

PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture Fisheries Policy and Management Unit Services Delivered 2017/18 – Blue Crab Fishery

Key Deliverables	Key Activities
<p>Development and implementation of management plan, including harvest strategies that protect sustainability of the fishery based on ESD risk assessment processes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalised revised management plan, including updated ESD Risk Assessment and revised harvest strategy through the Blue Crab Management Plan Review Committee (BCFMPRC)
<p>Provision of instructions for preparation of legislative instruments and/or advice required for management of the fishery (regulations, closure notices, licence conditions, Ministerial exemptions etc.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared exemption to allow pot sampling to occur in 2017/18 • Discussed and implemented metropolitan closure for early 2018, including associated briefings and correspondence • Facilitated a Blue Crab summer fishing trial in Gulf St. Vincent • Monitored the total catch, average catch, % Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) caught and number of catch disposal records of the Blue Crab Fishery on a monthly basis • Prepared advice and correspondence for the Executive Director on issues related to the Blue Crab Fishery • Prepared for, participated in and followed up on actions related to the cost recovery process for the Blue Crab Fishery • Assisted in the preparation of Notice to Fishers and licence renewals for quota year • Quarterly meetings with SARDI and Fisheries Officers throughout the year regarding Blue Crab Fishery management issues
<p>Provision of advice to the Minister or his/her delegate on setting total allowable commercial catch and effort levels for the fishery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numerous meetings and discussions with SARDI to discuss the status of stocks and implications for management, including revisions to harvest strategy in the Blue Crab Fishery



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation with stakeholders including the commercial and recreational fishing sector through TACC determinations and when developing spatial management strategies to facilitate seasonal closure trial in Gulf St Vincent and Spencer Gulf • Organised presentation by SARDI and exchange of letters to discuss advice for 2018/19 Blue Crab TACC • Provided advice to the Minister and his delegate on recommended 2018/19 Blue Crab TACC
Preparation of policies to support fisheries management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertook work to simplify regulatory arrangements in the fishery
Preparation of submissions to enable regular assessment of the Blue Crab Fishery by the Australian Government under the EPBC Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated information on the South Australian Blue Crab Fishery for the Department of the Environment and Energy, including provision of information for the Annual Report
Preparation of regular fisheries status reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed the Blue Crab Fishery assessment report • Reviewed the 2015/16 'Economic Indicators for South Australian Blue Crab Fishery' report and provided comment back to EconSearch
Development and maintenance of day-to-day productive working relationships and outcomes through cooperative management and collaboration with stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular meetings/conversations with Executive Officers of SABCPFA throughout the year • Attended SABCPFA meetings when requested • Responded to enquiries from industry and other stakeholders on issues related to the Blue Crab Fishery