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Summary of Outcomes for 2021-22

Assessment and Research

Funding Source	Deliverables	Date Completed /Delivered
SLA	Delivered South Australian Charter Boat Fishery (SACBF) data summary report.	May 2022
SLA	Delivered report presentations to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture and Industry delivered as required.	June 2022
FRDC	Project completion: Developing a positive cultural attitude towards the capture and release of sharks and rays (FRDC project 2018/055).	Not completed. Revised completion date is August 2023
FRDC	Project continuation: Fisheries biology of Western Australian salmon: improving our understanding of population dynamics in South Australia to enable quantitative stock assessments and improved fisheries management (FRDC project 2018/035).	June 2022
FRDC	Project continuation: Cost-effective, non-destructive solutions to developing a pre-recruit index for Snapper (FRDC project 2019/046).	June 2022
FRDC	Project continuation: 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 (FRDC Project 2019/044).	June 2022
FRDC	Project continuation: Evaluation of a smart-phone application to collect recreational fishing catch estimates, including an assessment against an independent probability-based survey, using South Australia as a case study (FRDC project 2020/056).	June 2022

Policy and Management Program

	Deliverables
1.	Developed a new <i>Management Plan for the South Australian Charter Boat Fishery (2022)</i> , conducted public consultation on the draft plan, finalised the plan and sought adoption of the plan by the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development. Within the Management Plan included a list of Strategic Policy Priorities to reduce red tape and increase efficiencies.
2.	In consultation with industry, developed and implemented temporary Snapper management arrangements for the South East in regard to the Charter Boat Fishery and participated in Snapper Management discussions around management arrangements and monitoring.
3.	<p>Progressed reform to reduce red tape in the Charter Boat Fishery including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progressing consultation to allow the take of live bait by charter boat operators • Implemented changes to Southern Bluefin Tuna catch limits • Progressing consultation on the use of Rock Lobster pots • Implemented a Ministerial exemption to effectively remove upper size limit of Wrasse (Rock Cod) as a short term measure while regulatory changes are made.
4.	<p>Confirmed that the Charter Boat Diversification Fund has ceased.</p> <p>Continued to progress red tape reduction requests made by the Charter Boat Association of South Australia at the onset of the Fund, including commitments to explore strategic policy priorities within the new Management Plan</p>
5.	Participated in inter- and intra-departmental meetings and workshops on issues relevant to fisheries management, including presenting at Charter Boat Association Executive meetings
6.	Liaised within the Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, with SARDI Aquatic Sciences, other parts of PIRSA and other State and Commonwealth agencies on matters relevant to fisheries management including on Snapper management arrangements, and proposals for capture of live bait and use of Rock Lobster pots.
7.	Liaised within PIRSA, with other government agencies and with industry representatives in implementing decisions and answering queries relevant to Charter Boat fisheries management.
8.	Conducted regular assessment or review of existing management arrangements for fisheries management, including analysis of statistical information on fisheries and interactions with threatened, endangered and protected species.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed draft Economic Indicators Report for the South Australian Charter Boat Fishery 2020/2021, and associated dashboard Reviewed the draft Charter Boat Fishery Report 2020/21 Developed a new Management Plan for the South Australian Charter Boat Fishery
9.	<p>Coordinated consultation with fishery stakeholders through established co-management processes, including meetings with the Charter Boat Fishery Working Group in reviewing and developing a Management Plan, and coordinating consultation with key stakeholders on the issues of bait access and Rock Lobster pots.</p> <p>Met with the Charter Boat Association (CBASA) Executive Officers formally and informally on a number of occasions by email and telephone</p>
10.	Participated in industry liaison through meetings and written correspondence to strengthen fishery management knowledge and understanding and develop rapport with licence holders.
11.	Attended to general correspondence and enquiries relevant to the Charter Boat Fishery, including with fishers in the industry.
12.	Provided advice to Minister in relation to the management of fisheries and Ministerial correspondence relevant to the Charter Boat Fishery, including seeking the Minister's position on strategic policy priorities.
13.	<p>Communicated on fisheries management issues to key stakeholder groups and the broader community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided Notice to Fishers regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary Snapper fishery management arrangements for the South East Charter Boat licence application processes Public consultation on the draft Management Plan for the South Australian Charter Boat Fishery Temporary management arrangements for Wrasse Corresponded with CBASA Executive on fisheries management issues relating to the Charter Boat Fishery.

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. Input into fees amendment submissions, settling of notices, 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).

Leasing and Licensing Program

	Deliverables
1.	<p>Issued annual fee invoicing packs for 74 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>Monitored payment plans for licence holders that requested alternate payment arrangements.</p> <p>Liaised with Shared Services SA to allocate payments against invoices.</p>
3.	<p>System maintenance including auditing user access and system testing after any system update.</p>
4.	<p>Processed 17 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 applications • 13 vary master applications • 1 licence surrender
5.	<p>Generated reports on licensing information for compliance or fishery management purposes as requested.</p>
6.	<p>Sent 11 Notice to Fishers to all 74 licence holders.</p>
7.	<p>Extended term of licences in line with management plan extension and posted out new licence and entitlement certificates to all licence holders.</p>
8.	<p>Provided support via phone or email to any requests from licence holders.</p>
9.	<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.	Followed up action items from cost recovery meetings, responding to cost recovery related correspondence.
6.	Published cost recovery documentation and reports on PIRSA's web site.
7.	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.
8.	Ongoing review of PIRSA's cost recovery policy, costing models and processes to achieve continuous improvement and transparency.
9.	Coordinated co-management services request for the Charter Boat Fishery and prepared standard goods and services agreement for execution.

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 Boat 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 Boat Fishery Compliance Report is produced and forwarded to the Executive Officer, CBASA.</p>

