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RE: PROPOSED APPOINTMENTS TO THE AQUACULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PROPOSAL:

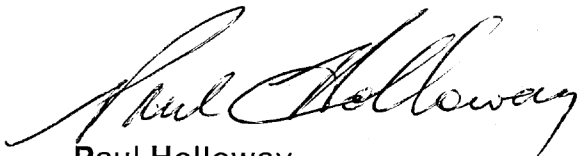
It is proposed to appoint members to the Aquaculture Advisory Committee as per the attached summaries.

BACKGROUND

1. The Aquaculture Advisory Committee is one of two statutory bodies prescribed by the *Aquaculture Act 2001*. Its role is to advise the Minister on matters relating to aquaculture, particularly relevant to the administration of the Act, the policies that govern, or should govern, the administration of the Act and proposals to make regulations under the Act, or to make amendments to the Act. The AAC may also be required to perform other functions assigned to the AAC by the Act or the Minister.
2. Nominations were called in the categories prescribed by the Act in February 2002. These nominations have now been reviewed by the Minister and are presented for Cabinet's endorsement.
3. Prior to the passage of the *Aquaculture Act 2001* through Parliament, an Aquaculture Advisory Committee was assembled to provide advice in the development of the Act, however this group was not a statutory body and has been abolished to make way for the establishment of a statutory committee

DISCUSSION

The recommended candidates have been selected for their ability to provide sound advice to the government on the development of aquaculture policies, and to bring to the attention of government any relevant issues. The industry nominees, in particular, were of a very high quality and those selected have represented their sectors and aquaculture more generally at local, state and national levels.



Paul Holloway
Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries
Minister for Mineral Resources Development

8/5/2002

CANDIDATES

The *Aquaculture Act 2001* requires that members of the Aquaculture Advisory Committee are appointed in each of the following categories. The nominated candidates for each category are given below.

Presiding Member

Richard Stevens

Industry Representatives

Bruce Zippel

Brian Jeffriess

Michael Whillas

Hagen Stehr

Research and Development Representative

Professor Anthony Cheshire

Environmental Conservation/Environmental Advocacy

Michelle Grady

Local Government

Garth Heynen

Aquaculture Act 2001

Ian Nightingale

Environment Protection Act

Peter Dolan

Richard Stevens

Mr Stevens has expressed particular interest in the role of presiding member. Mr Stevens has an excellent knowledge of government and the aquaculture and fisheries sectors, having been the Executive Officer of the South Australian Fishing Industry Council (1977 – 79), Director of Fisheries (1980-87), Managing Director of the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (1992-98) and Deputy Chief Executive of PIRSA (1998-2000).

Bruce Zippel

Mr Zippel is a shellfish farmer at Smoky Bay, primarily focused on pacific oysters but now investigating other species. Mr Zippel is the Chairman of the National Aquaculture Council, having been a Board Member since it's inception. In addition, Mr Zippel is the Inaugural and current Chairman of the South Australian Aquaculture Council and has also been a Chairman of SAOGA, the inaugural director of the South Australian Oyster Research Council and a representative on the National Seafood Industry Training Advisory Board and the National Aquaculture Development Committee.

Brian Jeffriess

Mr Jeffriess is the President of the Tuna Boat Owners Association, Director of the Aquafin CRC, Chair of the National Aquaculture Agenda and seafood member of the Quarantine and Export Advisory Council. These positions, in addition to Mr Jeffriess' role as a member of the previous Aquaculture Advisory Committee, demonstrate his commitment to sustainable development of aquaculture and a strong appreciation of the roles that various stakeholders contribute.

Michael Whillas

While Mr Whillas' background is in oyster farming, he has been an active participant in a number of more broad aquaculture fora that have provided strategic and policy direction to State and Federal governments. Mr Whillas has been the President of the South Australian Oyster Growers Association (SAOGA) since 1998 and a Director of the SA Seafood Council since 1999.

Hagen Stehr

Mr Stehr has been involved in many areas of the aquaculture industry, including tuna farming, yellow tail kingfish and mullet. In addition, he has been heavily involved in the hatchery development at Arno Bay, and has plans underway to establish a Southern Bluefin Tuna (SBT) propagation site later this year. Mr Stehr is a member of the South Australian Aquaculture Council, the Chairman of the Seafood Industry Training Council and Founder and Chairman of the Australian Fisheries Academy.

Professor Anthony Cheshire

Prof Cheshire is the Chief Scientist with SARDI Aquatic Sciences. His first research program relating to aquaculture was in 1994, with the objective to establish the foundation for the assessment of the environmental effects of tuna farming. The past two years have been concentrated into the development of projects primarily focused on the environmental effects of sea cage culture, addressing monitoring methodologies, the quantification of waste streams, approaches to waste mitigation and the development of methods for regional environmental assessments.

Michelle Grady

Ms Grady is the Executive Officer of the Conservation Council of South Australia, a position she has held for the past 7 years. Ms Grady leads CCSA's marine campaigning and has been involved in aquaculture campaigning for the past 5 years. Ms Grady has experience with government agencies and process, demonstrated by her involvement in the former Aquaculture Advisory Committee, the PIRSA Consultative Committee dealing with the draft Aquaculture legislation, membership of the DEH Marine Protected Areas Task Force and involvement with the National Heritage Trust program.

Garth Heynen

Mr Heynen is the Local Government Association's (LGA's) Senior Planning Officer and has been nominated by the Local Government Association (LGA) as an interim member, pending finalisation of their nominations at a meeting on Thursday 16th May.

Ian Nightingale

The *Aquaculture Act 2001* requires that one person engaged in the administration of the Act be nominated by the Minister. As General Manager of PIRSA Aquaculture, Ian is well versed in the area of policy development and resource management, and can also provide advice on the Group's strategic direction and activity.

Peter Dolan

Mr Dolan has been nominated as the member involved in the administration of the *Environment Protection Act 1993*, pending confirmation by Minister Hill's office.