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Summary of Outcomes for 2021-22

Assessment and Research

Finfish Sector

Funding Source	Deliverables	Date Completed /Delivered
SLA	Delivered fishery statistics, stock status and environmental performance indicator report	May 2022
SLA	Presentations of fishery statistics, stock status and environmental performance indicator report provided to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture and industry as required.	May 2022
PIRSA	Supported the finalisation and implementation of the finfish harvest strategy and LCF Management Plan.	March 2022
PIRSA	Worked with PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture and industry to support the recovery of Black Bream and Greenback Flounder.	June 2022
PIRSA	Worked with PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture and industry in fisher-LNFS interactions.	June 2022
PIRSA	Supported MSC re-accreditation of Yelloweye Mullet and Mulloway.	Not completed as SFA withdrew from MSC re-accreditation
FRDC	Project continuation: Seal-fisher-ecosystem interactions in the Lower Lakes and Coorong: understanding causes and impacts to develop longer-term solutions (FRDC project 2018/036).	June 2022
FRDC	Project commencement: Re-opening shared-access fisheries – development and application of decision matrices and ‘toolkits’ (FRDC project 2021/016).	Not commenced. FRDC application required substantial modification based on FRDC external review. This modification has not been progressed.
FRDC	Project continuation: Evaluation of a smart-phone application to collect recreational fishing catch estimates, including an assessment against an independent probability-based survey, using South Australia as a case study (FRDC project 2020/056).	June 2022
FRDC	Continued FRDC project 2019/012: Postgraduate funding - Stock structure and connectivity of Black Bream including implications for management.	June 2022

Pipi Sector

Funding Source	Deliverables	Date Completed /Delivered
SLA	Completed fishery-independent biomass surveys.	May 2022
SLA	Delivered Advice Note on survey biomass and Pipi stock status.	May 2022
SLA	Delivered survey biomass and stock status presentations to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, Industry and the LCFMAC.	June 2022
SLA	Completed fishery-independent pre-recruit surveys.	May 2022
PIRSA	Supported the implementation of the Pipi harvest strategy and LCF Management Plan.	March 2022
PIRSA	Delivered Advice Note on bycatch from 2021/22 SARDI Pipi surveys.	May 2022
PIRSA	Supported Pipi MSC audit.	June 2022
FRDC/Goolwa Pipi Co.	Project continuation: Innovative Pipi harvesting based on real time biological and economic data (FRDC project 2017/151). This project was changed to incorporate a translocation study, including a translocation monitoring program.	June 2022
FRDC	Project continuation: Evaluation of a smart-phone application to collect recreational fishing catch estimates, including an assessment against an independent probability-based survey, using South Australia as a case study (FRDC project 2020/056).	June 2022

Policy and Management Program

	Deliverables
1.	<p>Participated in inter- and intra-departmental meetings and workshops on issues relevant to fisheries management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in meetings within PIRSA and with DEW to discuss issues relevant to the Management of the Lakes and Coorong Fishery, including conditions for net fishers.
2.	<p>Liaised within the Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, with SARDI Aquatic Sciences, other parts of PIRSA and other State and Commonwealth agencies on matters relevant to fisheries management including the following key issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The impact of Long-nosed Fur Seals and investigating initiatives to limit the interaction with the commercial fishing operation. The current 'depleted' status of Black Bream and Greenback Flounder. Development and adoption of a new Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Lakes and Coorong Fishery. Implementation of fishery management changes that can provide greater certainty and confidence for licence holders. Impact of COVID-19.
3.	<p>Liaised within PIRSA, with other government agencies and with industry representatives in implementing decisions and answering queries relevant to Lakes and Coorong fisheries management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in 3 Lakes and Coorong Fishery Management Advisory Committee meetings Participated in 2 Lakes and Coorong Management Plan Working Group meetings Regular communication with industry members, Southern Fishermen's Association (SFA) Executive Officer and Pipi Co Organised and participated in Long-nosed Fur Seals workshop / meetings.
4.	<p>Conducted regular assessment or review of existing management arrangements for fisheries management, including analysis of statistical information on fisheries and interactions with threatened, endangered and protected species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed draft Economic Indicators Report for the South Australian Lakes and Coorong Fishery 2020/2021

