



"Social economic and environmentally sustainable
marine businesses through Aboriginal participation"

BO CARNE

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Why - Aboriginal Sea Company?



- We want the seafood industry to prosper.
- Investments to support self-determination.
- Maritime investments to create opportunities for Aboriginal employment.
- Engage in all aspects of seafood industry.
- ASC wants to value-add to the seafood industry.
- Culturally appropriate, environmentally sustainable.
- Interests include commercial fishing, aquaculture, fishing tourism, freight and logistics, cultural advisory model for investment and workforce.
- Majority of commercial fishing takes place on our front doorstep.
- Workforce in regional areas; reduce welfare dependency, improve social cohesion.

Where did we come from?



Traditional Owners right to control access via *Aboriginal Land Rights Act (Northern Territory) 1976*.

2008 Blue Mud Bay High Court judgement – *"...intertidal zone of Aboriginal land is still classed as Aboriginal land even when under water..."*



2019 negotiations led to the "Blue Mud Bay Implementation Action Plan", signed July 2020 with NTG & NLC.

Who are we?

- Membership from the Anindilyakwa, Tiwi and Northern Land Councils.
- Chair: Calvin Deveraux (NLC)
- Deputy Chair: Andrew Bush (TLC).
- Djawa Yunupingu and Clint Kernan (NLC).
- Tony Wurramarra, Thomas Amagula, Mark Hewitt (ALC).
- Brian Tipungwuti, Gibson Farmer-Illortaminni (TLC)
- CEO: Bo Carne.



Vision

First Nations controlled sustainable fishing and aquaculture businesses.

Maritime investments:

- Commercial licence acquisition.
- Fishing tourism.
- Aquaculture.
- Freight, logistics.
- Retail marine supplies.
- Resource Management.

Social opportunities:

- Carbon Story; blue carbon, carbon capture, de-carbonization.
- Governance - Cultural advisory model, local context.
- Leadership - Train and educate, Inspire others.
- Individual / Family / Clan / Community (autonomy-based business models).



Do our values align with yours?



Trust

- Build trust in us and our partners by our members, community and government
- Communication - regular and open
- Demonstrate effective engagement

Integrity

- Doing the right thing through the right processes
- Acknowledging where we came from and who we represent
- Decisions in the interest of people, country and natural resources

Leadership

- World leaders in environmental stewardship
- Create an enduring legacy
- Grow employment in remote areas
- Employer of choice

Respectful relationships – listening to other voices

STRATEGIC PLAN

YEAR ONE

SHORT TERM (0-1 yr):

- Establish company administration - Employment of staff.
- Acquire office location.
- Develop a Strategic Plan & Operational Plan.
- Design and promote ASC branding.
- Communication strategy – including historical timelines, “the birth of ASC”.
- Relationship building.
- Investigate potential partners



STRATEGIC PLAN

Year 2&3

MEDIUM TERM

- Create Aboriginal employment opportunities through aquaculture and the purchase commercial / FTO licenses.
- Maintain and expand seafood industry education and mentoring programs.
- Commercial fishing with a social licence as 'environmental stewards'.
- Link to any existing First Nations businesses.
- Opportunities to implement JV's.
- Sea Country Management Plans.



STRATEGIC PLAN

Year 4 to 10

LONG TERM

- Use equity to expand investment.
- Increase Aboriginal participation in employment.
- Internationally known 'brand'.
- Major contributor for decision making for all fisheries.
- World leading environmentally sustainable fishing and aquaculture.
- Fishing Regulations and Management Plans suited to Aboriginal participation and decision making.

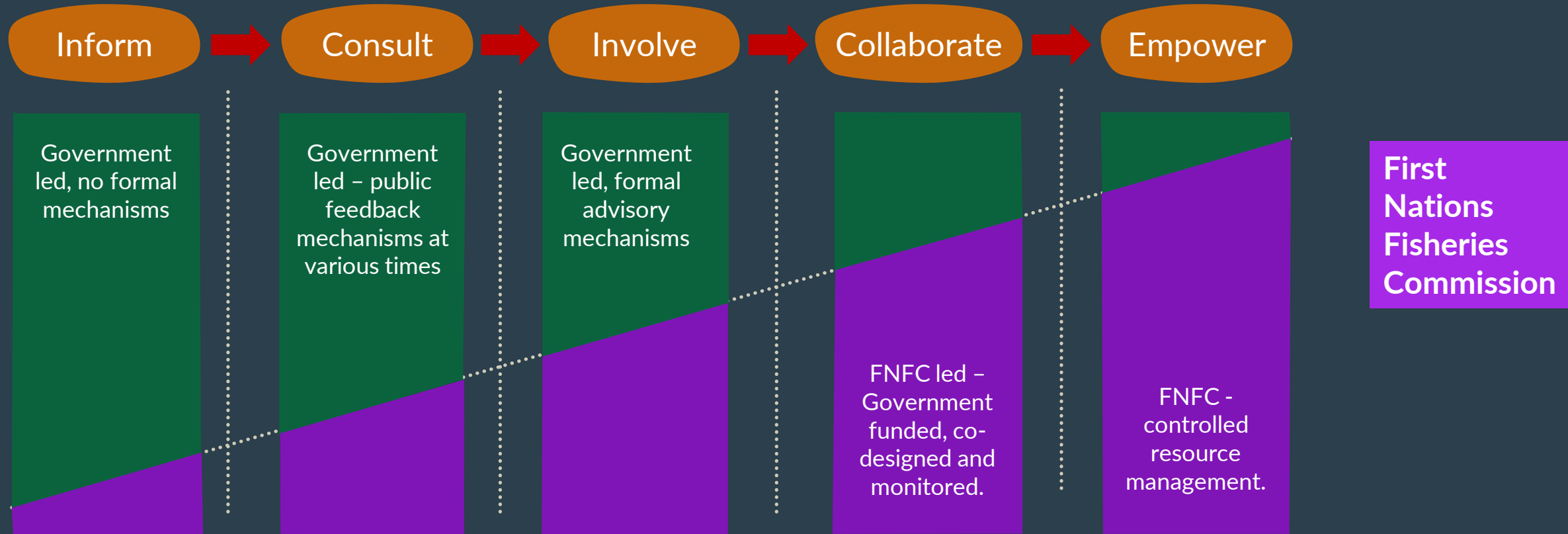


June 22 – Feb 23

- Engagement with stakeholders.
- Workshop – Draft Strategic Plan.
- Purchase office / building location.
- NTG temporary transfer of Aboriginal Mentoring Program.
- Successful application to CRCNA to support Mentoring Program.
- 'Due diligence' process into mud crab fishery - NT.
- Acquired 10 mud crab licences.
- Agreement to work with existing mud crab owner to learn operations.
- Recruitment.



ABORIGINAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT - ASPIRATIONS



*'This is not something new, it has worked in the past'.
(Terry Yumbulul, Garngirr Fishing Aboriginal Corporation).*

ASC Aspirations:

- Due diligence into barramundi and coastal line fishery by June 2023.
- Due diligence into Spanish Mackerel fishery by end of 2023.
- Partners that share our 'values'.
- Localised data presented in culturally appropriate framework to assist with decision making.
- Practical 'hands-on' training program.
- Cultural advisory – assist in training and communication with industry at the local level.
- North Australian Alliance (including Industry).
- Aboriginal fishing is part of 'core business' for decision makers.
- At least 51% ownership of all inshore fishery's.



THANK YOU

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