

## PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture Fisheries Policy and Management Unit Services Delivered 2017-18 – Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery

Key Deliverables	Key Activities
<p><b>Development and implementation of management plan, including harvest strategies that protect sustainability of the fishery based on ESD risk assessment processes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implemented the Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery (NZRLF) management plan, including harvest strategy</li> <li>• Initiated review of 2014 Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery (NZRLF), including harvest strategy.</li> </ul>
<p><b>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)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided Ministerial exemption to allow voluntary observer program to be undertaken in 2017/18</li> <li>• Implemented exemption related to VMS use in NZRLF into regulation</li> <li>• Provided support for implementation of determinations as part of Simplify Day outcomes.</li> <li>• Provided support for remaking of new <i>Fishery Management (Rock Lobster Fisheries) Regulations 2017</i>.</li> <li>• Provided Ministerial exemption and amended licence condition to allow for use of alternative pots as part of a collaborative research project</li> <li>• Provided Ministerial exemption to allow for use of alternative pots as part of a collaborative research project</li> <li>• Provided Ministerial exemption to all licence holders allowing for use of alternative sea lion exclusion devices following finalisation of a relevant research project testing the effectiveness of these devices.</li> <li>• Monitored the total catch, average catch, % Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) caught and number of catch disposal records of the NZRLF on a monthly basis</li> <li>• Assisted in the preparation of Notice to Fishers and Licence renewals for quota year</li> <li>• Prepared for, participated in and followed up on actions related to the cost recovery process for the NZRLF</li> <li>• Prepared advice and correspondence for the Executive Director on issues related to the</li> </ul>

	Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery.
<b>Provision of advice to the Minister or his/her delegate on setting total allowable commercial catch and effort levels for the fishery</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met with SARDI on several occasions to consider the status of stocks in the NZRLF and implications for management</li> <li>• Provided advice to the Minister and his delegate on recommended 2017/18 TACC for NZRLF</li> <li>• Supported and participated in meeting of the Rock Lobster Fishery Management Advisory Committee (RLFMAC) on 18 July 2017 and met with industry and SARDI to discuss recommendation for 2017/18 TACC for the NZRLF</li> </ul>
<b>Preparation of policies to support fisheries management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supported implementation of recommendations from a review of the stock assessment and monitoring program including review of the harvest strategy and standardisation of catch rate.</li> <li>• Assisted with a research project related to alternative pots for the NZRLF</li> <li>• Undertook work to simplify regulatory arrangements in the fishery.</li> </ul>
<b>Preparation of submissions to enable regular assessment of the Rock Lobster fisheries by the Australian Government under the EPBC Act</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated information on the NZRLF for the Department of the Environment and Energy</li> </ul>
<b>Preparation of regular fisheries status reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed the 2015/16 NZRLF assessment report and 2016/17 fishery status report</li> <li>• Reviewed the '<i>Economic Indicators for South Australian Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery 2015/16</i>' report and provided comment back to EconSearch</li> </ul>

<p><b>Development and maintenance of day-to-day productive working relationships and outcomes through cooperative management collaboration with stakeholders</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assisted with research projects related to alternative pots for the NZRLF</li><li>• Provided management advice at two RLFMAC and three RLFMAC Research Subcommittee meetings including considering outcomes of the review research and monitoring program</li><li>• Provided management advice at four meetings of the Harvest Strategy Review Working Group to review the harvest strategy for the fishery.</li><li>• Provided management advice at three Management Plan Working Group meetings.</li><li>• Attended one industry meeting to discuss fisheries management</li><li>• Met with SANZRLFA Executive Officer on a number of occasions to discuss ongoing and emerging issues</li><li>• Responded to enquiries from industry and other stakeholders on issues related to the NZRLF</li><li>• Assisted with implementation of recommendations from the review of Rock Lobster Research and Monitoring Program</li><li>• Provided management advice related to trailing of electronic reporting in NZRLF</li></ul>
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