

PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture Fisheries Policy and Management Unit Services Delivered 2017-18 – Lakes and Coorong Fishery

Key Deliverables	Key Activities
<p>Development and implementation of management plan, including harvest strategies that protect sustainability of the fishery based on ESD risk assessment processes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implemented the Management Plan for the South Australian Lakes and Coorong Fishery • In consultation with industry, developed secondary indicators for the finfish harvest strategy to satisfy Marine Stewardship Council certification requirements • Finalised the Net and Pipi Operator User guide • Undertook work to develop and consult on management measures for Black Bream in the Lakes and Coorong
<p>Provision of instructions for preparation of legislative instruments and/or advice required for management of the fishery (regulations, closure notices, licence conditions, Ministerial exemptions, etc)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implemented a Section 79 closure notice for Murray Cod to support recovery of the fishery • Implemented a Section 115 Ministerial exemption to allow Pipi to be taken during the winter closed season • Implemented a Section 79 to manage closed areas for commercial and recreational Pipi fishing to support sustainable management of the Pipi fishery • Implemented temporary management arrangements to reduce the immediate impacts of long-nosed fur seals on licence holders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Section 115 Ministerial exemption to Increase the season in which 50 mm (2 inch) hauling nets may be used in Area 1 of the fishery by 106 days ○ Section 115 Ministerial exemption to Permit drum nets to be used by all LCF licence holders. ○ Increased the number of relief days per licence holder from 28 to 90 days. • Reviewed licence renewal notices for the Lakes and Coorong Fishery

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progressed proposal to amend owner operator provisions in Pipi sector of the fishery • Prepared for, participated in and followed up on actions related to the cost recovery process for the Lakes and Coorong Fishery • Prepared advice and correspondence for the Executive Director on issues related to the Lakes and Coorong Fishery
Provision of advice to the Minister or his/her delegate on setting total allowable commercial catch and effort levels for the fishery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided recommendations to the Minister and his delegate for determining the 2018/19 Pipi total allowable commercial catch. • Provided recommendations to the Minister and his delegate for determining the 2018/19 net total allowable commercial effort
Preparation of other policies to support fisheries management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in meetings to support the Net Fishery in the process for Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) re-certification. • Supported the development of broader policies that are relevant to the fishery including harvest strategy, and release of aquatic resources • Liaised and participated in meetings with Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, industry and other stakeholders to develop mitigation measures for Long Nosed fur seal interactions with the fishery • Undertook work to consult on and implement licence condition changes in the fishery • Undertook work to simplify regulatory arrangements in the fishery • Undertook work to support the implementation of e-catch into the fishery
Preparation of submissions to enable regular assessment of the Lakes and Coorong Fishery by the Australian Government under the EPBC Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted the Ecological Assessment of the South Australian LCF to the Department of the Environment (DotE) for reassessment under Part 13 of the EPBC Act 1999 • Continued to work with DotE and provide additional documentation and rationale to inform their reassessment of the fishery

Preparation of regular fisheries status reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed draft Economic Indicators Report for the South Australian Lakes and Coorong Fishery for 2016/17 • Reviewed draft statistical report for the Lakes and Coorong Fishery
Development and maintenance of day-to-day productive working relationships and outcomes through cooperative management and collaboration with stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in the Lakes and Coorong Fishery Management Advisory Committee • Participated in Lakes and Coorong Consultative Committee meetings • Regular communication with industry members, Southern Fisheries Association Executive Officer and Goolwa Pipi Harvesters Association chair • Responded to enquiries from industry and other stakeholders on issues related to the Lakes and Coorong Fishery