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Summary of Outcomes for 2021-22

Assessment and Research

Funding Source	Deliverables	Date Completed /Delivered
SLA	Delivered Advice Note on commercial CPUE	August 2021
SLA	Delivered Giant Crab stock status report	February 2022
FRDC	Project commencement: Giant Crab enhanced data collection – innovative approaches to enhance data collection in the Victorian, South Australian and Tasmanian Giant Crab fisheries (FRDC project 2019/114)	June 2022

Policy and Management Program

	Deliverables
1.	Participated in inter- and intra-departmental meetings and workshops on issues relevant to fisheries management including research project on use of digital images for tag-recapture information
2.	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 stock status and fishery monitoring
3.	Liaised within PIRSA, with other government agencies and with industry representatives in implementing decisions relevant to fisheries management. Sought legislative amendments to implement the arrangements described in the PIRSA Undercatch/Overcatch Policy Paper
4.	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 including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed SARDI Advice Note regarding 2020/21 fishery performance indicators Reviewed SARDI 2020/21 Stock Status Report Reviewed report on annual TEPS interaction reports across all commercial fisheries Provided annual report as required under export approval under the EPBC Act
5.	Coordinated consultation with fishery stakeholders through established co-management processes. For TACC setting; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Largest quota holder consulted through TACC process TACC package including Notice to Fishers for 2021/22 season prepared
6.	In a request from industry; amended license conditions to improve efficiency in the Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery to permit the use of rock lobster and giant crab pots concurrently.
7.	Participated in industry development initiatives related to fisheries management. Facilitated process to consider pot transition in FIS or other agreed processes to refine harvest strategy or management plan.
8.	Attended to general correspondence and enquiries relevant to the Giant Crab Fishery.
9.	Provided advice to Minister in relation to the management of fisheries (TACC) and Ministerial correspondence.
11.	Communicated on fisheries management issues to key stakeholder groups and the broader community.
12.	Provided an Annual Report on PIRSA's service delivery of the Cost Recovery.

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.

Leasing and Licensing Program

	Deliverables
1.	<p>Issued annual fee invoicing packs to 12 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> <p>Printed and posted updated registrations and entitlements certificate to 12 licence holders.</p>
3.	<p>Data entry of 24 CDRs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data entry check of each CDR entered. <p>Manual filing and archiving of all 24 CDR documents.</p>
4.	Generated final quota balance statement and posted to licence holder.
5.	Generated 12 monthly quota status reports for industry on catch status and CDRs received.
6.	Generated reports on licencing information for compliance or fishery management purposes as requested.
7.	System maintenance including auditing user access and system testing after any system update.
8.	<p>Processed applications which included liaising with government stakeholders to verify the credentials of fishers as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 vary boat application • 1 vary master application • 2 licence transfer applications
9.	<p>Administered application process for 12 licence holders to apply for new grant of licence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed and posted out application forms for new licence • Followed up with licence holders to ensure forms returned prior to licence expiry • Collated and submitted applications to Executive Director for approval

	Extended term of licence in PIIMS and printed updated licence and entitlements extracts for 12 licenses.
10.	Provided support via phone or email to any requests from licence holders.
11.	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 draft and cost recovery documentation for all licence holders. All cost recovery documentation was sent licence holders prior to finalising the cost recovery programs.
5.	Followed up queries that come up from licence holders in relation 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.

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 Giant Crab fishers.</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 Giant Crab 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>