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Summary of Outcomes for 2021-22

Assessment and Research

Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery

Funding Source	Deliverables	Date Completed /Delivered
SLA	Delivered Advice Note: Bycatch monitoring program 2019/20–2021/22	June 2022
SLA	Delivered Advice Note: Stock status	September 2021
SLA	Completed November fishery-independent survey & bycatch data collection	November 2021
SLA	Completed February fishery-independent survey (including length-frequency) & bycatch data collection	February 2022
SLA	Completed April Fishery-independent survey	April 2022
SLA	Provided aggregated data to the Executive Officer, SGWCPFA	June 2022
PIRSA	Supported SGPF MSC audit	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
FRDC	Project continuation: Nature and extent of the ecological assets conserved by the Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery to mitigate their ecological footprint' (FRDC Project 2020/002).	June 2022

West Coast Prawn Fishery

Funding Source	Deliverable	Date Completed /Delivered
SLA	Delivered annual Advice Note reporting on performance indicators	November 2021
SLA	Completed March fishery-independent survey	March 2022
SLA	Completed June fishery-independent survey	June 2022
SLA	Delivered annual stock status report	June 2022
SLA	Provided aggregated data to the Executive Officer, SGWCPFA	June 2022

Policy and Management Program

Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery

	Deliverables
1.	Participated in several inter- and intra-departmental meetings and workshops on issues relevant to fisheries management (BDO Econsearch; SARDI; Workshop with Love Australian Prawns marketing team).
2.	<p>Liaised within the Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, with SARDI Aquatic Sciences and other parts of PIRSA on the application, development and implementation of decisions relevant to fisheries management.</p> <p>Reviewed SARDI Advice Notes (SGPF – 20/21 Stock Status Determination and SGPF Bycatch Monitoring).</p> <p>Reviewed annual SARDI Stock Status Report for the fishery prior to release for publication.</p> <p>Reviewed report on annual TEPS interaction reports across all commercial fisheries</p> <p>Provided annual report as required under the Prawn Fishery EPBC Act export approval requirements.</p> <p>Reviewed the 2020/21 BDO Econsearch Report and Dashboard for the fishery prior to release for publication.</p> <p>Reviewed and gazetted notices for 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.</p> <p>Assisted the SGWCPFA, the MSC and the independent third-party auditors (MRAG Asia Pacific) with work and requirements to maintain MSC certification.</p> <p>Reviewed and completed declarations associated with export of Spencer Gulf Prawns to USA and the EU.</p>
3.	<p>Liaised with the Executive Officer of the SGWCPFA and licence holders in the fishery on the application, development and implementation of decisions relevant to fisheries management including.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 October 2021 – Gear trial arrangements, including gazette • 20 April 2022 – Met with EO – orientation into FM role • 28 April 2022 – Post Survey meeting • 19 August 2022 – Survey planning <p>Reviewed and developed replacement harvest strategy for the West Coast Prawn Fishery in consultation with licence holders and SGWCPFA.</p>

4.	<p>Supported the Executive Officer and Coordinator at Sea positions within the SGWCPFA to develop and implement notices under Regulation 10 of the <i>Fisheries Management (Prawn Fisheries) Regulations 2017</i> to set fishing runs and surveys.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 x Fishing runs, including gazette notice • 2 x Fisheries Independent surveys, including gazette notice • Management Committee at Sea – Development of fishing strategies
5.	<p>Participated in the SGWCPFA Management Committee and Research Sub-Committee meetings, providing accurate and effective information to assist these parties in the development of fisheries management advice to the Executive Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Committee • 19 May 2022 – Met with EO –Management Committee meeting • 28 May 2021 – SGWCPFA Research Sub Committee meeting. • 31 May 2021 – SGWCPFS Management Meeting
6.	<p>Bycatch monitoring program for the fishery progressed in collaboration with the SGWCPFA Executive Officer and SARDI with delivery of Advice Note on this matter.</p>
7.	<p>Attended to general correspondence and enquiries relevant to the SGPF.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared Notice to Fishers, Letter to EO – increases to vessel length and engine hp ratings. • Notice to Fishers – Temporary spatial closure for all Cephalopod species • Notification to SGWCPFA correspondence regarding Southern Calamari reference trigger breach <p>Maintained regular communication and strong working relationships with the Executive Officer of the SGWCPFA.</p>
8.	<p>Provided advice to Minister in relation to the management of fisheries and Ministerial correspondence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern Calamari reference trigger breach <p>Provided advice to the Executive Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture on the management of the Fishery in regard to Southern Calamari reference trigger breach</p> <p>Coordinated the delivery of research to align with the application of management of the fishery.</p> <p>Implemented increases in Prawn vessel length and horsepower ratings.</p> <p>Attended and contributed to e-catch discussions seeking to develop electronic logbooks.</p>

