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Summary of Outcomes for 2020-21

Assessment and Research

Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery

Funding Source	Deliverables	Date Completed /Delivered
SLA	Delivered Advice Note: Bycatch monitoring program 2019/20	June 2020
SLA	Delivered Advice Note: Stock status	July 2020
SLA	Completed November Fishery-independent survey & bycatch data collection	October 2020
SLA	Completed March Fishery-independent survey (including length-frequency) & bycatch data collection	March 2021
SLA	Completed April Fishery-independent survey & by-catch data collection	April 2021
SLA	Provided aggregated data to the Executive Officer, SGWCPFA	June 2021
PIRSA	Supported SGPF MSC audit	June 2021
FRDC	Commenced FRDC Project 2020/002: Nature and extent of the ecological assets conserved by the Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery to mitigate their ecological footprint	January 2021
FRDC	Updated chapter for Status of Australian Fish Stocks 2020	March 2021

West Coast Prawn Fishery

Funding Source	Deliverable	Date Completed /Delivered
SLA	November Fishery-independent survey not completed – removed at request of industry & refunded	
SLA	Delivered annual Advice Note reporting on performance indicators	November 2020
SLA	Completed March Fishery-independent survey	March 2021
SLA	Completed June Fishery-independent survey	June 2021
SLA	Delivered annual stock status report	July 2021
FRDC	Updated chapter for Status of Australian Fish Stocks 2020	March 2021

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 (ASFB workshop – catch sharing, 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.
	Reviewed SARDI Advice Notes (SGPF – 19/20 Stock Status Determination and SGPF Bycatch Monitoring).
	Reviewed annual Stock Status Report for the fishery prior to release for publication.
	Reviewed the BDO Econsearch Report for the fishery prior to release for publication.
	Reviewed and gazetted 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.
	Assisted the SGWCPFA, the MSC and the independent third-party auditors (MRAG Asia Pacific) with work and requirements to maintain MSC certification.
	Review and complete declarations associated with export of Spencer Gulf Prawns to USA and the EU.
3.	Liaise 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 including. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 November 2020 – Discuss and feedback on PIRSA Annual Report. 25 May 2021 – Met with EO – orientation into FM role. 17 June 2021 – Met with EO – issues of interest upcoming for SGWCPFA.
4.	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 under the delegation these positions have been provided. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 October 2020 – Management Committee at Sea – develop fishing strategy
5.	Participate 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 August 2020 – SGWCPFA Management Committee Meeting • 4 November 2020 – Management Committee – Monthly in-season management meeting including development of fishing strategy • 28 May 2021 – SGWCPF Research Sub Committee meeting. • 31 May 2021 – SGWCPF Management Meeting
6.	Implemented the new Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery (October 2020).
7.	Implementation and development of a bycatch monitoring program for the fishery in collaboration with the SGWCPFA Executive Officer and SARDI.
8.	<p>Attend 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 • Receive and note nightly catch rates and bucket counts (June 2021 Fishing Run) • Notice to Fishers – Temporary spatial closure for all Cephalopod species 12/5/21 • Response to SGWCPFA correspondence regarding Management Plan Process • Response to SGWCPFA regarding Processor Fees • Response to SGWCPFA regarding progressing co-management framework • Response to SGWCPFA regarding proposal for Innovation month <p>Maintained regular communication and strong working relationships with the Executive Officer of the SGWCPFA.</p>
9.	<p>Provided advice to Minister in relation to the management of fisheries and Ministerial correspondence.</p> <p>Provided advice to the Executive Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture on the management of the Fishery.</p> <p>Assessed applications for research permits under regulation 10 of the <i>Fisheries Management (Prawn Fisheries) Regulations 2017</i>.</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>
10.	Communicate on fisheries management issues to key stakeholder groups and the broader community.

	Deliverables
1.	Participated in several inter and intra-departmental meetings and workshops on issues relevant to fisheries management (ASFB workshop – catch sharing, 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.
4.	Delivered SARDI advice note reporting on key performance indicators in the fishery by 30 November 2020.
	Reviewed SARDI advice note – mid season setting of nights (in response to correspondence from SGWCPFA).
5.	Setting of management arrangements for the fishery, through consultation with the SGWCPFA Executive Officer and licence holders in the fishery.
5.	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
8.	<p>Attend to general correspondence and enquiries relevant to the WCPF.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed, Gazetted and distributed Fishing Run notices (20/21). Prepared Notice to Fishers, Letter to EO – increases to vessel length and engine hp ratings. Respond to SGWCPFA correspondence regarding management arrangements and management issues (July 2020). Review and consider request from SGWCPFA to drop November Venus Bay survey and re-allocate these resources and provided response. March 2021 – Correspondence to SGWCPFA regarding nights under transitional fishery status.
9.	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.

10.	Communicated on fisheries management issues to key stakeholder groups and the broader community.
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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. 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 <p>Generated 12 monthly debtor's reports to reconcile annual fee payments.</p>
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 licences.</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 • 2 vary master application • 2 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.	Prepared and coordinated tender documentation to contract successful applicant for the delivery of Economic Analysis of fisheries and aquaculture activities within SA for 2021-24.
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.
10.	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 Reports are produced annually and forwarded to the Executive Officer, SG&WCPF.



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