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed 'Assessment of the South Australian Lakes and Coorong Fishery in 2020/2021' Reviewed Pipi Stock Assessment Report 2021/2022
5.	Finalised and supported the development of a new Lakes and Coorong Management Plan and harvest strategies for both the Finfish and Pipi sectors.
6.	Prepared and submitted a submission to enable the Lakes and Coorong Fishery to be considered for export approval under the Commonwealth EPBC Act prior to 25 February 2022.
7.	Consulted with industry and SARDI in regard to future recovery strategies for Black bream and Greenback flounder stocks in the LCF.
8.	<p>Coordinated consultation and developed recommendations for the Minister's consideration with fishery stakeholders through established co-management processes by undertaking the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with industry representatives and SARDI through the Lakes and Coorong Fishery Management Advisory Committee in providing advice about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting total allowable commercial catch (TACC) and total allowable commercial effort (TACE for Pipi and finfish sectors or the Lakes and Coorong Fishery for 2022/2023. Coordinating carry-over of uncaught Pipi quota from 2020/2021 quota period to 2022/2023 quota period. Management arrangements / recovery strategies for Black Bream and Greenback Flounder Limiting Long-nosed Fur Seal interactions and assistance available to assist fishers.
9.	Facilitated a meeting with industry to examine the results of previous initiatives and future initiatives to help commercial fishers with Long-nosed Fur Seal interactions.
10.	<p>Participated in industry development initiatives related to fisheries management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transitioning to electronic only reporting in CDRs and SARDI logbook returns for Pipi
11.	Attended to general correspondence and enquiries relevant to the Lakes and Coorong Fishery.
12.	Communicated key management issues to Lakes and Coorong Fishery licence holders through notices which included, a notice on the Total Allowable Commercial Catch for the 2022/23 quota period and moving to electronic only reporting for Catch Disposal Records and SARDI logbook returns for Pipi.
13.	<p>Provided advice to Minister in relation to the management of fisheries and Ministerial correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The recommended 2022/2023 TACC for Pipi

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recommended 2022/2023 TACE for Finfish sector • Long Nosed Fur Seal mitigation measures.
14.	<p>Communicated on fisheries management issues to key stakeholder groups and the broader community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided Notice to Fishers in regard to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pipi and Finfish management arrangements for 2022/2023 ○ Electronic reporting and provisions for fishers to now only report electronically in CDRs and SARDI logbook returns for Pipi. • Corresponded with the LCFMAC, with the Managing Director PipiCo and the Executive Officer Southern Fishermen's Association on fisheries management issues relating to the Lakes and Coorong Fishery • Responded to enquiries from other stakeholders and community members regarding fisheries management issues relevant to the Lakes and Coorong Fishery. • Distributed stock assessment and stock status reports to the LCFMAC and industry associations.
15.	<p>Designed and established systems and mechanisms through determination for fishers to transition to electronic only reporting of CDR and SARDI logbook returns for Pipi.</p>

Legislation Program

	Deliverables
1.	Co-ordinated the introduction, amendment or revocation of fisheries legislation in line with fisheries management/policy decisions i.e. Act or regulation amendments, the introduction of new regulations and drafting of other legislative and administrative instruments such as delegation, ministerial permit or exemption instruments as required under the <i>Fisheries Management Act 2007</i> (the Act). New variation regulations or amendments required the drafting of Cabinet submissions and supporting documentation, including the preparation of drafting instructions, for consideration by Cabinet. This service included co-ordinating the cabinet process involving liaison with the Office of Parliamentary Counsel and the Crown Solicitor's Office and inter agency consultation to ensure that proposed regulatory arrangements are accurately described, drafted and scrutinised before being implemented. Input into fees amendment submissions, settling of notices, supporting briefings, minutes and parliamentary reports.
2.	Input into policy documentation and arrangements and responses to industry correspondence, as necessary.
3.	Coordinated applications for Ministerial exemptions under Part 10 and Permits under Part 7 of the Act.
4.	Provided additional legal services to support, on an as needs basis, the lawful decision-making of the Executive Director Fisheries and Aquaculture and the Director Operations and other delegates of the Minister under the Act to safeguard the ongoing sustainability of the fishery in any particular year (where required).

