

Minutes

Brisbane Region Fishing industry meeting

Date 26 March 2011 **Time** 0930- 1200hrs

Place Port of Brisbane Visitors Centre

Chair Richard C Johnson _ Regional Harbour Master (Brisbane) RHM

Minute taker Adrian Hawes

Attendees **Presence**

Refer to attendance sheet

Task owner	Action item	Meeting date	Date due	Status
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Approval of minutes from the last meeting N/A

Items arising from last minutes N/A

Agenda item 1 Introduction by Captain Richard C Johnson, Regional Harbour Master (Brisbane)

Scope of discussion and agenda

RHM welcomed attendees to the forum.

RHM explained the purpose and scope of the meeting was to address an increasing number of risk events occurring between fishing vessels and trading ships within the Brisbane pilotage area. It was explained that it is not to be a blame exercise but to seek solutions to the problem.

Agenda item 2 History of events and recent risk events- MSQ

Previous work undertaken

Historical perspective of previous work undertaken was given by Keith Brightman.

2007- Identical situation of risk events occurring led to the development of paper involving 18 stakeholders. 53 issues were identified by stakeholders. 11 recommendations were developed. General outcome required improvement to VHF communications would prevent such risk events. Followed a short discussion about the misconception of "right of way discussion"

MSQ	Review & implement outstanding recommendations from 2007	September 2011	September 2011	
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Agenda item 3 Contributing factors- effective lookout and communication

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RHM reviewed recent risk events -: 5 events since December 2010. Discussion followed about VHF reporting procedures and the standardisation of listening and operating channels VHF 12/16.

Discussion followed about trawler operations and the fishers' view that trade vessels quickly "sneak up" on trawlers when operator is distracted by fishing operations. Fishing industry suggested that a broadcast of shipping movements at 4/6 hour intervals was useful at Haypoint

MSQ	Review adequacy of present broadcast of shipping movements	March 2011	September 2011	Commenced immediately
Fishing vessels	Maintain a effective watch on VHF 12/16	March 2011	September 2011	Commenced immediately

Agenda item 4 Brisbane Marine Pilots- awareness of narrow channel and interactions between trading vessels

Brenton Winn made a presentation about the role and issues faced by the pilot. Discussion followed on: communication; visibility constraints on trading ship's bridge; at close quarters situations are blind once they are within 500m of trade vessel; trawlers need to ensure that they are displaying their intentions early in the interaction and maintain VHF contact at all times. Fishing industry raised concern that safe speed at night should differ from the day. Discussion ensued about transit times (3 – 5 hours) and the assessment of safe speed and manoeuvring characteristics. BMP invited a fishing industry representative to attend a pilot meeting.

MSQ	RHM to consider and respond to industry view that safe speed of trade vessels should be varied between day/ night time transit times	March 2011	September 2011	Commenced
BMP	Invite industry representative to pilot meeting	March 2011	September 2011	

Agenda item 5 QSIA- discussion on expectations of fleet, concerns and future direction

Bill Henebery presented QSIA views about relevant issues: VHF's having dual watch capability - allowed for continuous watch on Ch 12/16; human factor influences and common mistakes when keeping radio watch; objections to compulsory AIS - transmitting as opens opportunities of competing industry stakeholders; VTS access to VMS poling within commercial sensitive/ high density traffic areas could be an option; increase polling frequency to every 10 minutes - who pays?; broadcast of shipping schedule at regular intervals would assist vessels operating in the pilot boarding area; marine park zones has forced industry to operate in commercial shipping channels. Discussion followed about terminology used on radio describing geographic references; extent of security regulated areas (PBPL distributed charts in 2007); location and promulgation of designated inner and outer anchorages anchorages.

MSQ	To consult with industry regarding nominated anchorages	March 2011	Report progress by September	
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MSQ / PBPL	To distribute terminology geographic locations to industry	March 2011	September 2011	

Agenda item 6 Future initiatives- AIS B, enforcement operations, future interactions

RHM explained the results of MSQ's AIS B trials involving 6 vessels within Brisbane area. The trial was generally positive however the lack of standard specification for AIS B led to some sets only displaying the MMSI number in lieu of the ship's name. General discussion followed about features and usefulness of AIS. Fishing industry stated that it would be useful to have MSQ involvement at an industry meeting prior to the start of each season

MSQ	MSQ involvement at industry meeting prior to start of fishing season	March 2011	September 2011	
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Agenda item 7 Port Of Brisbane- Discussion on port security zones

Greg Robertson of Port of Brisbane security explained the background and requirements for security at berths and vessels when at various security levels MSL1,2,3. Greg advised security expectations in relation to navy and passenger vessels, Security regulated port area is shown on previously promulgated maps

PBPL	Redistribute maps showing security areas	March 2011	September 2011	
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Other issues raised

Aquarium Passage mooring issues – not safety related to be discussed out of session.

Michael Wood enquired about the status of his proposal for a strobe light trial to assist in identifying a fishing vessel amongst a group to open a VHF dialogue.

Request that flood debris data be distributed once survey and verification process is completed.

MSQ	To review strobe light trial criteria	March 2011	September 2011	
	To distribute flood debris data	March 2011		

Date of next meeting – 3rd September 2011

The next meeting will take place on Early September, 2011. Date and time to be nominated

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