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Summary of Outcomes for 2019-20

Assessment and Research

Funding Source	Deliverables	Date Completed/ Delivered
SLA	Delivered written advice to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture relating to the 2018/19 season key performance indicator – standardised commercial Catch Per Unit Effort (CPUE).	September 2019
SLA	Presented 2018/19 stock assessment results to licence holders of the Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery (GSVPF).	September 2019
SLA	Delivered annual 2018/19 season stock assessment report. This included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of the fishing-logbook program. • Entering data received into a secure database. • Administering, maintaining and developing the database. • Securely storing original logbook returns. • Validating returns, including consultation with fishers to correct errors. • Querying catch and effort information. • Analysing performance indicator data and spatial patterns of prawn fishery catch and effort. • Compilation and publication of the annual stock status report for the Gulf Saint Vincent Prawn Fishery in 2018/19. 	September 2019
SLA	Attended meetings with Research Sub-committee and/or Gulf Saint Vincent Prawn Management Advisory Committee.	March 2020
SLA	Delivered written advice to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture relating to the 2019/20 season key performance indicator – standardised Fishery Independent Survey (FIS) Catch Per Unit Effort (CPUE).	June 2020
SLA	Collected, collated and stored all key commercial fishery information necessary to assess the fishery and run the harvest strategy.	Ongoing
PIRSA	Undertook harvest strategy review 'health check' workshop in conjunction with Research Sub-committee of the Gulf Saint Vincent Prawn Management Advisory Committee.	September 2019
PIRSA	Delivered written advice to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture relating to potential GSVPF TACE carry-over from 2019/20 to 2020/21.	April 2020

Policy and Management Program

	Deliverables
1.	In collaboration with industry commenced the review of the harvest strategy for the fishery in line with section 9.8 of the management plan. Provided advice to the Harvest Strategy Review Working Group on the application of the harvest strategy for the fishery. Attended three Harvest Strategy Review Working Group meetings over the period.
2.	Attended and provided advice to the Gulf Saint Vincent Prawn Fishery Management Advisory Committee (GSVPFMAC) on the management of the fishery. Three GSVPFMAC meetings were held over the period.
3.	Coordinated, facilitated and set meeting of licence holders to seek advice on the setting of fishing nights for the 2019/20 season.
4.	Provided advice to the Minister in relation to the setting of fishing nights for the 2019/20 season.
5.	Attendance and preparation of information for Saint Vincent Gulf Prawn Boat Owners Association (SVGPBOA) meetings of members. Two meetings were held over the period.
6.	Assisted industry with the running of the GSVPFMAC.
7.	Responded to and addressed issues raised by the GSVPFMAC and SVGPBOA.
8.	Communicated regularly with Executive Officer of the SVGPBOA on the development and implementation of management arrangements in the fishery.
8.	Responded to Ministerial correspondence on the management of the fishery, in particular the setting of fishing nights for the 2019/20 season.
9.	Provided advice to the Executive Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture on the management of the fishery.
10.	<p>To recommend regulatory amendment to provide for the carry-over of nights as a result of COVID-19 the following was undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaised with fishery licence holders • Reviewed fishery management arrangements • Reviewed quota period catch and effort information • Sought advice from SARDI to inform risk to sustainability • Liaised within the PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture Division to ensure accurate statutory interpretation • Provided advice to the Minister on amending the <i>Fisheries Management (Prawn) Regulations 2017</i>.
11.	Reviewed the 'Economic Indicators for South Australian Gulf St. Vincent Prawn Fishery 2017/18' report and provided comment back to BDO EconSearch.

11.	Reviewed and provided input into the annual SARDI Stock Status Report.
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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 10 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 prescribed number of fishing nights into PIIMS for the new fishing season:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entered new unit value against all 10 licences. • Printed and posted 10 updated registrations and entitlements certificates to all licence holders.
3.	<p>Data entry of 45 fishing night logs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual filing and archiving of all 45 logs.
4.	<p>System maintenance including auditing user access and system testing after any system update.</p>
5.	<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 • 8 vary master applications • 8 quota transfer applications • 1 third party interest application
6.	<p>Provided reports to fisheries management as required to assist with fishery management decisions.</p>
7.	<p>Provided support via phone or email to any requests from licence holders.</p>
8.	<p>Regular filing and archiving of licensing and quota 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 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 Gulf St Vincent 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 Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery Compliance Reports are produced annually and forwarded to the Executive Officer, Gulf St Vincent Prawn Boat Owners Association.</p>



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