



Achieving sustainable seafood – working together better to create a bright future.

Hobart, Friday 2 November 2007.

We would like you to invite you to join the staff of OceanWatch Australia at our next national strategic planning meeting where we will be workshopping our direction over the next 12 months with respect to:

- Sustainable seafood;
- Ecosystems based fisheries management;
- Fisheries and bycatch reduction;
- Environmental Management Systems for the seafood industry;
- Plastics waste recycling (fishing nets, line, ropes);
- Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation;
- and....(your topic here...).

Date: Friday 2 November 2007 (the day after Seafood Directions)

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Place: Hotel Grand Chancellor.

Cost: \$50 per person includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea

Reservations required by Monday 15th October 2007

Enquires:

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The agenda for the workshop will be set on the morning of the workshop by those present. This style of workshopping is known as Open Space Technology. For more information about Open Space Technology read below...

Open Space Technology – what is it and how does it work?

Have you ever felt that the most valuable experiences at traditional conferences, workshops and meetings are the meal breaks? Whilst the sessions are very valuable for absorbing another expert's information, it's often frustrating how little time at the end of the session that is allocated for questions or discussion. You also suspect that there must be more experts on the subject, sitting in



the audience, apart from the expert up the front of the room. You think to yourself, “I must grab that person in the next tea break to discuss something with them”, but all too soon the tea break is over leaving you frustrated.

Open Space Technology is a method of conducting conferences, workshops or meetings so that the whole event is structured like a “tea break” (except without a day long endless supply of coffee and biscuits!) It recognizes that this particular group of people, with their exceptionally specialized field of interest, does not often get the chance to come together. It recognizes that there are many experts amongst the participants, who given the time and space, are able to take responsibility for their passion and design their own agenda and implement the identified actions that come out of the workshop sessions.

An Open Space Technology workshop starts by getting the group to design the agenda. Participants are invited to post topics or issues that they are willing to take some responsibility for. You do not have to be an expert on the subject to post a topic, you just have to have a genuine interest in exploring or discussing the issue. Sessions are concurrent and run for one hour each and need to be related to our theme for the workshop which is **“Achieving sustainable seafood – working together better to create a bright future.”**

So please come along and join a group of people who all would like to see a future for Australia’s sustainable seafood industry.

If you are not attending the Seafood Directions Conference you are welcome to register for the workshop. Please download the pdf form and return to Conference Design by facsimile: 03 6224 3774