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Executive Director Fisheries

Proposed Amendments to the Barramundi Management Plan

Dear Ian

The NTGFIA as the representative body for Fishing Tour Operators in the Northern Territory gives its support to the changes outlined.

The Finnis River, Adams Bay area and the Chambers bay, Finke bay areas are extremely important recreational access areas to our members.

With these closures there would be some additional infrastructure needed to support its future growth. The NTGFIA recommends the following

MARY RIVER

- 1 The Shady camp road needs upgrading specifically the unsealed section to the main barrage.
- 2 The boat Ramp facility at the main Barrage is over used and the siltation occurring is not easily reversed, this location is suffering an increase each year, we would recommend an additional ramp facility further downstream be explored.
- 3 The rules and Regulations in the Mary River Catchment needs to be reviewed, issues needing to be addressed include use of live bait and

relocating live bait from other areas, bag limits, maximum size levels and closed season access.

FINNIS RIVER

The boat ramp facility at Dundee is in need of major upgrade .The NTGFIA is aware that there could be a huge cost to change this; we would recommend that the Government review this situation and possibly find alternatives to accessing Fog bay other than by tractor access.

The existing commercial holding areas should be justified or removed in both locations.

The NTGFIA offers its current and future support to expedite these changes outlined in the BFMP.

Yours sincerely

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President NTGFIA