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Summary of Outcomes for 2021-22

Assessment and Research

Funding Source	Deliverables	Date Completed /Delivered
SLA	Delivered Advice Note: 2020/21 Standardised annual CPUE results	September 2021
SLA	Delivered stock assessment presentations to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture and Industry	September 2021
SLA	Delivered 2020/21 Stock Assessment Report	November 2021
SLA	Completed April/May 2022 Fishery Independent Survey	May 2022
SLA	Delivered Advice Note: April/May 2022 FIS results	July 2022
PIRSA	Supported review of the Harvest Strategy and Management Plan	June 2022

Policy and Management Program

	Deliverables
1.	Finalised review of management plan with feedback from the Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery Management Advisory Committee (GSVPFMAC).
2.	Developed replacement management plan with feedback from the GSVPFMAC.
3.	Sought legislation to provide for changes to maximum horsepower and vessel length.
4.	<p>Attended meeting of GSVPFMAC to seek advice on the setting of fishing nights for the 2021/22 season of the GSVPF.</p> <p>Prepared and distributed Notice to Fishers – arrangements for pre and post Christmas fishing nights.</p> <p>Prepared and notified licence holders on carry over of unfished nights into 2021/22.</p>
5.	<p>Participated in inter- and intra-departmental meetings and workshops on issues relevant to fisheries management including SARDI, Leasing and Licensing and Legislative units.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and implement a spatial closure in response to GSV industry request in the Northern Gulf waters (concluding July 2022). Preparation, lodgment, and distribution of SA Government Gazettal notices and associated correspondence for undertaking industry Surveys in the GSVP Fishery. Reviewed Gulf St Vincent status report (November 2021) and Advice Notes that inform application of the Harvest Strategy to set fishing nights.
6.	<p>Liaised within PIRSA, with other government agencies and with industry representatives in implementing decisions relevant to fisheries management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaised with the Executive Officer of the Saint Vincent Gulf Prawn Boat Owners Association (SVGPBOA) and licence holders in the fishery on the application, development and implementation of decisions relevant to fisheries management. Consideration of harvest strategy decision rules. Consideration of independent review of harvest strategy options. Attended meetings of GSVPFMAC to seek advice on the setting of fishing nights for the 2021/22 season of the GSVPF, management plan development, carry over of fishing nights. Prepared and distributed notice to Fishers – arrangements for pre and post Christmas fishing nights. Prepared and notified process for carry over of unfished nights in the fishery into 2021/22. Developed and implemented a spatial closure in response to GSV industry request in the Northern Gulf water (concluding July 2022). Preparation, lodgment, and distribution of SA Government Gazettal notices and associated correspondence for undertaking industry Surveys in the GSVP Fishery.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed report on annual TEPS interaction reports across all commercial fisheries. Provided annual report as required under the Prawn Fishery export approval under the EPBC Act
7.	<p>Liaised with SVGPBOA and licence holders on the fisheries management issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided advice to and participated in the GSVPFMAC and Research Sub-committee (RSC) meetings (8 & 26 October 2021, 5 May 2022) Provided correspondence in relation to TACE, management plan consultation, carry over of nights and other fishery management issues. Provided advice to and participate in the review of the harvest strategy through the RSC and the GSVPFMAC. Prepared and distributed Notice to Fishers – arrangements for pre and post Christmas fishing nights. Prepared and notified process for carry over of unfished nights in the fishery into 2021/22. Developed and implemented a spatial closure in response to GSV industry request in the Northern Gulf water (concluding July 2022). Invited EO SVGPBOA to presentation on implementation of the Undercatch/Overcatch Policy Paper.
8.	Attended to general correspondence and enquiries relevant to fisheries including NTF and letters to Executive Officers.
9.	Provided advice to Minister in relation on the implementation of the new management plan, total night setting and carry over provisions.
10.	<p>Communicated on fisheries management issues to key stakeholder groups and the broader community including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry and stakeholder consultation on the draft management plan for the fishery Public consultation and Aboriginal Traditional consultation on the draft management plan Participated in industry development initiatives related to fisheries management Consider and respond to feedback from submissions to Management Plan public consultation Reviewed the ESD Risk Assessment for the GSVPFMAC Finalised and implemented plan
11.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided advice to and participated in the GSVPFMAC at meetings on 8 & 26 October 2021, 5 May 2022. Provided advice to and participated in the review of the harvest strategy and management plan through the RSC and the GSVPFMAC.
12.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided advice to and participated in the RSC of the GSVPFMAC.

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 to 10 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>Set up of the prescribed number of fishing nights into PIIMS for the new fishing season:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entered new unit value against all 10 licences. <p>Printed and posted 10 updated registrations and entitlements certificates to all licence holders.</p>
3.	<p>Data entry of 35 fishing night logs: Manual filing and archiving of all 35 logs.</p>
4.	<p>Calculate uncaught nights on all 10 licences and apply additional nights to allocation for following season:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convert uncaught units into nights and calculate corresponding unit value for new season • Apply entitlement adjustments on 5 licences with uncaught nights remaining
5.	<p>System maintenance including auditing user access and system testing after any system update.</p>
6.	<p>Processed applications which included liaising with government stakeholders to verify the credentials of fishers as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 vary boat applications • 1 vary master applications • 9 quota transfer applications
7.	<p>Provided reports to fisheries management as required to assist with fishery management decisions.</p>
8.	<p>Provided support via phone or email to any requests from licence holders.</p>

9.	Regular filing and archiving of licensing and quota documentation.
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Directorate Program

	Deliverables
1.	Reconciled and prepared financial documentation to ensure accurate FRDC contribution from GSVPF.
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 from Gulf St Vincent Prawn Boat Owners Association 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 Gulf St Vincent Prawn 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 Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery Compliance Reports are produced and forwarded to the Executive Officer, GSVPBOA.</p>

