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Commercial Fisheries Policy and indigenous Engagement section
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Commonwealth Fisheries Harvest Strategy Policy

Seafood Industry Australia would like to express its support for the submission made by the Commonwealth Fisheries Association to the 2023 Commonwealth fisheries policy review discussion paper.

As Australia's peak national body, SIA recognises the importance of harvest strategy and by-catch policies that ensure the sustainability of Australian fish stocks and the long-term viability of the commercial fishing sector. In this regard, we support the adoption of a flexible fisheries management regime that can adapt to a changing marine environment.

We also join with CFA in calling for improved inter-jurisdictional fisheries management coordination and are strongly aligned with their position on the need to change public perception of the commercial fishing industry.

In summary, SIA supports all fourteen recommendations made by the CFA in its submission. SIA also fully supports the proposal by CFA to conduct technical workshops with industry in order to undertake trial fishery assessments.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss SIA's position with you further and can provide more details if needed.

Yours sincerely,



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