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To Who it may concern

Attached is my protest submission against the harvest strategy changes to the fisheries act in its current form.

The transparency that is lacking by our fisheries managers in their dealings with the stakeholders and the VMS trial results that have been delivered to the Scientific panel that do not reflect an accurate picture of these tests and trials.

The working groups and the scientific panel have been dubious picks to say the least and have had many personnel changes.

Because of the many conflicts of interest between all the affected parties there have even been people convicted of fraud which resulted in criminal convictions.

It is very concerning that there has been no questions as to who selected these people questions must be asked as to whether this is a serious failure in the selection process.

Many of our fisheries businesses have been hugely affected financially by the biased fisheries harvest. These fisheries managers are introducing changes that will be measured for their success or failure at some future stage and unfortunately we have no relevant or accurate scientific data to make these decisions against. We cannot allow our fishery managers to go unchallenged.

This department has had many non-conformance with due process, ethical behaviour, engagement and documentation without any penalties.

An accurate example of this would be the shark working group that held meetings in Townsville last year there were four revisions of the meeting minutes completed by our facilitators.

REV 1 does not look anything like REV 4 they also still have not been accepted by the Working group.

The minute meetings have so many inaccuracies that it was suggested that we seek legal advice to challenge the process. There have been many family businesses that have formally complained to the fisheries minister but have received replies that have not answered the specific questions that were asked.

Another commercial fisherman has also formally complained and received an answer that was word for word the same reply that others have received.

The need to remove any political agendas from this process to make a success of it is paramount.

All concerned parties look forward to reviewing these submissions and everyone is eager and confident for the results to be made available.

Regards

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Sent from my iPad