

## PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture Fisheries Policy and Management Unit Services Delivered 2017-18 – Southern Zone Abalone

Key Deliverables	Key Activities
<p><b>Development and implementation of management plan, including harvest strategies that protect sustainability of the fishery based on ESD risk assessment processes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued a review of Harvest Strategy for Abalone Fishery in 2017/18. Industry requested this review be brought forward to address discrepancies in stock status between the weight of evidence and application of the Harvest Strategy.</li> <li>• Attended and presented at multiple Harvest Strategy Review working group meetings and regional workshops to progress this initiative.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Provision of instructions for preparation of legislative instruments and/or advice required for the management of the fishery (regulations, closure notices, licence conditions, Ministerial exemptions etc)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepared gazettal notice to implement spatial specific minimum legal size limits for abalone in the SZAF.</li> <li>• Monitored change of licence and temporary quota transfers, ensuring that all were consistent with current regulations.</li> <li>• Monitored the total catch, average catch, % Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) caught and number of catch disposal records of the Abalone Fishery on a monthly basis.</li> <li>• Prepared for, participated in and followed up on actions related to the cost recovery process for the SZAF.</li> <li>• Prepared advice and correspondence for Executive Director on issues related to the SZAF.</li> <li>• Assisted in the preparation of Notice to Fishers, User Guide and Licence renewals for quota year.</li> <li>• Prepared gazette notice to implement Minister's determinations (specific to abalone were related to conversion value, catch and disposal and periodic returns)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Provision of advice to the Minister or his/her delegate on setting total allowable commercial catch and effort levels for the fishery</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met with SARDI on several occasions to discuss the status of stocks in the SZAF and implications for management of the fishery, including in relation to the harvest strategy.</li> <li>• Organised meeting and met with industry and SARDI to develop recommendations for 2017/18 TACC for Abalone in SZAF.</li> <li>• Provided advice to the Minister and his delegate on recommended 2017/18 TACC for</li> </ul>

	Blacklip and Greenlip Abalone in SZAF.
<b>Preparation of policies to support fisheries management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Held several internal PIRSA meetings regarding compliance issues, biosecurity and management implications.</li> <li>• Undertook work to simplify regulatory arrangements in the fishery</li> </ul>
<b>Preparation of submissions to enable regular assessment of Abalone fisheries by the Australian Government under the EPBC Act</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated information on the South Australian Abalone Fishery for the Department of the Environment and Energy.</li> </ul>
<b>Preparation of regular fisheries status reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed the 2016/17 Southern Zone Abalone (<i>Haliotis rubra</i> and <i>H. laevigata</i>) Fishery assessment report.</li> <li>• Reviewed the 2016/17 'Economic Indicators for South Australian Abalone Fishery' report and provided comment back to EconSearch.</li> </ul>
<b>Development and maintenance of day to day productive working relationships and outcomes through cooperative management and collaboration with stakeholders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular meetings with members of the SZ Management Inc. throughout the year to progress initiatives such as eCatch.</li> <li>• Available and in regular contact with industry throughout the year.</li> <li>• Responded to enquiries from industry and other stakeholders on issues related to the SZAF.</li> </ul>