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Summary of Outcomes for 2021-22

Assessment and Research

Funding Source	Deliverables	Date Completed /Delivered
SLA	Delivered Stock Status report for Central Zone (CZ), including application of new CZ harvest strategy.	November 2021
SLA	Delivered Stock Status presentations, including year-to-date data, to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, and Industry.	November 2021
SLA	Completed surveys for Greenlip Abalone in the Tiparra Reef and West Yorke Peninsula SAUs.	December 2022
SLA	Received GPS/depth logger fine-scale data, maintained database and conducted analyses. No new GPS data were received after August 2021.	June 2022
PIRSA	Assisted with review/finalisation of Abalone Management Plan including harvest strategy implementation.	November 2022
PIRSA	Created draft separate catch and effort logbook for the CZ with an increased number of mandatory fields to capture Blacklip Abalone data.	Ongoing
PIRSA/FRDC	Project continuation: Accelerating Greenlip Abalone stock recovery in South Australia using release of hatchery-reared juveniles (2020/116).	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: Indicators for density and biomass of exploitable abalone – developing and applying a new approach (FRDC Project 2020/065)	June 2022
FRDC	Project continuation: Drawing strength from each other: simulation testing of Australia's abalone harvest strategies (FRDC Project 2019/118)	June 2022
FRDC	Project continuation: For the Abalone diver observation collection, analysis and reporting system for improved management decision making (FRDC Project 2019/038)	June 2022

Policy and Management Program

	Deliverables
1.	<p>Attended the two-day SARDI research workshop on Abalone enhancement genetics risk assessment method.</p> <p>Facilitated meeting with industry Executive Officer CZAF and Executive Director about management of the Central Zone Fishery.</p> <p>Facilitated meeting with industry to discuss available information to inform setting of the 2022 TACC and associated management arrangements at pre-TACC and TACC meetings.</p> <p>Invited Executive officer CZAF to information presentation on implementation of the Undercatch/Overcatch Policy Paper.</p>
2.	<p>Liaised within the PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, with SARDI, other parts of PIRSA and other State and Commonwealth agencies on matters relevant to fisheries management including the following key issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost recovery • Implementation of Undercatch/Overcatch Policy Paper
3.	<p>Liaised within PIRSA, with other government agencies and with industry representatives in implementing decisions and answering queries relevant to abalone fisheries management including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of industry reporting on Blacklip Abalone harvest under MOU to support recovery of stock including facilitating meetings with Executive Officer CZAF to discuss this matter • Invited Executive officer CZAF to information presentation on implementation of the Undercatch/Overcatch Policy Paper
4.	<p>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 as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burnell, O., Mayfield, S. and Bailleul, F. (2021). Assessment of the Central Zone Abalone (<i>Haliotis laevis</i> & <i>H. rubra</i>) Fishery in 2020. Report to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture • Reviewed the 'Economic Indicators for South Australian Abalone Fishery 2020/21 report and provided comment back to BDO EconSearch. • Reviewed report on annual TEPS interaction reports across all commercial fisheries • Provided annual report as required under the Abalone export approval under the EPBC Act
5.	<p>Finalised development and implementation of the <i>Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Abalone fisheries</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalised draft management plan and coordinated adoption of new management plan • Supported provision of new licences for CZAF licence holders
6.	<p>Liaised within PIRSA, CZAF and SARDI relevant to management and monitoring for Blacklip Abalone including consideration of industry reporting on Blacklip Abalone harvest to support recovery of stock including facilitating meetings with Executive Officer CZAF to discuss this matter.</p>

7.	<p>Prepared background information and developed recommendations for the Minister's consideration with licence holders through established co-management processes by coordinating and facilitating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-TACC meeting on 5 November 2021 • TACC meeting on 15 November 2021
8.	<p>Invited Executive officer CZAI to information presentation on implementation of the Undercatch/Overcatch Policy Paper</p> <p>Supported PIRSA, SARDI and industry meetings, related to research project for stock enhancement including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending meeting between CZAF industry, AIASA, PIRSA, SARDI • Supporting research project development and finalisation • Commenced assessment of application for Abalone release on Glenelg Reef
9.	<p>Invited Executive officer CZAI to information presentation on implementation of the Undercatch/Overcatch Policy Paper and sought advice on this matter.</p> <p>Supported regulation amendment to allow for ongoing arrangements to allow for carryover of uncaught quota, and overcatch of quota consistent with the PIRSA Undercatch/Overcatch Policy Paper.</p>
10.	<p>Attended to general correspondence and enquiries relevant to the CZAF including correspondence and Notice to Fishers.</p>
11.	<p>Provided advice to Minister in relation to the management of CZAF and Ministerial correspondence, including TACC briefings, implementation of ongoing carryover and overcatch arrangements consistent with the PIRSA Policy Paper.</p>
12.	<p>Communicated on fisheries management issues to key stakeholder groups and the broader community.</p>

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.

Leasing and Licensing Program

	Deliverables
1.	<p>Issued annual fee invoicing packs for all 6 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 and posted updated invoices each quarter.
2.	<p>Set up of the new Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) into PIIMS for the new quota season:</p> <p>Printed and posted updated registrations and entitlements certificates to all licence holders.</p>
3.	Generated 6 final quota balance statements and posted to all licence holders.
4.	<p>Data entry of 188 CDRs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data entry check of each CDR entered. <p>Manual filing and archiving of all 188 CDR documents.</p>
5.	Issuing of 700 bin tags in PIIMS to licence holders across 7 occasions.
6.	Issuing of CDR books into PIIMS and packing and posting to licence holders.
7.	Generated 12 monthly quota status reports for industry on catch status and CDRs received.
8.	<p>System maintenance including auditing user access and system testing after any system update:</p> <p>56 quota balance statements requested via the online system.</p>
9.	Regularly provided copies of CDR documentation to compliance for quota audit checks.
10.	Processed licensing and quota applications and liaised with government stakeholders to verify the credentials of fishers as required.

11.	Provided reports to fisheries management as required regarding meat weight and quota integrity issues raised by industry and as required to assist with fishery management decisions.
12.	Provided support via phone or email to any requests from licence holders.
13.	Regular filing and archiving of licensing and quota documentation.

Directorate Program

	Deliverables
1.	Reconciled and prepared financial documentation to ensure accuracy of FRDC contribution from CZAF.
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 for industry, including the annual report.
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.

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 Central Zone Abalone 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 Central Zone Abalone Fishery Compliance Reports are produced and forwarded to the Executive Officer, CZAF.</p>

