

PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture Fisheries Policy and Management Unit Services Delivered 2017-18 –Sardine 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"> • Implementation and application of the Sardine Fishery Management Plan, including the 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"> • Prepared a notice to exempt vessels under 7.5 m from requirement to use a VMS. • Prepared an exemption for the use of Sardine nets within specific Marine Scalefish Fishery netting closures. • Participated in five meetings of the research and management committee and three TEPS working group. • Presented at the 25th anniversary celebration of the South Australian Sardine Industry Association. • Prepared documentation and presented documentation to enable the species maray, blue sprat and sandy sprat to be listed as permitted species to be taken in Sardine nets in Schedule 1 of the <i>Fisheries Management (Marine Scalefish Fishery) Regulations 2017</i>. • Developed recommendations on observer coverage for 2018 in consultation with industry. • Reviewed licence conditions and updated fishery user guide. • Provided advice and assisted with the engagement in the Marine Stewardship Council certification process. • Provided advice to the observer program contractor, where and when necessary. • Provided advice and assisted with the development of certified bins and bin weights to improve the quota integrity process for unloading at the wharf and at sea. • Prepared for, participated in and followed up on actions related to the cost recovery process for the Sardine fishery. • Prepared advice and correspondence for the Executive Director on issues related to the

	Sardine Fishery.
Provision of advice to the Minister or his/her delegate on setting total allowable commercial catch and effort levels for the fishery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with SARDI regarding the DEPM survey and the results to consider implications for management and inform the harvest strategy. • Held and participated in meetings with industry stakeholders to develop 2018 total allowable commercial catch recommendations in November 2017. • Provided advice to the Minister and his delegate on the recommended 2018 TACC.
Preparation of policies to support fisheries management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported the development of broader policies that are relevant to the fishery including harvest strategy, bycatch, Threatened Endangered and Protected Species (TEPS) interactions and release of aquatic resources. • Undertook work to simplify regulatory arrangements in the fishery.
Preparation of submissions to enable regular assessment of the South Australian Sardine Fishery by the Australian Government under the EPBC Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated information on the South Australian Sardine Fishery for the Department of the Environment and Energy.
Preparation of regular fisheries status reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed the report <i>Spawning biomass of sardine, Sardinops sagax, in waters off South Australia Sardine Fishery 2017</i>. • Reviewed the report <i>Effectiveness of an industry Code of Practice in mitigating the operational interaction of the South Australian Sardine Fishery with the short beaked common dolphin (Delphinus delphis)</i>. • Reviewed the <i>Economic Indicators for the South Australian Sardine Fishery</i> report.

<p>Development and maintenance of day-to-day development and maintenance of productive working relationships and outcomes through cooperative management and collaboration with stakeholders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participated in industry meetings, including research and management committee and Wildlife Working Group.• Sought advice from the Wildlife Working Group on the level of observer coverage to assess the effectiveness of the industry code of practice to prevent dolphin interactions.• Held regular general discussions with EO, SARDI, licence holders and skippers.• Responded to general queries from industry and other stakeholders on issues relevant to the Sardine fishery.• Held discussions with the South Australian Conservation Council on the observer program to monitor interactions with dolphins in the South Australian Sardine Fishery.• Held discussions with the assessors for the assessment of the South Australian Sardine Fishery for Marine Stewardship Council certification.
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