

PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture Fisheries Policy and Management Unit Services Delivered 2017-18 – Spencer Gulf and West Coast Prawn Fisheries

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"> • Implementation of the Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery Management Plan, including application of the harvest strategy to set management arrangements. • Progressed revision of the West Coast Prawn Fishery harvest strategy.
<p>Provision of clear instructions for preparation of legislative instruments and/or advice required for the management of the fishery (regulations, closure notices, licence conditions, Ministerial exemptions etc).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated European Community Catch Certificates for the export of King Prawns to the European Union. • Prepared correspondence to European Union and addressed requirements to enable shipment of prawns to be released into the European Union. • Real-time catch monitoring of the West Coast Prawn Fishery. • Prepared and issued notices under regulation 9a of the <i>Fisheries Management (Prawn Fisheries) Regulations 2006</i> to allow for fishing runs, fishery independent surveys and spot surveys in the Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery and West Coast Prawn Fishery. • Prepared an exemption notice for the annual prawn fishing gear trial area prior to the fishing season opening. • Provided advice on the development of fishing strategies for each run. • Participated in nine Management Committee meetings and two Research Sub-committee meetings. • Provided advice on the King George Whiting closure to industry. • Provided advice on the development of an electronic catch monitoring system. • Provided advice and support for Marine Stewardship Council accreditation processes where necessary. • Provided advice on the fishery research plan to meet management needs.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared for, participated in and followed up on actions related to the cost recovery process for the Spencer Gulf and West Coast Prawn fisheries. • Participated in and provided advice in meetings with industry and SARDI on the development of a new harvest strategy for the West Coast Prawn Fishery. • Prepared advice and correspondence for the Executive Director on issues related to the Spencer Gulf and West Coast Prawn fisheries
Provision of advice to the Minister or his/her delegate on setting total allowable commercial catch and effort levels for the fishery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable 2017/18.
Preparation of policies to support fisheries management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided advice on the co-management contract with the Spencer Gulf and West Coast Prawn Fishermen's Association. • Undertook work to simplify regulatory arrangements in the fishery.
Preparation of submissions to enable regular assessment of the Spencer Gulf and West Coast Prawn Fisheries under the EPBC Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared necessary documents to support reassessment of the prawn fisheries under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>.
Preparation of regular fisheries status reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed the Status of the <i>West Coast Prawn Penaeus (Melicertus) latisulcatus Fishery in 2017 report</i>. • Reviewed the <i>Economic Indicators for the Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery Report</i>.
Development and maintenance of day-to-day productive working relationships and outcomes through cooperative management collaboration with stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held regular general discussions with Executive Officer of the Spencer Gulf and West Coast Prawn fishermen's Association, licence holders and skippers. • Held weekly meetings with the SARDI prawn scientist. • Responded to general queries from industry and other stakeholders on issues relevant to the prawn fisheries.