planning
- Fisheries Economics
- Risk Assessment In Fisheries Management
- Fisheries Research & Stock Assessment
- The Environment & The Fishing Industry
- Technical Changes & Fisheries Management
- Capture Policy Issues - Interaction With Aquaculture
- Industry Training & OH&S
- Responsibilities of a MAC Chairperson & Individual Members

To consolidate understanding, panel sessions were planned at frequent stages throughout the program to increase interaction between the participants and the presenters.

Detailed Results From an organiser's perspective, the seminar was entirely successful although it would have been preferable to have attendees from a wider range of industry associations/Management Advisory Committees throughout the State. For future occasions a different marketing and promotional strategy will be undertaken.

The results of the activity are best illustrated by feedback from the participants who were required to complete a questionnaire at the completion of the two days proceedings. The results are shown as follows:-

Note total attendance 16

<u>Question</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. Overall seminar rating (out of 10)	average score 9.2
2. Being mindful of the aims of the program which was to offer a broad understanding of what a MAC is and issues MAC's get involved in, did we achieve our aim?	yes 16
	no Nil
3. List any topics you thought a waste of time and should not be repeated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fisheries Economics • Technological Changes in Fisheries Management • Risk Assessment in Fisheries Management* • Fisheries Research in Fisheries Management* (* <u>Note</u> should be combined)
4. Would you recommend to your Association or MAC that WAFIC should offer another seminar such as this?	yes 16
	no Nil
5. How often should WAFIC present this seminar	twice a year 7
	annually 9
6. Recommendations for improving the seminar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more question/discussion time • need for follow-up material • more speakers /input from AMC • regionalise the presentations and no guest speakers - so we can get to the grass roots • time frame a bit tight • follow-up important concepts, concerns & issues raised by the participants

The above participant survey indicates a high level of participant satisfaction resulted from the conduct of the seminar.

Benefits The flow of benefits from the seminar is assessed as being in the order of 90% to the commercial fishing sector and 10% to the recreational sector.

Intellectual Property (not affected by this activity).

Further Development It is the intention of WAFIC to continue to develop the level of expertise of current and potential Management Advisory Committee members to help them to be able to participate more effectively on a Management Advisory Committee.

The type of future activity however is likely to vary from time to time and between locations, given the extent of the State of Western Australia and the need to have this type of activity accessible to industry people in more remote locations.

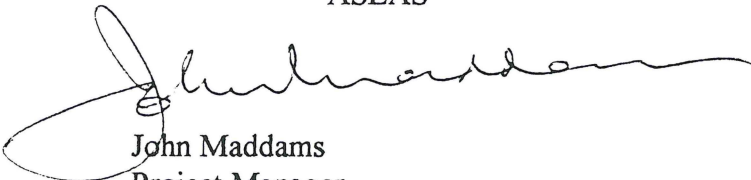
Staff WAFIC Staff employed on this project included the following:-

Mr B. Mc Callum
Mr G. Leyland
Mr R. Stevens
Ms. S. Nicholas*
Mr J. Maddams*

*Note Received remuneration from the project additional to normal duties

Final Cost (See FRDC Statement of Receipts & Expenditure attached).

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Project Manager

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the period ending 30 June 199_

Name of Research Organisation (Include organisation reference) WA FISHING INDUSTRY COUNCIL (INC)	FRDC Project Number 96/351	Title of Project MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TRAINING FOR WA
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Budget Summary	199 -9	199 -9	199 -9	1996/97 ⁽¹⁾
Original Budget				\$9,997
Current Budget ⁽²⁾				\$9,997

Summary Receipts and Expenditure for the Project since commencement

	199-9	199 -9	199 -9	1996-97
B/F	N/A			
FRDC Funds (Plus)				\$ 7,497
Expenditure (Minus)				\$10,067
Refunds ⁽³⁾	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 2,500
Balance C/F				

Details Financial Year to 30 June 1996/977_

Funds Available					
		Balance bought forward from previous year			NIL
		Total funds received from FRDC during Financial Year 1996/97			\$7,497
		Funds Available for FY 1996/97⁽⁴⁾			\$7,497
Allocation FY1996/97⁽⁵⁾	Less Expenditure				
\$2100.....	Salaries		2700		
\$6572.....	Travel		5549		
\$1325.....	Operating		1818		
\$.N/A.....	Capital		N/A		\$10,067
Total \$9997	Balance as at 30 June				(\$2,500)
Notes: (1) Use this column for the final ONLY regardless of the length of the project (2) Total current budget shall not exceed Total original budget without approval in writing from the FRDC (3) Refunds should only be paid at completion of the project together with the final audited statement. (4) ACTUAL EXPENDITURE (whether cash or accrual) ONLY. Commitment shall not be included.. (5) Show allocation for the current financial year. Transfers between budget heads allowed under 9(f) of the Project Agreement, or approved in writing by the FRDC shall be listed in the comments.					

Comments:

A marginal overrun in budget affected operating costs (\$493) as it was decided to obtain hard copies of voice taped presenter's papers and an additional 2 x days salary for the Project manager to complete administrative detail related to the Project. These overruns are compensated by an under-spend in the travel allocation.

Certified by (Signature)

BRETT J. Mc CALLUM
(Printed Name)