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Guy Barnett, Minister for Primary Industries and Water

New Appointments to Marine Farming Planning Review Panel

Today I have announced the appointment of four new members to the Marine Farming Planning Review Panel.

The new members bring expertise and experience in the areas of planning, environmental management, fish health and biosecurity, as well as boating, recreational and navigational issues.

The Hodgman Liberal Government supports responsible and sustainable growth in the Salmon Industry, providing thousands of jobs, many of which are in regional areas.

To enable this we have a rigorous assessment, planning and regulatory framework in place, and the independent Marine Farming Planning Review Panel, with its broad range of expertise, is an important component of this process.

The new members are:

- Dr Jo Fearman (environmental management): Dr Fearman has a PhD in marine ecology and is currently involved in marine industries as an environmental consultant and through a boat building business.
- Dr Rod Andrewartha (fish health and biosecurity): Dr Andrewartha was the former Chief Veterinary Officer for Tasmania until his retirement last year. A qualified vet, Dr Andrewartha brings fish health and biosecurity expertise at both a state and national level from his years as Tasmania's CVO.
- Mr Terry Long (boating, recreational and navigational issues): Mr Long is an experienced Tasmanian recreational boater with familiarity with cruising and racing issues as well as a thorough knowledge of navigation.
- Mr Mitchell Clark (planning issues) as nominated by the Tasmanian Planning Commission.

They join the following existing members:

- Craig Midgely (Chair person)
- Colin Buxton (marine resource management)
- Pheroze Jungalwalla (marine farming)
- Neil Campbell (local government issues)
- Heather Chong (nominated by the Minister)

While welcoming the new panel members, I would like to thank the past and present members for their valuable contribution to the growth of our vital marine farming sector.