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## Meeting 9 Communiqué

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The ninth meeting for the Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Advisory Committee was held in Exmouth on the 26 May 2017. The committee held discussions on the following items:

### Planning Activities

The committee discussed a range of planning initiatives in and adjacent to the Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area (NCWHA), that have the potential to affect the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the property:

1. Draft Gascoyne Coast Sub-Regional Planning. The committee agreed to advise the State Planning Commission of its stakeholder interest in Gascoyne Coast sub-regional planning.
2. Ganyara Sea and Land Rangers Proposal. The committee agreed to support the proposal.

### Oil and Gas Industry

The committee discussed current oil and gas activities adjacent to the NCWHA that have the potential to impact on the OUV:

1. The committee was briefed by industry on oil spill contingency planning adjacent to and within the NCWHA including the context of activities, managing the risk - prevention and preparedness; approvals and consultation and environmental plans; and response to incidents. The committee discussed the response planning in terms of impacts on the OUV of the World Heritage property.

### Potential risks to the Outstanding Universal Value

The committee discussed a range of issues that have the potential to impact the OUV of the NCWHA.

1. The committee continued discussions on the impact on the OUV from the construction of the Coral Bay Boat Launch Facility. The committee agreed to collate evidence on impacts to the OUV from the facility. The committee agreed to advise the Office of Environmental Protection Authority of concerns and impacts from the facility on the OUV of the property.
2. The committee discussed trophy shark catching, a part of the 2017 GAMEX fishing competition held within and adjacent to the Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area. The committee agreed to encourage event holders to remove shark catch from the event. The committee discussed the size limits of shark catch within the World Heritage area and concerns over the catch of large sharks and associated impact on the OUV and the use of chumming for attracting sharks to boats contributing to bycatch of sharks within the World Heritage area. The committee agreed to advise the Department of Fisheries and RecFishwest of concerns with size limits and chumming within the North West with the support of Shark Bay World Heritage Advisory Committee.



## Fisheries Matters

1. The committee was briefed by the Department of Fisheries on the Exmouth Prawn Managed Fishery.
2. The committee was briefed on plans by Department of Fisheries and DBCA to eradicate feral fish eradication at Dozer Cave. DBCA agreed to provide the committee with project details.

## Promotion and presentation of the Outstanding Universal Value

The committee discussed recent promotional opportunities to enhance the OUV of the NCWHA.

## Research

The committee were provided with a summary of on-going recent research projects within the NCWHA.

## Stakeholder engagement

The committee were briefed by key government representatives on current planning activities and items of interest relevant to the World Heritage area: The Department Parks and Wildlife; the Department of the Environment and Energy; the Department of Defence; the Department of Fisheries; the Shire of Exmouth; and the Shire of Carnarvon.

Attendance:	
Committee Members: Mr Simon Woodley (Chairperson) Prof Bill Humphreys Mr Frazer McGregor Ms Hazel Walgar Ms Jacqueline Hine Ms Leonie McLeod Mr Tony Evans Ms Ann Preest	Government Observers Mr David Lewington (DoF) Mr Arvid Hogstrom (DBCA)  Executive support: Ms Tegan Gourlay (DBCA) Kristen Wren (DBCA)
Guest Speakers: Mr Peter Dodd (Quadrant Energy) Ms Libby Howitt (Quadrant Energy) Ms Ashlee Crabbe (Quadrant Energy) Ganyara Sea and Land Rangers	

*Note: Guest speakers present at meeting for relevant items only.*



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