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EXPANDED NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED FOR QUEENSLAND SEAFOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

Following the weekend Annual General Meeting of the Queensland Seafood Industry Association (QSIA), an expanded Board of Directors has been elected by members for the next 12 months.

QSIA President Mr Neil Green said the Directors brought to the Board a wide array of valuable skills, as well as enormous professional experience and qualifications.

Mr Green said the number of Directors had been increased from seven to 11.

Mr Green is halfway through his current (second) two-year term as QSIA President. Other Directors are elected for one year.

The QSIA Board includes fishermen experienced in each of Queensland's four main commercial fisheries -- crab, line, net and trawl -- as well as a seafood wholesaler and a seafood retailer, while others have backgrounds in fisheries research, events management and business development.

Personal professional qualifications of Board members included degrees in law, medicine and fisheries biology, accompanied by decades of experience in fisheries related matters by every Director.

Directors also would be appointing non-voting advisors to the Board, representing areas including aquaculture, training and allied industries (such as vessel maintenance and gear supply).

Mr Winston Harris had been appointed Executive Officer, responsible for day-to-day operation of the QSIA's head office in Brisbane.

Mr Harris was previously QSIA Senior Project Officer, and his past experience includes a period as fisheries advisor to the then Tasmanian Minister for Primary Industries, Mr Steven Kons.

Mr Green said he was particularly pleased that four of his six fellow Directors from the previous Board had nominated for the new Board and had been elected.

