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Summary of Outcomes for 2022-23

Assessment and Research

Funding Source	Deliverables	Date Completed /Delivered
SLA	Delivered Stock Assessment report for Central Zone (CZ), including application of CZ harvest strategy.	Not Completed. Expected completion date is November 2023.
SLA	Delivered Stock Assessment presentations, including year-to-date data, to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, and Industry.	November 2022
SLA	Receive GPS/depth logger fine-scale data, maintain database and conduct analyses.	Not completed; no new data received and industry refunded allocated costs
PIRSA	Review the science program, including data needs for monitoring blacklip recovery, and host a zone workshop with PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture and Industry including follow-ups as needed.	Completed. Workshop replaced by meeting with Michael Tokley in February 2023
PIRSA	Assisted with implementation of Abalone Management Plan including application of harvest strategy.	November 2022
PIRSA/FRDC	Project completion: Accelerating Greenlip Abalone stock recovery in South Australia using release of hatchery-reared juveniles (Phase 1 - genetics risk assessment and preliminary cost-benefit analysis) (2020/116; Principal Investigator: Dr Stephen Mayfield).	Not completed. Expected completion date is October 2023
FRDC	Project completion: Abalone diver observation system (FRDC Project 2019/038; Principal Investigator: Dr John Minehan)	December 2022
FRDC	Project continuation: Evaluation of a smart-phone application to collect recreational fishing catch estimates, including an assessment against an independent probability based survey, using South Australia as a case study (FRDC project 2020/056; Principal Investigator: Dr Crystal Beckmann).	June 2023
FRDC	Project continuation: Best practice and policy in abalone stock enhancement, restocking and translocation (FRDC project 2019/110; Principal Investigator: Dr Lachlan Strain).	June 2023
FRDC	Project continuation: Indicators for density and biomass of exploitable abalone – developing and applying a new approach (FRDC Project 2020/065; Principal Investigator: Dr Keith Sainsbury).	June 2023
FRDC	Project continuation: Drawing strength from each other: simulation testing of Australia's abalone harvest strategies (FRDC Project 2019/118 Principal Investigator: Dr Cathy Dichmont).	June 2023

Fisheries Management Program

	Deliverables	Due date
1.	Participated in inter- and intra-departmental meetings and workshops on issues relevant to fisheries management.	Ongoing
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.	Ongoing
3.	Liaised within PIRSA, with other government agencies and with industry representatives in implementing decisions relevant to fisheries management.	Ongoing
4.	Conducted regular assessment and review of existing management arrangements for fisheries management, including analysis of statistical information on fisheries and interactions with threatened, endangered and protected species.	November 2022
5.	Implementation <i>Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Abalone fisheries</i> under the <i>Fisheries Management Act 2007</i> .	Ongoing
6.	<p>Identified initiatives to recover the Blacklip abalone stocks in Kangaroo Island.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support consideration of appropriate arrangements to monitor the recovery of Blacklip stocks around Kangaroo Island. Work with industry to identify initiatives to support the recovery of Blacklip abalone stocks at Kangaroo Island. 	Ongoing
7.	<p>Coordinated consultation with fishery stakeholders through established co-management processes.</p> <p>For TACC setting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre TACC Meeting (if requested) TACC Meeting 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>October 2022</p> <p>November 2022</p>
8.	Participated in industry development initiatives related to fisheries management to progress implementation of under and overs catch of quota into legislation.	October 2022
9.	Attend to general correspondence and enquiries relevant to the CZAF.	Ongoing
10.	Provided advice to Minister in relation to the management of fisheries and Ministerial correspondence.	Ongoing
11.	Communicate on fisheries management issues to key stakeholder groups and the broader community.	Ongoing

Legal Services Programs

	Deliverables
1.	Co-ordinated and reviewed the introduction, amendment or revocation of Fisheries legislation in line with Fisheries Policy decisions i.e. Act or regulation amendments, the introduction of new regulations and drafting of other legislative and administrative instruments such as delegations, licences, permits, closures or exemption instruments as required under the <i>Fisheries Management Act 2007</i> (the Act). New regulations or amendments that required drafting of Cabinet submissions and supporting documentation, including the preparation of drafting instructions, for consideration by Cabinet. This service included co-ordinating and reviewing of the cabinet process and working with the Office of Parliamentary Counsel and the Crown Solicitor's Office and other government agencies to ensure that proposed regulatory arrangements were accurately described, drafted and scrutinised before being implemented.
2.	Reviewed licensing arrangements required on an as needs basis to lawfully implement approved fishery management policy and measures within the limitations of the Act. The services included working with the Licensing program (part of Leasing and Licensing) and policy program to ensure licence conditions were effective and where necessary to implement efficient administrative systems and finalised forms and instruments that were legally sound.
3.	Problem solved and reviewed policy developments together with the provision and co-ordination of legal advisory services in liaison with the Crown Solicitor's office relating to the lawful implementation and administration of the Act, regulations and fisheries management policies, interaction with other Acts, and the defence of those policies and arrangements raised in litigation or industry correspondence.
4.	Additional legal services to support and review, on an as needs basis, the legislative compliance of decision-making documentation created for 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 a fishery in any particular year (where required), depending on positive or negative scientific indicators, implemented new fisheries management arrangements (for example the introduction or variation of a quota system, carry over of quota arrangements) or new administrative or compliance arrangements (for example, changes to licensing processes, conditions, introduction of closures).
5.	Supported compliance with statutory interpretation, problem solving and correspondence advice (per above).

