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Summary of Outcomes for 2020-21

Assessment and Research

Funding Source	Deliverables	Date Completed /Delivered
SLA	Egg samples from 2020 Fishery-independent (DEPM) survey processed	August 2020
SLA	Delivered Spawning Biomass Report (2020 survey)	October 2020
SLA	Delivered SASF dolphin interactions (2019/20) report.	October 2020
FRDC	Continued FRDC Project 2019/063: Assessment of the sustainability of common dolphin interactions with the South Australian Sardine Fishery	June 2021
FRDC	Submitted project application: Mitigating dolphin interactions with small pelagic fisheries	June 2021
FRDC	Completed FRDC Project 2017/027: Validating a new sampling technique for estimating egg production	March 2020
FRDC	Updated chapter for Status of Australian Fish Stocks 2020	December 2020
FRDC	Commenced FRDC Project 2019/014: Evaluate use of genetic approaches (DNA-Metabarcoding) to estimate spawning area and monitor pelagic ecosystems	January 2021

Policy and Management Program

	Deliverables
1.	Coordinated and facilitated a workshop of Sardine licence holders in December 2020 related to review of management plan for the fishery. Coordinated and supported review of current management plan for the fishery with the SASIA Management and Research Committee as requested by Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development.
2.	Coordinated and facilitated a PIRSA meeting 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 2021 season. Coordinated decision making process for setting TACCs and observer coverage.
3.	Provided support in transitioning the Sardine Fishery from MSF Regulations to Sardine Fishery Regulations.
4.	Supported regulation amendment to allow for carryover of uncaught 2019/20 quota to 2020/21 Implemented carry-over arrangements of uncaught quota entitlements from the 2019/20 to 2020/21 seasons.
5.	Provided advice to industry and the third party independent certifier during annual review for Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification.
6.	Provided support to assess tenders for Sardine Observer program. Managed observer contract with provider, including deployment of observers on vessels in the fleet and spatial and seasonal distribution of observer coverage.
7.	Attended and contributed to five SASIA Wildlife Interaction Working Group meetings.
8.	Regular communication with industry and SASIA Executive Officer.
9.	Attended SASIA meetings to provide advice on the management of the Sardine Fishery.
10.	Provided advice to Minister in relation to the management of fisheries and Ministerial correspondence.
11.	Communicated on fisheries management issues to key stakeholder groups and the broader community, including the Conservation Council of South Australia.
12.	Reviewed draft SARDI reports prior to publication (DEPM survey, Sardine Stock Assessment and Effectiveness of Industry of Code of Practice to prevent Wildlife Interactions).
13.	Reviewed annual BDO Econsearch report for the fishery prior to release for publication.
14.	Developed reassessment report for export approval for the Sardine Fishery under the EPBC Act.

Legislation Program

	Deliverables
1.	Oversight and advice regarding 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 and review of policy documentation and arrangements and responses to industry correspondence, as necessary.
3.	Oversight of applications process and review of proposed 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. <p>Generated 12 monthly debtor's reports to reconcile annual fee payments.</p>
2.	<p>Allocated additional quota entitlements to all 14 licences in line with the setting of additional TACCs for the 2020 fishing season.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200 units allocated in each zone to all licences.
3.	<p>Set up of the new Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) into PIIMS for the new quota season:</p> <p>Printed and posted 14 updated registrations and entitlements certificates to all licence holders.</p>
4.	<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"> ○ 28 entitlement over-catch adjustments made. <p>Generated and posted updated registration and entitlements certificates.</p>
5.	<p>Data entry of 920 CDRs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data entry check of each CDR entered. <p>Manual filing and archiving of all CDR documents.</p>
6.	<p>Manual monitoring of 56 GSV Zone catch CDRs:</p> <p>10 monthly reports produced to monitor Zone catch cap per licence.</p>
7.	<p>Separated the Sardine fishery from MSF licences involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of new registration type in PIIMS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designed application forms for Sardine net holders to apply for a Sardine specific licence. Posted out, collated returned forms and submitted to Executive Director for approval of grant of licences. Creation of 14 new licences in PIIMS and transferral of all relevant data from existing MSF licences with Sardine net endorsement. <p>Update of Sardine CDR form to remove references to MSF fishery.</p>
8.	Issued 14 new licences and printed licence and entitlements extracts for Sardine licence holders.
9.	Issuing of 18 CDR books into PIIMS and packing and posting to licence holders.
10.	Generated 12 monthly quota status reports for industry on catch status and CDRs received.
11.	<p>System maintenance including auditing user access and system testing after any system update:</p> <p>48 quota balance statements requested via the online system.</p>
12.	Regularly provided copies of CDR documentation to compliance for quota audit checks.
13.	<p>Processed applications which included liaising with government stakeholders to verify the credentials of fishers as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 vary master applications 4 licence transfer applications 32 quota transfer applications
14.	Generated reports on licensing information for compliance or fishery management purposes as requested.
15.	Provided support via phone or email to any requests from licence holders.
16.	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 and coordinated tender documentation to contract successful applicant for - for the delivery of Economic Analysis of fisheries and aquaculture activities within SA for 2021-24.
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.
10.	Prepared and coordinated tender documentation to contract successful applicant for the provision of Independent Observer Coverage to the Sardine Industry for 2021-23.

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 of the South Australian Sardine Industry Association.</p>



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