# Engaging Primary Producers

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## **Engaging Primary Producers**

### DNA

Strategic

Operational

Principles



### **OceanWatch DNA**

#### Members

NSW Fisherman's Co-operatives Association

Sydney Fish Market

Master Fish Merchants Association of Australia

OceanWatch is also a member of NSW Seafood Industry Council

Environmental levy on SFM product since 1989



### **OceanWatch DNA**

#### Articles of Association

#### **OBJECTS**

- 2. The objects for which the Company is established are:
  - a) (i) To seek the protection of aquatic habitats.
    - (ii) To seek an end to water pollution.
    - (iii) To ensure that industry groups are fully informed as to the nature of environmental problems and ways of dealing with them.
    - (iv) To seek the support of other sectors of society in promoting the conservation of aquatic environments.



### **OceanWatch DNA**

#### Directors

Member representatives

**Commercial fishers** 

RDC / CRC

Regulator





### OceanWatch Strategic Plan

Major Theme Industry - Adoption of Industry Best Practice

#### Identified Strategies and Reportable Performance Measures

#### Fisheries RDC Strategic direction and priority setting



#### Strategic Awareness and Buy-in from Staff

### In Kind and cash support from Industry



#### Linking the seafood industry to NRM organisations

Representing seafood industry environmental interests





### Linking R&D and NRM



#### SeaNet Program 1999 - 2013

Hosting staff with Peak Industry Bodies

National Steering Committee

Local Reference Groups



SeaNet Program 1999 – 2013 Achievements

- Reductions in bycatch of TEP species
- EMS and CoP
- workshops and sea trials of improved gear
- best practice technical guides
- brokering partnerships research, regulator, NRM
- marine debris



Principles Underpinning OceanWatch Industry Engagement

Trust Understand the work environment Understand the drivers and barriers Have an incentive



# **Questions/Comments**

