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Summary of Outcomes for 2019-20

Assessment and Research

Funding Source	Deliverables	Date Completed/ Delivered
SLA	Delivered a stock assessment of South Australia's Snapper fishery which included results of a fishery-independent spawning biomass and integrated stock assessment models.	August 2019
SLA	Delivered South Australian Charter Boat Fishery (SACBF) Report for 2017/18.	August 2019
SLA	Collected, collated and stored SACBF catch and effort information.	Ongoing
FRDC	Attended the national Snapper workshop and presented on South Australian Snapper stocks.	December 2019
FRDC	Continued FRDC project 2018/035 "Fisheries biology of Western Australian salmon: improving our understanding of population dynamics in South Australia to enable quantitative stock assessments and improved fisheries management."	Ongoing
FRDC	Continued FRDC project 2018/055 "Developing a positive cultural attitude towards the capture and release of sharks and rays." Report on the National Workshop delivered.	Ongoing
FRDC	Commenced FRDC project 2019-046 "Cost-effective, non-destructive solutions to developing a pre-recruit index for Snapper."	Ongoing
FRDC	Commenced FRDC project 2019-044 "Quantifying post-release survival and movement of Snapper (<i>Chrysophrys auratus</i>): Informing strategies to engage the fishing community in practices to enhance the sustainability of an important multi-sector fishery."	Ongoing
FRDC	Continued FRDC project 2017-023 "ESD risk assessment for lesser-known species to facilitate structural reform of South Australia's commercial Marine Scalefish fishery."	Ongoing

Policy and Management Program

	Deliverables
1.	Developed and implemented Snapper management advice for 2019/20 (including preparation of advice, section 79 notices and relevant communications material developed and delivered).
2.	Reviewed and removed King George Whiting spawning spatial closure (including preparation of advice and relevant communications material developed and delivered) to support sustainable management of the King George Whiting population.
3.	Prepared for, participated in and followed up on actions related to the cost recovery process for the Charter Boat Fishery.
4.	Supported the implementation of the Charter Boat component of the Lesser Known Species working group and campaign.
5.	Supported the development and commencement of the Charter Boat Fishery Diversification Program, including assisting the administration and assessment of grants and training program.
6.	Provided relevant Charter Boat Fishery information for the annual report to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment and the SARDI charter boat summary report.
7.	Implemented key red tape reduction initiatives for the Charter Boat Fishery including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowing the use of rock lobster pots by charter operators • Tag and release of snapper • Allowing transiting through snapper closure areas • Reviewing the northern Spencer Gulf cuttlefish closure
8.	Met with SCBOOA Executive Officers formally and informally on a range of occasions by email and telephone.
9.	Held quarterly meetings with SARDI and Compliance to discuss research, compliance and monitoring relevant to the Charter Boat Fishery.
10.	Reviewed and provided comments on the BDO Econsearch 'Economic Indicators for South Australian Charter Boat Fishery 2017/18' report.
11.	Communicated with a range of fishers in the industry through face to face discussion, emails and phone calls.
12.	Provided advice to Minister in relation to the management of fisheries and Ministerial correspondence relevant to the Charter Boat Fishery.
13.	Progressed key red tape reduction initiatives including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to modify Southern Bluefin Tuna limit • Reviewing management arrangements to allow charter boat fishers to catch own live bait

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. Arrangements for electronic transactions / fees for commercial fisheries in Simplify Day 2018/19 Bill supporting correspondence briefings and ministerial documentation. Fees amendment cabinet submissions, settling of variation regulations, 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); reviewed and coordinated crown input into co-management contract.

Leasing and Licensing Program

	Deliverables
1.	<p>Issued annual fee invoicing packs for 81 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>Issued Snapper charter tag packages to 77 licences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3773 tags issued in PIIMS. • 77 packages compiled and posted out.
3.	<p>Monitored payment plans for 13 licence holders that requested alternate payment arrangements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of 13 individual payment plans • Liaised with Shared Services SA to allocate payments against invoices
4.	<p>System maintenance including auditing user access and system testing after any system update.</p>
5.	<p>Regularly provided copies of CDR documentation to compliance for quota audit checks.</p>
6.	<p>Processed applications which included liaising with government stakeholders to verify the credentials of fishers as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 vary boat applications • 1 licence transfer application • 3 vary master applications • 3 licence surrenders
7.	<p>Generated reports on licensing information for compliance or fishery management purposes as requested.</p>
8.	<p>Sent 8 Notice to Fishers to all 81 licence holders.</p>
9.	<p>Provided support via phone or email to any requests from licence holders.</p>
10.	<p>Regular filing and archiving of licensing documentation.</p>

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 report 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.	Prepared standard goods and services agreement to engage contractors (i.e. delivery of Economic Assessment – BDO Advisory (SA) Pty Ltd., engagement of independent scientist as required, co-management services agreements, etc.).
6.	Followed up action items from cost recovery meetings, responding to cost recovery related correspondence.
7.	Published cost recovery documentation and reports on PIRSA's web site.
8.	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.
9.	Ongoing review of PIRSA's cost recovery policy, costing models and processes to achieve continuous improvement and transparency.

Compliance Program

	Deliverables
	<p>The coordination of compliance outputs is guided by a fishery specific compliance plan which was initially developed in consultation with the Charter Fishery and is reviewed annually</p> <p>The plan ensures compliance effort is intelligence driven, efficient, cost effective and outcome focused. The plan comprises three core outputs (Education and Awareness, Effective Deterrence and Enforcement) and is 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 Charter Fishery Compliance Reports are produced annually and forwarded to the Executive Officer, Surveyed Charter Boat Owners and Operators Association.</p>



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