

PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture Fisheries Policy and Management Unit Services Delivered 2017-18 – Southern Zone Rock Lobster 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 Southern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery (SZRLF) management plan, including harvest strategy • Initiated review of 2013 Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Southern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery (SZRLF), including harvest strategy.
<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"> • Supported development of instructions for determinations required to implement electronic reporting for the SZRLF • Provided support for remaking of new <i>Fishery Management (Rock Lobster Fisheries) Regulations 2017</i>. • Monitored the total catch, average catch, % Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) caught and number of catch disposal records of the SZRLF on a monthly basis • Assisted in the preparation of Notice to Fishers and Licence renewals for quota year • Prepared for, participated in and followed up on actions related to the cost recovery process for the SZRLF fishery • Provided advice to the Executive Director and responded to correspondence on issues related to the SZRLF fishery



<p>Provision of advice to the Minister or his/her delegate on setting total allowable commercial catch and effort levels for the fishery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI) on several occasions to consider the status of stocks in the SZRLF and implications for management • 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 SZRLF. • Provided advice to the Minister and his delegate on recommended 2017/18 TACC for SZRLF
<p>Preparation of policies to support fisheries management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted with research projects related to alternative pots for the SZRLF • 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. • Undertook work to simplify regulatory arrangements in the fishery.
<p>Preparation of submissions to enable regular assessment of the Rock Lobster fisheries by the Australian Government under the EPBC Act</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated information on the SZRLF for the Department of the Environment and Energy
<p>Preparation of regular fisheries status reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed the 2015/16 SZRLF assessment report and 2016/17 fishery status report. • Reviewed the 2015/16 '<i>Economic Indicators for South Australian Southern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery</i>' report and provided comment back to EconSearch

<p>Development and maintenance of day-to-day productive working relationships and outcomes through cooperative management collaboration with stakeholders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided management advice at two RLFMAC and three Research Subcommittee meetings including considering outcomes of the review of research and monitoring program• Provided management advice at four meetings of the Harvest Strategy Review Working Group to review the harvest strategy for the fishery.• Provided management advice at three Management Plan Working Group meetings.• Participated in seven industry meetings in Robe, Southend, Carpenters Rocks, Port Macdonnell• Met with SEPFA Executive Officer on a number of occasions to discuss ongoing and emerging issues including FIMS review, Research and Monitoring program review outcomes, implementation of e-Catch.• Responded to enquiries from industry and other stakeholders on issues related to the SZRLF• Assisted with implementation of recommendations from the review of Rock Lobster Research and Monitoring Program•
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