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Summary of Outcomes for 2019-20

Assessment and Research

Funding Source	Deliverables	Date Completed/ Delivered
SLA	Completed analysis of egg samples from 2019 daily egg production method (DEPM) survey.	August 2019
SLA	Provided Advice Note to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture on carry-over of total allowable commercial catch (TACC) from 2019 to 2020.	October 2019
SLA	Delivered spawning biomass report.	October 2019
SLA	Delivered stock assessment report, including updated biological data and model.	October 2019
SLA	Delivered technical report assessing the interactions between short-beaked common dolphins (<i>Delphinus delphis</i>) and the South Australian Sardine Fishery (SASF) during purse-seine operations in the 2018-19 season.	October 2019
SLA	Completed measurement of fish samples from 2019. Reported on mean size in Spencer Gulf.	October 2019
SLA	Provided Advice Note to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture on Sardine-Dolphin interactions.	November 2019
SLA	Attended South Australian Sardine Industry Association (SASIA) Research and Management Meeting in Port Lincoln. Presented reports on dolphin interactions, spawning biomass, stock assessment and mean size data.	November 2019
SLA	Attended SASIA and PIRSA meetings in Port Lincoln on observer coverage and TACC for 2020.	November 2019
SLA	Attended meetings with industry and PIRSA on revision of fishing zones (establish 3 rd zone).	December 2019
SLA	Provided Advice Note to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture on establishment of Gulf St Vincent (GSV) Zone.	December 2019
SLA	Attended meeting with PIRSA and industry on harvest strategy review.	March 2020
SLA	Provided Advice Note to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture on implications of carry-over/carry-under quota.	April 2020
SLA	Attended TEPS Working Group meeting following dolphin mortality event.	April 2020
SLA	Provided verbal and written advice to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture on sardines.	Ongoing
SLA	Provided verbal and written advice to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture and sardine industry on mitigating dolphin interactions with the South Australian Sardine Fishery (SASF), including attending meetings with Executive Director.	Ongoing
SLA	Collected, collated and stored all key commercial fishery information necessary to assess the fishery and apply the harvest strategy.	Ongoing
FRDC	Commenced FRDC project 2019-063 "Assessment of the sustainability of common dolphin interactions with the South Australian Sardine Fishery".	Ongoing

Policy and Management Program

	Deliverables
1.	Coordinated and facilitated a workshop of Sardine licence holders and skippers in August 2019 to discuss issues in the fishery, including dolphin interactions and the harvest strategy for the fishery.
2.	Coordinated and facilitated two PIRSA meetings of Sardine licence holders to seek advice on the setting of the Total Allowable Commercial Catches (TACCs) of sardine and anchovy and the level of observer coverage for the 2020 season.
3.	Developed and consulted on policy and licence conditions to implement a third GSV Zone in the fishery for the 2020 season.
4.	Developed policy, in consultation with industry, to increase the TACCs (Gulf Zone and Outside Zone) during the 2020 season.
5.	Provided advice, both internally within PIRSA and externally with SASIA in relation to the carry-forward and carry-over of quota between the 2019/20 and 2020/21 seasons, for the purpose of drafting regulations to enact the management arrangements and developing policy positions.
6.	Provided advice to industry and the third party independent certifier on the reporting requirements for Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification.
7.	Provided advice to SASIA licence holders on the dolphin interactions in the fishery and the amendment of the SASIA Code of Practice to prevent marine mammal interactions. Four meetings with SASIA focused on this subject matter.
8.	Managed observer contract with Seatec Pty Ltd, including deployment of observers on vessels in the fleet and spatial and seasonal distribution of observer coverage.
9.	Develop and implemented the authorisation of observers employed by Seatec Pty Ltd, under the <i>Fisheries Management Act 2007</i> .
10.	In collaboration with Fisheries Officers (FOs) based in Port Lincoln conducted training session for observers employed by Seatec Pty Ltd to increase understanding of observer program and ensure effective application of observer duties.
11.	Coordinated an internal government review of the industry Code of Practice, providing information from the review to industry in written form and through presentations at SASIA meetings.
12.	Attended and contributed to five SASIA Wildlife Interaction Working Group meetings following the reporting of dolphin mortalities in the fishery.
13.	Regular communication with industry and SASIA Executive Officer.

14.	Attended 6 SASIA meetings to provide advice on the management of the Sardine Fishery.
15.	Provided advice to Minister in relation to the management of fisheries and Ministerial correspondence.
16.	Communicated on fisheries management issues to key stakeholder groups and the broader community, including the Conservation Council of South Australia.
17.	Reviewed draft SARDI reports prior to publication (DEPM survey, Sardine Stock Assessment and Effectiveness of Industry of Code of Practice to prevent Wildlife Interactions)
18.	Reviewed annual BDO Econsearch report for the fishery prior to release for publication.

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. Arrangements for electronic transactions / fees for commercial fisheries in Simplify Day 2018/19 Bill supporting correspondence briefings and ministerial documentation. Fees amendment cabinet submissions, settling of variation regulations, 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 for 14 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 new Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) into PIIMS for the new quota season:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printed and posted 14 updated registrations and entitlements certificates to all licence holders.
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"> ○ 4 entitlement over-catch adjustments made. ○ Generated and posted updated registration and entitlements certificates.
4.	<p>Data entry of 987 CDRs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data entry check of each CDR entered. • Manual filing and archiving of all 987 CDR documents.
5.	<p>Manual monitoring of 113 GSV Zone catch CDRs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 monthly reports produced to monitor Zone catch cap per licence.
6.	Issuing of 23 CDR books into PIIMS and packing and posting to licence holders.
7.	Generated 12 monthly quota status reports for industry on catch status and CDRs received.
8.	<p>System maintenance including auditing user access and system testing after any system update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 39 quota balance statements requested via the online system
9.	Regularly provided copies of CDR documentation to compliance for quota audit checks.

10.	<p>Processed applications which included liaising with government stakeholders to verify the credentials of fishers as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 vary boat applications • 1 vary master application • 31 quota transfer applications
11.	Generated reports on licensing information for compliance or fishery management purposes as requested.
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 of FRDC contribution.
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 standard goods and services agreement to engage contractors (i.e. delivery of Economic Assessment – BDO Advisory (SA) Pty Ltd., engagement of independent scientist as required, co-management services agreements, etc.).
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.

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 Sardine 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 Sardine Fishery Compliance Reports are produced annually and forwarded to the Executive Officer, SIASA.</p>



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