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FILE REF: Fisheries; Southern Boatharbour

REPORT TITLE:

NSW Fisheries Advisory Shelter - Point Danger

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

The Trust has received a request from NSW Fisheries to erect an advisory shelter on Point Danger south of the Air Sea Rescue building.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Trust:

1. Supports the construction of the NSW Fisheries Advisory Shelter on Point Danger at the site indicated in this report subject to the preparation of a Part V assessment under the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act including appropriate consultation with the Department of Land and Water Conservation (DLWC) as owners of the land and the Kombumerrie people regarding the Native Title Claim.
2. Council advises it cannot contribute to the cost of the project but will provide labour as requested at NSW Fisheries cost.

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REPORT:

The Trust has received a request from NSW Fisheries to erect an advisory shelter on Point Danger. The details as supplied by NSW Fisheries are as follows:

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NSW FISHERIES

Mr Stuart Brawley
Tweed Shire Council
PO Box 816
MURWILLUMBAH NSW 2484

2.4.01

Dear Stuart

Following our meeting on the 29.3.01, it was proposed that an Advisory Shelter on Cook Island Aquatic Reserve be erected on portion of Point Dangar Reserve located within NSW. NSW Fisheries now seeks Council approval and support for this proposal.

The shelter will be built by the National Parks and Wildlife Service workshop at Dorrigo and delivered to Tweed Heads.

The shelter is constructed from tallow wood, which is honey brown in colour. The roof, which is made from colourbond metal is green in colour and so will be relatively unobtrusive and will blend with the local environment.

The size of the shelter is 3100mm x 1900mm, these being the dimensions of the shelters roof. Height of the shelter will be 2.5m. To ensure stability the shelter needs to be set in concrete footings. A concrete slab can be laid underneath the shelter to prevent excessive erosion within the immediate vicinity. An alternative to this proposal is to lay a bed of pine bark or wood chip underneath the shelter.

The two-sided display shelter will contain colour photographs of selected species found within the Cook Island Aquatic Reserve and will outline the benefits of marine protected areas to the community. A section on the regulations of the aquatic reserve will also be included. A graphic designer will be employed to design each of the four panels to ensure that the presented information is eye-catching, colourful and of a high quality.

Information to be included on the interpretative shelter will include:

Panel One

- map highlighting the location of each aquatic reserve in NSW and significant features of each reserve
- information on the role and benefits of aquatic reserves

Panel Two

- map of the local aquatic reserve
- graphic symbols portraying the regulations as they pertain to the aquatic reserve, with a simple explanation

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Panels Three and Four (one side of shelter)

- photographic images of the different types of marine organisms that are found in the aquatic reserve, with accompanying text.

The estimated cost of purchasing of the shelter and the design and purchase of the display panels is approximately \$8000 (not including GST), and will be paid by NSW Fisheries. However, NSW Fisheries does seek assistance from Tweed Council during the construction phase of the shelter. This will include the laying of a concrete slab and the erection of the shelter. Assistance from council through the provision of funds and labour for this purpose would be greatly appreciated, since NSW Fisheries lacks adequate staffing in the Tweed area to undertake this work. Tweed Council would be acknowledged for their assistance through the incorporation of their logo into the design of the display.

I look forward to hearing your response. Please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 4916 3834 should you require any additional information.

Regards

Michelle Belcher

Michelle Belcher
Project Officer - Protected Areas

Photos of the proposed structure are shown in Figures 2 and 3.

Council staff met with Fisheries staff on 29 March 2001 to discuss the use and a possible site for the shelter. As this area is a popular lookout/viewing area of the beach, ocean, river, etc it is paramount the shelter is not located so as to be unacceptably intrusive.

The site that is least intrusive and still effective for the purpose of the shelter is immediately south of the Air Sea Rescue building, at a North East/South West orientation approximately 45° to the building (Figures 4 & 5). At this location, the shelter is not directly in front of any car parks or grassed area used for seating, nor is it impeding pedestrian movement.

Whilst on site, the officers attending the Air Sea Rescue tower and the manager of the shop therein were informed of the proposal and indicated support for the proposal and no objection to the location.

With reference to the request for Council assistance to construct the shelter, the costs to lay the slab and erect the shelter is approximately \$1500. There are no funds available through the Jack Evans Boatharbour Reserves Trust to contribute to the proposal therefore; an allocation of \$1500 would be required in budget considerations.

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Council's Development Assessment Unit advises that because of the nature of the display the structure is an environmental facility and will not require development consent but will need to be assessed under Part V of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act.

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Figure 2



Figure 3



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Figure 4



Figure 5



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