STANDARDISING THE ENFORCEMENT OF NSW FISHERIES REGULATIONS
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Abstract

The objects of the Fisheries Management Act 1994 (NSW) (the FMA) are to conserve, develop and share the fishery resources of New South Wales for the benefit of present and future generations. Offences against the FMA are met with one of four available compliance responses available to Fisheries staff: verbal warning, written warning, Penalty Notice (PN or fine), or prosecution.

Prosecuting offenders through the courts is the most resource intensive response. Fisheries had a problem where there were not enough resources available to prosecute offenders in a timely manner, so a project was initiated to review the prosecution process to ensure that compliance responses were consistently and efficiently applied, and when prosecution was appropriate, that the prosecution occurred in a timely manner, using available human resource capacity.

The solution was to develop a Compliance Response Matrix decision making tool to support Fisheries staff to consistently apply the FMA and funnel offences into the most efficient compliance response. This seminar explains Fisheries’ problem and how the matrix was developed.

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