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SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUP

COMMUNIQUÉ – MEETING No. 10 October 2007

Meeting 10: Thursday 18 October 2007

Members of the Scientific Working Group would like to advise the Minister for Environment and Conservation that the following outcomes were achieved at its tenth meeting held on Thursday 18 October 2007.

- The SWG reconvened after a hiatus of 10 months (its previous meeting was held 13th December 2006).
- Members present included Anthony Cheshire (Chair), Peter Fairweather, Hugh Kirkman, Scoresby Shepherd and Matthias Tomczak; apologies from Sean Connell, Bronwyn Gillanders and Cath Kemper (Executive Officers - Bryan McDonald and Liz Barnett).
- Prior to the meeting, SWG members were distributed the Draft Outer Boundaries Proposal for South Australia's Representative System of Marine Protected Areas document for their information.
- This was the first SWG members had seen of boundaries option 4 (iterated from 3 previous internal options), though they had previously provided input to the design principles used to guide the development of South Australia's marine park boundaries.
- A PowerPoint presentation was given on the process and data used by the Coast and Marine Conservation Branch (CMCB) to derive the Option 4 set of outer boundaries.
- The initial sections (sections one and two) of the Draft Outer Boundaries Proposal for South Australia's Representative System of Marine Protected Areas document were systematically reviewed at the meeting.
- SWG members' comments and suggested revisions to the document were collated and are contained within a working notes document.