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COMMERCIAL FISHERIES ADJUSTMENT SUBSIDY PROGRAM - Preview share trading market opens next Monday 17 October *DPI has provided the following advice*

Over 400 fishers have registered to participate in the preview share trading market which opens next Monday 17 October. Registered fishers would have by now received an email with information on how the market will prioritise bids to buy submitted by 'active' businesses with a share deficit/shortfall, 'active' businesses without a share deficit/shortfall, package offers, and bids to buy placed by 'inactive' businesses in each share class.

Round 1 of the preview market will open at 9am on Monday 17 October and close at 5pm Monday 24 October. During this time fisher can place, and update bids to buy and offers to sell shares as many times as they wish before the round closes. The preview share trading market is a practice only. No shares or money will be exchanged as a result of bids/offers submitted during this preview market.

Information is now available about how share deficits/shortfalls and share caps will be managed through the preview share trading market, and subsequently the subsidised share trading market next year. Visit www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/asp or call the Adjustment Subsidy Program hotline on 1300 726 488 for more information.

NEW PFA DIRECTOR FOR REGION 5 – GARY HOWARD

Due to an increase in our PFA membership for Region 5, the PFA Committee of Management (COM) has identified that Region 5 is able to hold an additional Director position for the PFA COM. Our constitution allows the PFA COM to appoint a Casual Vacancy for Region 5 until the AGM. Prior to the AGM, the PFA will call for nominations for the position. In the meantime, the PFA COM has directly appointed Mr Gary Howard from the Hawkesbury Region. The 2 directors representing PFA members of region 5 on the PFA Committee of Management are now:

Mr Diego (Richie) Bagnato (PFA Chairman) and Mr Gary Howard.

Please do not hesitate in contacting Gary regarding any of your concerns or questions, or contact Tricia Beatty the PFA Executive Officer.

PFA PIPI WORKSHOP

The PFA is holding a NSW Pipi commercial fishing workshop. The workshop is to discuss and agree on advice to DPI regarding the interim management arrangements for the NSW commercial pipi fishery. To ensure in-depth discussion, numbers have been restricted to invited fishers only. Please advise the PFA Office if you wish to attend the meeting.

Date: Friday, 18 November 2016

Time: 9.30am – 3.45pm

Purpose: *To discuss and agree on Interim Management Arrangements for the NSW Commercial Pipi Fishery.*

1ST AIDE COURSE FOR COFFS HARBOUR

First Aid Course booked for Coffs Harbour fishers. **Friday 28th Oct, 9am-3pm, downstairs @Coffs Harbour Yacht Club.** Cost \$120 per person. You **MUST** register to attend. IF your certification has elapsed than an online component must be completed prior to course:

Please phone the Training Council's Jim Ward on: 02 4344 1366 or email jim@maritimesafetytraining.com.au

If you would like us to organise a course for you in your region, please contact the PFA.

TEST & TAG FIRE EQUIPMENT COURSE

PFA Staff are doing a nationally accredited course to Test and Tag First Response Fire Equipment – this will enable us to **inspect, test and replace first response fire equipment such as fire extinguishers, fire blankets and fire hoses.**

Once we are accredited we will be able to provide this service, free of charge to members during our travels to other ports etc.

If you would also like to become accredited to conduct this type of inspection, we can organise the courses for you in your area – you need four (4) – twelve (12) for this one day course. Course charges depend on location and number of participants, obviously the more you have the less it costs. Call the PFA to discuss options if you are interested.

WILLIAMTOWN CONTAMINATION

Through the New South Wales Regional Advisory Committee (NSW RAC), the PFA put forward a priority request for urgent funding of market research into the Williamtown contamination. The FRDC have approved this request.

The FRDC and PFA have agreed to contract the Market Research for the Williamtown Contamination to Intuitive Solutions. We are in the process of developing the methodology and questions and will provide advice after this initial development stage. The company will be contracted to the FRDC with the PFA and Coop as Co-Investigators to the project.

We will also use the opportunity of the survey to ask questions that will provide value for the local industry e.g. Where do you go to buy your local seafood? etc.

We will keep members informed as this progresses.

AMSA CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

It has been extremely difficult to provide a simple statement regarding the fishers' certification requirements under AMSA but the below table has been provided to assist (please note there are some exceptions etc.). Also note that this is not the certification for your vessel – those are different.

Legally conducting ongoing fishing operation	Operational Area	Vessel Speed	What you should already have...	What you need to do....
Prior to 1 July 2013	D & E Waters	<10 knots	<10knots – No license or Certificate of Competency Required	YOU MUST Notify AMSA under Exemption 23
		>10 knots	>10 knots – NSW General Boating License (GBL)	Nothing at this stage – stay tuned for further updates
Post 1 July 2013		NA	Coxswain 2 NC or Exemption 38 (daylight hours only) – or higher	Enrol in a course to obtain a Certificate of Competency or exemption.

If you need assistance in getting these qualifications or have questions, please contact the PFA.

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