Leasing and Licensing Program

	Deliverables
	Services to directly support the fishery
1.	Issued and maintained fishery licences.
2.	Managed the database for licence renewals.
3.	Quota monitoring and management including applying overcatch and undercatch adjustments and entry and monitoring of 232 CDR's and eCDR's. Please note that the number of CDR's and eCDR's is different to what is reported in Fleet summary reporting statements as this report is a financial year summary.
4.	Collected licence fees and associated payments for 6 CZ Abalone licences.
5.	Composed and sent quarterly instalment notices for 6 CZ Abalone licences.
6.	Recorded and tracked unpaid invoices.
7.	Drafted and issued notices to fishers.
8.	Processed requests for information from fishers who made enquiries over the counter, through FISHWATCH, via facsimile or e-mail. For example, helping fishers to process information relevant to licensing and quota, application for quota transfers, boat changes and fishing regulations.
9.	Regularly updated information about licence holders.
10.	Researched and prepared documents for public record.
11.	Liaised with government stakeholders to verify the credentials of fishers.
12.	Liaised with PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, SARDI Aquatic Sciences, and other state and local agencies on matters relevant to the fishery.
13.	Drafted and updated licence conditions over the duration of the licensing year as determined by the Executive Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture.
14.	Provided information to licence holders relating to the requirements pursuant to licence administration.
15.	Managed calls from fishers regarding late payment notices, fees and general enquiries about their licences.

16.	Provided support regarding last minute administrative enquiries from fishers e.g., master changes, boat variations and quota transfers, as well as provide advice and support to fishers on licence information and application completion
	Services to support fisheries management
1.	Participated in inter- and intra-departmental meetings and workshops on issues relevant to the fishing industry.
2.	Liaised with relevant staff within PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture in implementing decisions relevant to the fishery (e.g. eCDR implementation).
3.	Interrogated the PIIMS database to extract information for other stakeholders to use in preparing reports.
4.	Prepared reports requested by internal and external customers including maintenance of a public register of licence holders.
5.	Liaised with information technology providers to maintain PIIMS and administer licensing requests.
6.	Generated quota management reports to update stakeholders on varying Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) returns and end of season quota holdings.

Directorate Program

	Deliverables
1.	Coordinated and facilitated the cost recovery processes and program agreements, including liaising with program providers, managers and financial services as required.
2.	Met with industry on matters relating to cost recovery, licence setting and related policy issues.
3.	Developed and reviewed cost recovery policy, processes, program agreements.
4.	Managed major service providers' contractual agreements, and co-management services contractual agreements with industry associations.
5.	Project managed and administered external contractual services and agreements – including liaising with PIRSA Accredited Purchasing Unit, preparing acquisition plans and selecting evaluation criteria, managing tender processes, drafting purchase recommendations and liaising with the Crown Solicitor's office to develop contractual agreements.
6.	Provided advice on procurement and invoicing requirements.
7.	Consulted with the Chief Executive, Executive Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture, Director Operations, PIRSA Fisheries Managers, and the Office of the Minister and other parties as needed.
8.	Ongoing review, development and documentation of the cost recovery model, framework, processes and roles.
9.	Met agreed timeframes on management and administration of external contractual services.
10.	Coordinated a review of the Co-Management Services request form, managed industry association co management services requests and payments.
11.	Provided an Annual Report on PIRSA's service delivery on the cost recovery agreement to the Executive Officer.
12.	Provided administrative support to the Independent Cost Recovery Review Panel, e.g. mail outs to all licence/lease holders, meeting coordination, travel bookings and other adhoc administration support during the review.

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 Central Zone Abalone 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 Central Zone Abalone Fishery Compliance Reports are produced and forwarded to the Executive Officer, CZAF.</p>