

GVP WORKING GROUP
MEETING 7. COMMUNIQUE
6 FEBRUARY 2025 (ONLINE)

Outcomes of Meeting Seven

- The Working Group held its seventh meeting on 6 February 2025.
- The Working Group met with a representative from the Western Australian government to learn about the experience of introducing a GVP model in that state and the learnings over the ten years following.

The Working Group learnt that:

- A resource access fee is collected in Western Australia on all commercial fishing entitlements covered by a management plan. A small number of boutique fisheries are not covered by the GVP approach.
- The resource access fee is collected at 5.75% GVP and contributes to fisheries management, industry representation and a contribution to the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC).
- At 5.75%, the revenue collected through the GVP approach was similar to the amount collected through the earlier system of cost recovery.
- In Western Australia, GVP is calculated on a three-year rolling average by fishery. It is divided equally across entitlements in the fishery i.e. licences or quota. Catch is calculated on landed product and beach price is collected from processors. There are legislative instruments in place that regulate reporting of this information.
- The resource access fee was introduced in 2010 to improve simplicity, transparency, equity, flexibility, strategic planning, priority setting and to facilitate constructive conversation on fisheries management as well as to provide certainty of funding and reduce administrative costs.
- Industry reference groups and independent economic analyses were used in Western Australia to inform price arrangements. Industry consultation is undertaken annually to inform priority setting across WA fisheries.
- Funds collected under the GVP approach are hypothecated to Western Australia Fisheries for the purposes of fishery management as established in legislation.
- The Working Group noted it would be valuable to hear from an industry perspective on the Western Australian experience.
- No further Working Group meetings have been scheduled at this time.