Leasing and Licensing Program

	Deliverables
1.	<p>Issued annual fee invoicing packs for 36 licences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported licence and quota unit information for cost recovery to assist in calculating new financial year annual fees • Entered new rates into the Primary Industries Information Management System (PIIMS) • Prepared Notice to Fishers for annual fee invoicing pack • Generated and audited invoices to ensure correct annual fee amount was raised • Issued invoices and SMS reminders each quarter • Generated 12 monthly debtor's reports to reconcile annual fee payments.
2.	<p>Set up of the new Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) into PIIMS for the new quota season:</p> <p>Printed and posted 14 updated registrations and entitlements certificates to all licence holders.</p>
3.	<p>Generated final quota balance statements and posted to all 14 licence holders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculated any quota adjustments required to be entered into PIIMS. <p>Generated and posted updated registration and entitlements certificates.</p>
4.	<p>Extended term of licences in line with management plan extension and posted out new licence and entitlement certificates to all licence holders</p>
5.	<p>Data entry of 785 paper CDRs and electronic monitoring of 411 CDRs submitted via eCatch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data entry check of each CDR entered. <p>Manual filing and archiving of all 785 CDR documents.</p>
6.	<p>Issuing of bin tags in PIIMS to licence holders on 35 occasions requiring packaging for posting.</p>
7.	<p>Issuing of 10 CDR books into PIIMS and packing and posting to licence holders.</p>
8.	<p>Generated 12 monthly quota status reports for industry on catch status and CDRs received.</p>
9.	<p>System maintenance including auditing user access and system testing after any system update:</p> <p>157 quota balance statements requested via the online system.</p>

10.	Regularly provided copies of CDR documentation to compliance for quota audit checks.
11.	<p>Processed 10 applications which included liaising with government stakeholders to verify the credentials of fishers as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 vary master applications • 8 quota transfer applications • 1 vary boat
12.	Provided support via phone or email to any requests from licence holders.
13.	Regular filing and archiving of licensing and quota documentation.

Directorate Program

	Deliverables
1.	Reconciled and prepared financial documentation to ensure accuracy.
2.	Worked with SARDI to prepare project scopes before and after cost recovery meetings with industry.
3.	Developed and prepared draft cost recovery implementation statements and annual reports for industry.
4.	Coordinated cost recovery meetings with industry to discuss cost recovery programs for the following financial year, including agenda preparation, drafting of minutes and liaising with industry executive officer to finalise minutes and cost recovery implementation statement.
5.	Followed up action items from cost recovery meetings, responding to cost recovery related correspondence.
6.	Published cost recovery documentation and reports on PIRSA's web site.
7.	Prepared a Cabinet submission and relevant documentation for the Minister to be briefed on the cost recovery process. Liaised with Parliamentary Council to prepare fee regulations for commercial licence fees.
8.	Ongoing review of PIRSA's cost recovery policy, costing models and processes to achieve continuous improvement and transparency.
9.	Coordinated co-management services request for Southern Fisherman's Association and prepared standard goods and services agreement for execution.

Compliance Program

Deliverables
<p>The coordination of compliance outputs is guided by industry specific compliance plans for the Net (finfish) sector and the Pipi sector, which was initially developed in consultation with the Lakes and Coorong Fishery (L&CF) industry and are reviewed annually.</p> <p>Each plan ensures compliance effort is intelligence driven, efficient, cost effective and outcome focused. The plans comprise three core outputs (Education and Awareness, Effective Deterrence and Enforcement) and are optimised towards increasing voluntary compliance and maximising effective deterrence.</p> <p>Analysis of intelligence and information holdings is regularly conducted to identify the major Compliance risks to the sustainability of the Fishery. The combination of strategies, actions, and initiatives are critical to focus the primary compliance effort to manage the risks and achieve targeted outcomes.</p> <p>The Lakes and Coorong Fishery (L&CF) Compliance Reports for each of the Net and Pipi sectors are produced and forwarded to the Executive Officer, Southern Fisherman's Association (SFA).</p>

