

FISHERIES REEF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1st Meeting

8 and 9 March 2000 – Townsville

SUMMARY DOCUMENT

A summary document is prepared after each meeting of the Reef Advisory Committee to inform other advisory committees serving the Authority, and persons generally (including the public) of business of the RAC. The documents form part of the records of the meeting and so its content is limited to matters raised in the meeting, and, where necessary, background details given to the meeting. Any inquiries should be referred to the Authority's Secretariat, or to the appropriate member.

The Chairperson of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) welcomed members to the first meeting of the Fisheries RAC.

During Day 1, members were given a series of overview presentations by various GBRMPA staff, in relation to the following:

- Role of GBRMPA committees;
- Conservation, Biodiversity and World Heritage Critical Issues Group;
- Water Quality and Coastal Development Critical Issues Group;
- Tourism and Recreation Critical Issues Group;
- Fisheries Critical Issues Group;
- Day-to-Day Management Unit; and
- Corporate Services Unit.

During Day 2, members discussed various issues, including:

- Terms of Reference of the Fisheries RAC;
- Objectives of the Fisheries Critical Issues Group;
- Structure of the Fisheries Critical Issues Group and its existing work program;
- Overview of fisheries in and adjacent to the GBRMP and World Heritage Area;
- Representative Areas Program;
- Fisheries Compliance; and
- Development of a work program for the Fisheries RAC.

The next meeting is proposed for 8 June 2000.