9.	Communicate on fisheries management issues to key stakeholder groups and the broader community.
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West Coast Prawn Fishery

	Deliverables
1.	Participated in several inter and intra-departmental meetings and workshops on issues relevant to fisheries management (BDO Econsearch).
2.	Liaised within the Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, with SARDI Aquatic Sciences and other parts of PIRSA on the application, development and implementation of decisions relevant to fisheries management.
3.	Liaised with the Executive Officer of the Spencer Gulf and West Coast Prawn Fishermen's Association (SGWCPFA) and licence holders in the fishery on the application, development and implementation of decisions relevant to fisheries management. Finalised review of WCPF Harvest Strategy and development of a replacement Harvest Strategy
4.	Delivered SARDI advice note reporting on key performance indicators in the fishery October 2021.
	Reviewed SARDI advice note – mid season transition to numbers of nights in a transitional fishery and Corvisart Bay (in response to correspondence from SGWCPFA to inform development of new harvest strategy.
5.	Setting of management arrangements for the fishery, through consultation with the SGWCPFA Executive Officer and licence holders in the fishery.
6.	Participated in the SGWCPFA Management Committee and Research Sub-Committee meetings, providing accurate and effective information to assist these parties in the development of fisheries management advice to the Executive Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture
7.	<p>Attended to general correspondence and enquiries relevant to the WCPF.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed, Gazetted and distributed Fishing Run notices (2021/22). Prepared Notice to Fishers, Letter to EO – increases to vessel length and engine hp ratings. Responded to SGWCPFA correspondence regarding management arrangements and management issues. Considered and responded to West Coast Prawn Fishery request to re-incorporate Corvisart Bay into Harvest Strategy.
8.	Provided advice to Minister in relation to the management of fisheries and Ministerial correspondence.

	Provided advice to the Executive Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture on the management of the Fishery including inclusion of mid season transition to numbers of nights in a transitional fishery and Corvisart Bay into Harvest Strategy
9.	Communicated on fisheries management issues to key stakeholder groups and the broader community.

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); 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.	<p>Administered application process for 3 West Coast prawn fishery licences holder to apply for new grant of licence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed and posted out application forms for new licence • Followed up with licence holders to ensure forms returned prior to licence expiry • Collated and submitted applications to Executive Director for approval <p>Extended term of licence in PIIMS and printed updated licence and entitlements extracts for 3 licenses.</p>
4.	System maintenance including auditing user access and system testing after any system update.
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"> • 4 licence transfer applications • 5 vary master application • 3 third party interest applications
6.	Provided support via phone or email to any requests from licence holders.
7.	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.	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 and prepared standard goods and services agreement for execution.

Compliance Program

Deliverables

The coordination of compliance outputs is guided by a fishery specific compliance plan which was initially developed in consultation with the Spencer Gulf & West Coast Prawn Fishery and is reviewed annually.

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.

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.

The Spencer Gulf & West Coast Prawn Fishery Compliance Report is produced and forwarded to the Executive Officer, SG&WCPF.

