

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

Key Deliverables	Key Activities
Development and implementation of management plan, including harvest strategies that protect sustainability of the fishery based on ESD risk assessment processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued 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. Attended and presented at the multiple Harvest Strategy Review working group meetings and multiple regional workshops to progress Harvest Strategy development.
Provision of instructions for preparation of necessary legislative instruments and/or advice required for the management of the fishery (regulations, closure notices, licence conditions, Ministerial exemptions etc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitored change of licence and temporary quota transfers, ensuring that all were consistent with current regulations. 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. Assisted in the preparation of Notice to Fishers, User Guide and licence renewals for quota year. Prepared for, participated in and followed up on actions related to the cost recovery process for the WZAF. Prepared advice and correspondence for the Executive Director on issues related to the WZAF. Prepared gazette notice to implement Minister's determinations (specific to abalone were related to conversion value, catch and disposal and periodic returns)
Provision of advice to the Minister or his/her delegate on setting total allowable commercial catch and effort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with SARDI on several occasions to discuss the status of stocks in the WZAF and implications for management of the fishery, including in relation to the harvest strategy. Organised meeting and met with industry and SARDI in November 2017 to discuss recommendation for 2018 TACC for Abalone in WZAF.



levels for the fishery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided advice to the Minister and his delegate on recommended 2018 TACC for Abalone in WZAF.
Preparation of policies to support fisheries management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held several internal PIRSA meetings regarding compliance issues, biosecurity and management implications. • Undertook work to simplify regulatory arrangements in the fishery.
Preparation of submissions to enable regular assessment of Abalone fisheries by the Australian Government under the EPBC Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated information on the South Australian Abalone Fishery for the Department of the Environment and Energy.
Preparation of regular fisheries status reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed the 2017 Western Zone Blacklip and Greenlip Abalone Fishery assessment report. • Reviewed the 2016/17 'Economic Indicators for South Australian Abalone Fishery' report and provided comment back to EconSearch.
Development and maintenance of day to day productive working relationships and outcomes through cooperative management and collaboration with stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular meetings with the President and Executive Officer of AIASA throughout the year. • Available and in regular contact with industry throughout the year by phone and email. • Responded to enquiries from industry and other stakeholders on issues related to the WZAF. • Held meetings with industry representatives, including undertaking an ESD Risk Assessment to progress an application for release of aquatic resources, consistent with the <i>Policy for the release of aquatic resources</i>.