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# Summary of Outcomes for 2019-20

## Assessment and Research

Funding Source	Deliverables	Date Completed/ Delivered
SLA	<p>Delivered Advice Note relating to (5 year average) commercial catch per unit effort (CPUE). This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management of the fishing logbook program.</li> <li>• Entering data received into a secure database.</li> <li>• Administering, maintaining and developing the database.</li> <li>• Securely storing original logbook returns.</li> <li>• Validating returns, including consultation with fishers to correct errors.</li> <li>• Querying catch and effort information for Giant Crab.</li> <li>• Analysing (5 year averaged) targeted commercial CPUE for data between 2000/01 and 2018/19 seasons.</li> </ul>	August 2019
SLA	<p>Delivered annual stock status report. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management of the fishing logbook program.</li> <li>• Entering data received into a secure database.</li> <li>• Administering, maintaining and developing the database.</li> <li>• Securely storing original logbook returns.</li> <li>• Validating returns, including consultation with fishers to correct errors.</li> <li>• Querying catch and effort information for Giant Crab.</li> <li>• Analysing performance indicator data for data between 2000/01 and 2018/19 seasons.</li> <li>• Compilation and publication of the annual stock status report for the South Australian Giant Crab (<i>Pseudocarcinus gigas</i>) Fishery in 2018/19.</li> </ul>	March 2020
PIRSA	<p>Provided written advice to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture relating to potential maximum TACE carry over in the Giant Crab Fishery in 2020/21.</p>	24 April 2020

# Policy and Management Program

	Deliverables
1.	<p>Participated in inter and intra-departmental meetings and workshops on issues relevant to fisheries management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Held internal PIRSA meetings to discuss fisheries policy issues relevant to the Giant Crab Fishery.</li> </ul>
2.	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided input to the whole of Government submission to the Senate Standing Committees on Environment and Communications inquiry into the impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment.</li> <li>Considered COVID-19 mitigation measures for the fishery.</li> </ul>
3.	<p>Liaised within PIRSA, other government agencies and with industry representatives in implementing decisions relevant to fisheries management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Met with SARDI fisheries scientists regarding fishery status and 2019/20 TACC.</li> <li>Contacted key quota holder prior to setting 2019/20 TACC to seek industry feedback. Provided Notice to Fishers about TACC once determined.</li> </ul>
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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed the 2017/18 Giant Crab assessment report.</li> </ul>
5.	<p>Coordinated consultation with fishery stakeholders through established co-management processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distributed stock assessment reports to licence holders.</li> <li>Discussed COVID-19 mitigation measures for the fishery.</li> </ul>
6.	<p>Responded to enquiries from industry and other stakeholders on issues related to the fishery as required.</p>
7.	<p>Provided advice to the Minister and his delegate on recommended 2019/20 TACC for Giant Crab Fishery.</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. 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.

# Leasing and Licensing Program

	Deliverables
1.	<p>Issued annual fee invoicing packs to 12 licences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reported licence and quota unit information for cost recovery to assist in calculating new financial year annual fees</li> <li>• Entered new rates into the Primary Industries Information Management System (PIIMS)</li> <li>• Prepared Notice to Fishers for annual fee invoicing pack</li> <li>• Generated and audited invoices to ensure correct annual fee amount was raised</li> <li>• Issued invoices and SMS reminders each quarter</li> <li>• Generated 12 monthly debtor's reports to reconcile annual fee payments.</li> </ul>
2.	<p>Set up of the new Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) into PIIMS for the new quota season:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Printed and posted updated registrations and entitlements certificate to 1 licence holders.</li> </ul>
3.	<p>Data entry of 27 CDRs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data entry check of each CDR entered.</li> <li>• Manual filing and archiving of all 27 CDR documents.</li> </ul>
4.	Generated final quota balance statement and posted to licence holder.
5.	Generated 12 monthly quota status reports for industry on catch status and CDRs received.
6.	Generated reports on licencing information for compliance or fishery management purposes as requested.
7.	System maintenance including auditing user access and system testing after any system update.
8.	<p>Processed applications which included liaising with government stakeholders to verify the credentials of fishers as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 vary boat applications</li> <li>• 2 vary master applications</li> </ul>
9.	Provided support via phone or email to any requests from licence holders.
10.	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 draft and cost recovery documentation for all licence holders. All cost recovery documentation was sent licence holders prior to finalising the cost recovery programs.
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, etc.).
6.	Followed up queries that come up from licence holders in relation 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 Giant Crab fishers 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 sustainable harvest of Giant Crab. 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>In addition to the below summary of Program outcomes, the Giant Crab Fishery Compliance Report is produced annually and forwarded to fishers.</p>



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