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Summary of Outcomes for 2020-21

Assessment and Research Finfish Sector

Funding Source	Deliverables	Date Completed /Delivered
SLA	Completed catch sampling of Yelloweye Mullet.	February 2021
SLA	Delivered LCF assessment report, including stock assessment for Yelloweye Mullet.	May 2021
SLA	Provided presentations on LCF assessment report, including stock assessment for Yelloweye Mullet, to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture and industry.	May 2021
PIRSA	Supported the workshop to examine the results of previous initiatives and future initiatives to help fishers with LNFS interactions.	April 2021
PIRSA	Worked with PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture and industry to support the recovery of Black Bream and Greenback Flounder.	June 2021
PIRSA	Supported the finalisation of the finfish harvest strategy and LCF Management Plan.	June 2021
PIRSA	Supported MSC re-accreditation (pre-assessments for Yelloweye Mullet and Mulloway).	May 2021
FRDC	Completed FRDC project 2016/001: Developing alternative strategies for managing seal-fisher impacts in the Lakes and Coorong Fishery.	April 2021
FRDC	Continued FRDC project 2018/036: Seal-fisher-ecosystem interactions in the Lower Lakes and Coorong: understanding causes and impacts to develop longer-term solutions.	June 2021
FRDC	Delivered chapter updates for Status of Australian Fish Stocks 2020 (Mulloway, Yelloweye Mullet and Black Bream).	March 2021
FRDC	Delivered new chapters for Status of Australian Fish Stocks 2020 (Greenback Flounder and Golden Perch).	March 2021

Pipi Sector

Funding Source	Deliverables	Date Completed /Delivered
SLA	Completed fishery independent biomass surveys completed.	May 2021
SLA	Delivered Advice Note on survey biomass and Papi stock status.	May 2021
SLA	Delivered survey biomass and stock status presentations to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, Industry and the LCFMAC.	June 2021
SLA	November 2020 fishery pre-recruit survey completed. May/June 2021 fishery pre-recruit survey not completed. Reflects several contributing factors including extreme weather and SA/VIC border closure due to COVID (contractor is an LCF licence holder who resides in Victoria). Contingency pre-recruit survey in May was not possible because the fishery had closed early, and the required vehicles were no longer on the beach.	November 2021
SLA	Delivered Stock Assessment of Papi.	July 2021
PIRSA	Supported the finalisation of the finfish harvest strategy and LCF Management Plan.	June 2021
PIRSA	Delivered Advice Note on bycatch from 2020/21 SARDI Papi surveys.	May 2021
FRDC	Completed chapter update for Status of Australian Fish Stocks 2020.	April 2021
PIRSA	Supported Papi MSC audit.	June 2021
PIRSA	Implemented New harvest strategy.	June 2021
FRDC/Goolwa Papi Co.	Continued FRDC project 2017/151: Progress innovative Papi harvesting based on real time biological and economic data.	June 2021

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"> Participated in meetings within PIRSA and with DEW to discuss issues relevant to the Management of the Lakes and Coorong Fishery
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 including the following key issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The impact of Long-nosed Fur Seals and investigating initiatives to limit the interaction with the commercial fishing operation. The current 'depleted' status of Black Bream and Greenback Flounder Development and adoption of a new Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Lakes and Coorong Fishery Implementation of fishery management changes that can provide greater certainty and confidence for licence holders Impact of COVID-19
3.	<p>Liaised within PIRSA, with other government agencies and with industry representatives in implementing decisions and answering queries relevant to Lakes and Coorong fisheries management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in 3 Lakes and Coorong Fishery Management Advisory Committee meetings Participated in 2 Lakes and Coorong Management Plan Working Group meetings Regular communication with industry members, Southern Fishermen's Association (SFA) Executive Officer and Pipi Co. Organised and participated in Long-nosed Fur Seals workshop Assessment of proposals from industry members for tourism opportunities within the Lakes and Coorong Fishery

