

Indigenous Fishing Rights: Moving Forward 2003

27 & 28 October 2003 | Fremantle, Western Australia



Recognition of native title in Australia has created a unique set of challenges in relation to fishing rights for Indigenous people and the wider community.

Marking a sea-change in the examination of Indigenous fishing rights in Australia, the Indigenous Fishing Rights: Moving Forward 2003 Conference will seek to explore opportunities for equitable, rights based outcomes within a

broader framework than the highly technical arena of native title law.

Indigenous Fishing Rights: Moving Forward 2003 presents a unique opportunity for all interested parties to come together to identify specific partnership opportunities and discuss the realities and possibilities for equitable outcomes within and beyond the scope of native title.



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This two-day conference will:

- **PRESENT** opportunities for equitable and practical, rights based outcomes to Indigenous Fishing;
- **DISCUSS** the realities and possibilities for equitable outcomes within and beyond the scope of native title;
- **FOCUS** on domestic and international experiences in Indigenous fisheries rights;
- **EXPLORE** existing institutional frameworks;
- **EXAMINE** the impact of existing legal and legislative frameworks on customary fishing; and
- **IDENTIFY** specific partnership opportunities between Indigenous, government and industry interests.

Presentations will be delivered by experts in water rights and fisheries management from Australia and overseas. Including representatives from Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, National Oceans Office, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, WA Office of Native Title, Indigenous Business Australia and Fisheries WA.

International Keynote Addresses

Sir Tipene O'Regan

New Zealand's Sir Tipene is a long-serving past Chairman of the Treaty of Waitangi Fisheries Commission and from 1992 until 2002, Chairman of the Sealord Group Ltd. Sir Tipene is acknowledged as an international expert in the negotiation and management of Indigenous fishing rights.

Dave Moore

Canadian fisheries consultant Dave Moore has more than 25 years experience at the leading edge of Canadian First Nations and international Indigenous fisheries issues. He is a past Director of Fisheries for the Shuswap Nation, and Chair of the Thompson Basin Fisheries Council and is an advisor to the Treaty of Indigenous Peoples International. He is an expert in fisheries habitat protection, resource sharing, and Aboriginal business planning and institution building.

Venue

Esplanade Hotel Fremantle
Corner Marine Terrace and Essex Street
Fremantle, WA 6160

Registration

The cost to attend this two-day conference is \$544.50 per person (GST inclusive). This fee includes conference papers, morning and afternoon teas, luncheons and the official dinner on Tuesday evening at the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle. The cost for those not attending the dinner is \$495.00 (GST inclusive). Full details are available on the registration form.

Accommodation

Limited discount accommodation has been set aside at the following establishments:

Esplanade Hotel Fremantle
Corner Marine Terrace and Essex Street
Fremantle, WA 6160

Harbour Village Quest Apartments
Challenger Harbour
Muse Road, Fremantle

Hotel Rendezvous Observation City
The Esplanade
Scarborough Beach

Full details are available on the Conference Registration form.

Travel

The Esplanade Hotel Fremantle is located twenty minutes from the City of Perth in the centre of Fremantle.

Confirmation

You will receive a confirmation letter and full Conference Program when your registration and payment has been processed.

Registrations must be received by 25 September 2003 to guarantee your attendance. Late registration may only be processed if places are available.

Conference Purposes

To identify and explore opportunities for better participation in the protection, sharing and use (customary and commercial) of Australia's fishery resources.

To gain a better understanding of domestic and international Indigenous experience of access to customary and commercial fishing rights.

From the above to identify and explore opportunities to settle native title claims within a broader framework including other rights based outcomes.

Identify options for recognition and inclusion of customary fishing within contemporary legislative frameworks.

Draft Conference Outline

DAY 1 - 27 OCTOBER

Examine domestic and international experiences

- Welcome to Country
- Federal Ministerial Address
- Introduction & Questions Posed
- Sir Tipene O'Regan – The Maori Experience of Fisheries Access: Customary, Commercial and Management
- Dave Moore Address – The Indigenous Canadian Experience of Fisheries: Customary, Commercial and Management
- ATSIC Commissioner Rodney Dillon - The Indigenous Australian Experience of Fisheries: Customary, Commercial and Management
- Panel Discussion of Key Note Speakers with Questions from delegates
- State Snapshots - What is the current situation in each of the States, Territories, Regions and Federally in relation to Indigenous fishing strategies
- Concurrent workshops with guest speakers
- DAFF presentation on Indigenous Fishing Survey (IFS)
- Discussion on IFS and impact of Traditional Catch vs Commercial Catch

DAY 2 - 28 OCTOBER

Examine current laws, strategies and propose ways forward

- Recap
- Case Studies on Indigenous engagement in the commercial fishing industry from industry and Indigenous representatives
- Hypothetical Scenarios with Guest Speakers, Legal Representatives, International Guests, Industry Representatives, Politicians, Native Title Representative Bodies and ATSIC. Utilising scenarios to explore possible outcomes under existing and potential future legislation
- State Ministerial Address
- Discussions on current issues hosted by Panel of Guest Speakers, Legal Representatives, International Guests, Industry Representatives, Politicians, Native Title Representative Bodies and ATSIC.
 - What can be achieved from within existing frameworks?
 - What would we like to be achieved?
 - What are the implications for existing institutional frameworks?
 - What do we need to change?
 - Moving Forward
- Summary of outcomes of discussion
- Conference Dinner

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