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Summary of Outcomes for 2019-20

Assessment and Research

Funding Source	Deliverables	Date Completed/ Delivered
SLA	Validated survey data and prepared written advice to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture on the determination of stock status for the Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery.	September 2019
SLA	Prepared written advice to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture on the determination of stock status against performance indicators for the West Coast Prawn Fishery.	December 2019
SLA	Provided a presentation to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture and the Spencer Gulf and West Coast Prawn Fishermen's Association (SGWCPFA) on the determination of stock status against performance indicators (as presented in the Advice Note in December 2019).	March 2020
SLA	Completed independent observation and data collection during the three annual stock assessment surveys in Spencer Gulf: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 2019 • March 2020 • April 2020. 	April 2020
SLA	Prepared electronic logs for surveys, and collated, analysed, reported and presented results to industry immediately after each survey to inform fishing strategy development and real-time management.	April 2020
SLA	Designed and trialled bycatch data collection protocol during November 2019 (with SARDI observers) and March 2020 (SARDI and industry observers) in Spencer Gulf.	April 2020
SLA	Analysed bycatch data and prepared written advice to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture on the continuation and extension of the sampling protocol in Spencer Gulf.	June 2020
SLA	Provided the specified fishery and survey data summaries for Spencer Gulf to the Executive Officer of the SGWCPFA.	June 2020
SLA	Completed independent observation and data collection during the three annual stock assessment surveys in the West Coast Prawn Fishery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 2019 • March 2020 • June 2020 (postponed until July due to weather). 	July 2020
SLA	Provided a presentation to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture and West Coast Prawn Fishery licence holders/skippers on the stock status report for 2019 (under the 2019/20 SLA).	August 2020
SLA	Collated, entered and stored all key survey and fishery data necessary to assess the fishery.	Ongoing
SLA	Attended Management Committee and Research Subcommittee meetings of the SGWCPFA.	Ongoing
SLA	Maintained regular communication with industry representatives (i.e. Executive Officer and Coordinator-at-Sea) on fishing strategy development and research initiatives.	Ongoing

SLA	Delivery of annual Stock Status Report for the West Coast Prawn Fishery.	Ongoing
PIRSA	Prepared written advice to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture on continuation of length-frequency sampling (but at a smaller scale) for Spencer Gulf in conjunction with the recently developed grade-based measure of recruitment.	October 2019
PIRSA	Prepared written advice to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture on the implications of implementing a revised survey structure for March and April surveys in Spencer Gulf.	March 2020

Policy and Management Program

Spencer Gulf

	Deliverables
1.	Coordinated PIRSA consultation with the SGWCPFA Management Committee and Research Sub-Committee on the review of the current management plan and developed new management plan for the fishery.
2.	Attended six teleconference meetings of the SGWCPFA Management Committee to set the fishing runs over the course of the period.
3.	Coordinated the public consultation process on the draft management plan for the Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery (SGPF).
4.	Coordinated the SGPF Management Plan Steering Committee meeting in November 2019, including papers to address components of the draft management plan for the fishery.
5.	Reviewed SARDI Advice Notes, including those required to assist develop and implement the new management plan for the fishery.
6.	Reviewed the annual Stock Status Report for the fishery prior to release for publication.
7.	Reviewed the BDO Econsearch Report for the fishery prior to release for publication.
8.	Attended five SGWCPFA Management Committee and three Research Sub-Committee meetings over the period, at which information in both verbal and written form was provided to assist with the delivery of fisheries management services.
9.	Assisted with the development of an ecosystem monitoring program, based on Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) requirements and legislative requirements, in consultation with the SGWCPFA.
10.	Reviewed and gazettal of fishing run and survey notices made under regulation 10 of the <i>Fisheries Management (Prawn Fisheries) Regulations 2017</i> prepared and signed by the delegates of the SGWCPFA.
11.	Assisted the SGWCPFA, the MSC and the independent third party auditors (MRAG Asia Pacific) with work and requirements to maintain MSC certification.
12.	Consulted with SGWCPFA on Snapper management arrangements to be applied and the development of a Ministerial exemption to permit SGPF licence holders to operate within the Snapper closure areas and on soft bottom grounds near aggregation grounds.
13.	Consulted with SGWCPFA on King George Whiting (KGW) management arrangements.
14.	Coordination of SGPF Steering Committee to oversee the development of a draft SGPF Management Plan.
154.	Drafting of a draft SGPF management plan to be considered by the Steering Committee and the SGWCPFA.

15.	Maintained regular communication and strong working relationship with the Executive Officer of the SGWCPFA.
16.	Provided advice to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development in relation to the management of fisheries and Ministerial correspondence.
17.	Provided advice to the Executive Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture on the management of the Fishery.
18.	Assessed applications for research permits under regulation 10 of the <i>Fisheries Management (Prawn Fisheries) Regulations 2017</i> .
19.	Coordinated the delivery of research to align with the application of management of the fishery.
20.	Attended and contributed to the e-catch meetings seeking to develop electronic logbooks.

West Coast

	Deliverables
1.	Attended five SGWCPFA Management Committee and three Research Sub-Committee meetings over the period, at which information in both verbal and written form was provided to assist with the delivery of fisheries management services.
2.	Drafted and gazetted seven fishing and three survey notices under regulation 10 of the <i>Fisheries Management (Prawn Fisheries) Regulations 2017</i> .
3.	Attended and prepared information (documentation and PIRSA positions) for SGWCPFA Management Committee and Research Sub-Committee meetings.
4.	Coordinated meetings of licence holders to discuss the application of the new harvest strategy for the fishery.
5.	Coordinated the delivery of research to align with the application of management of the fishery.
6.	Provided advice to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development in relation to the management of fisheries and Ministerial correspondence.
7.	Provided advice to the Executive Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture on the management of the Fishery.
8.	Maintained regular communication and strong working relationship with the Executive Officer of the SGWCPFA.
9.	Reviewed the SARDI Stock Status report on the fishery prior to publication.
10.	Reviewed the BDO Econsearch report prior to publication.

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 to 42 licences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported licence 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.	Generated reports on licensing information for compliance or fishery management purposes as requested.
3.	System maintenance including auditing user access and system testing after any system update.
4.	<p>Processed applications which included liaising with government stakeholders to verify the credentials of fishers as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 licence transfer applications • 1 vary master application • 5 third party interest applications
5.	Provided support via phone or email to any requests from licence holders.
6.	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.	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 Spencer Gulf and West Coast Prawn 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 Spencer Gulf and West Coast Prawn Fishery Compliance Reports are produced annually and forwarded to the Executive Officer, SGWCPFA.</p>



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