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"> • Reviewed draft Economic Indicators Report for the South Australian Lakes and Coorong Fishery 2019/2020 • Reviewed 'Assessment of the South Australian Lakes and Coorong Fishery in 2019/2020' • Reviewed draft statistical reports for the Lakes and Coorong Fishery • Reviewed Pipi Stock Assessment Report 2020/2021 • Participated in the review process of the Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Lakes and Coorong Fishery
5.	Finalised and supported the Lakes and Coorong Management Plan Review and harvest strategies for both the Finfish and Pipi sectors.
6.	Consult with industry and SARDI in regard to future recovery strategies for Black bream and Greenback flounder stocks in the LCF.
7.	<p>Coordinate consultation and developed recommendations for the Minister's consideration with fishery stakeholders through established co-management processes by undertaking the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with industry representatives and SARDI through the Lakes and Coorong Fishery Management Advisory Committee in providing advice about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Setting total allowable commercial catch (TACC) and total allowable commercial effort (TACE for Pipi and finfish sectors or the Lakes and Coorong Fishery for 2021/2022 ○ Coordinating carry-over of uncaught Pipi quota from 2019/2020 quota period to 2021/2022 quota period ○ Management arrangements / recovery strategies for Black Bream and Greenback Flounder ○ Limiting Long-nosed Fur Seal interactions and assistance available to assist fishers. ○ The development of new Management Plan for the South Australian Lakes and Coorong Fishery and harvest strategies for the Finfish and Pipi sectors
8.	PIRSA facilitated a workshop with the LCFMAC, SARDI and industry to examine the results of previous initiatives and future initiatives to help commercial fishers with Long-nosed Fur Seal interactions.

9.	Participate in industry liaison in the field and on vessels to strengthen fishery management knowledge and understanding and develop rapport with licence holders.
10.	<p>Participated in industry development initiatives related to fisheries management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributed to discussion regarding adopting of calendar year and not the financial year in regard to the Pipi TACC setting. <u>Amended regulations to allow for commercial Pipi fishing for 12 months of the year</u>
11.	Attended to general correspondence and enquiries relevant to the Lakes and Coorong Fishery.
12.	<p>Provided advice to Minister in relation to the management of fisheries and Ministerial correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The recommended 2021/2022 TACC for Pipi The recommended 2021/2022 TACE for Finfish sector The recommended spatial separation of Pipi commercial and recreational fishers into regulations The recommended allowance of fishing for 12 months of the year for commercial Pipi fishing into regulations
13.	<p>Communicated on fisheries management issues to key stakeholder groups and the broader community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided Notice to Fishers in regard to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendments to regulations to incorporate spatial separation of commercial and recreational Pipi fishery and commercial fishing for 12 months of the year and adoption of new management plan Pipi and Finfish management arrangements for 2021/2022 Corresponded with the LCFMAC, with the Managing Director PipiCo and the Executive Officer Southern Fishermen's Association on fisheries management issues relating to the Lakes and Coorong Fishery Responded to enquiries from other stakeholders and community members regarding fisheries management issues relevant to the Lakes and Coorong Fishery. Distributed stock assessment and stock status reports to the LCFMAC and industry associations
14.	<p>Continued to support MSC accreditation for the Pipi and Finfish sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided information when required to MSC certifiers for the Pipi sector Participated in final Pipi assessment meeting

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); review & coordinate crown input into co-management contract.

Leasing and Licensing Program

	Deliverables
1.	<p>Issued annual fee invoicing packs for 36 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 <p>Generated 12 monthly debtor's reports to reconcile annual fee payments.</p>
2.	<p>Set up of the new Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) into PIIMS for the new quota season:</p> <p>Printed and posted 14 updated registrations and entitlements certificates to all licence holders.</p>
3.	<p>Generated final quota balance statements and posted to all 14 licence holders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculated any quota adjustments required to be entered into PIIMS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3 entitlement over-catch adjustments made. ○ 9 entitlement under-catch adjustments made. <p>Generated and posted updated registration and entitlements certificates.</p>
4.	<p>Extended term of licences in line with management plan extension and posted out new licence and entitlement certificates to all licence holders</p>
5.	<p>Data entry of 364 paper CDRs and electronic monitoring of 249 CDRs submitted via eCatch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data entry check of each CDR entered. <p>Manual filing and archiving of all 364 CDR documents.</p>
6.	<p>Issuing of bin tags in PIIMS to licence holders on 38 occasions requiring packaging for posting.</p>
7.	<p>Issuing of 7 CDR books into PIIMS and packing and posting to licence holders.</p>
8.	<p>Generated 12 monthly quota status reports for industry on catch status and CDRs received.</p>

9.	System maintenance including auditing user access and system testing after any system update: 58 quota balance statements requested via the online system.
10.	Regularly provided copies of CDR documentation to compliance for quota audit checks.
11.	Processed 17 applications which included liaising with government stakeholders to verify the credentials of fishers as below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 licence transfer applications • 4 vary master applications • 11 quota transfer applications
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.
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 - 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 for Southern Fisherman's Association and prepared standard goods and services agreement for execution.

Compliance Program

Deliverables
<p>The coordination of compliance outputs is guided by industry specific compliance plans for the Net (finfish) sector and the Pipi sector, which was initially developed in consultation with the Lakes and Coorong Fishery (L&CF) industry and are 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 Lakes and Coorong Fishery (L&CF) Compliance Reports are produced annually and forwarded to the Executive Officer, Southern Fisherman's Association (SFA).</p>



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