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# Summary of Outcomes for 2020-21

## Assessment and Research

Funding Source	Deliverables	Date Completed /Delivered
SLA	Delivered SACBF data summary report.	August 2020
SLA	Provided presentations on SACBF data summary report to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture and Industry.	July 2020
PIRSA	Delivered Snapper stock assessment.	September 2020
FRDC	Completed chapter updates for Status of Australian Fish Stocks 2020 (including Snapper, KGW, Southern Garfish, etc.).	March 2021
FRDC	Continued FRDC project 2019/044: Quantifying post-release survival and movement of Snapper ( <i>Chrysophrys auratus</i> ): Informing strategies to engage the fishing community in practices to enhance the sustainability of an important multi-sector fishery.	June 2021
FRDC	Continued FRDC project 2017/014: Informing structural reform of South Australia's Marine Scalefish fishery.	June 2021
FRDC	Continued FRDC project 2018/035: Fisheries biology of Western Australian Salmon: improving our understanding of population dynamics in South Australia to enable quantitative stock assessments and improved fisheries management.	June 2021
FRDC	Continued FRDC project 2018/055: Developing a positive cultural attitude towards the capture and release of sharks and rays.	June 2021
FRDC	Continued FRDC project 2019/046: Cost-effective, non-destructive solutions to developing a pre-recruit index for Snapper.	June 2021

# Policy and Management Program

	Deliverables
1.	Participated in inter and intra-departmental meetings and workshops on issues relevant to fisheries management.
2.	Liaised with 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.
3.	Liaised with PIRSA, with other government agencies and with industry representatives in implementing decisions and answering queries relevant to Charter Boat fisheries management.
4.	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed draft Economic Indicators Report for the South Australian Charter Boat Fishery 2019/2020</li> <li>Extended the term of the Management Plan for the South Australian Charter Boat Fishery, to allow for review and redevelopment of management arrangements</li> </ul>
5.	In consultation with industry, developed and implemented temporary Snapper management arrangements for the South East in regard to the Charter Boat Fishery.
6.	Implemented the Charter Boat Diversification Fund, including assessment of applications against fisheries policy.
7.	<p>Coordinated consultation with fishery stakeholders through established co-management processes.</p> <p>Met with the Charter Boat Association (CBASA, formally SCBOOA) Executive Officers formally and informally on a range of occasions by email and telephone.</p>
8.	Participated in industry liaison in the field and on vessels to strengthen fishery management knowledge and understanding and develop rapport with licence holders.
9.	Participated in industry development initiatives related to fisheries management (including changes to Southern Bluefin Tuna Charter Boat limits and corresponding trip limits for tuna and a number of large scalefish species).
10.	Attended to general correspondence and enquiries relevant to the Charter Boat Fishery, including with fishers in the industry.
11.	Provided advice to Minister in relation to the management of fisheries and Ministerial correspondence relevant to the Charter Boat Fishery.

12.	<p>Communicated on fisheries management issues to key stakeholder groups and the broader community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided Notice to Fishers regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Snapper closure for the South East</li> <li>○ Extension of the duration of the Management Plan for the South Australian Charter Boat Fishery</li> <li>○ Temporary Snapper fishery management arrangements</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Corresponded with CBASA Executive on fisheries management issues relating to the Charter Boat Fishery.</li> </ul>
13.	<p>Participated in Snapper Management Advisory Committee meetings to discuss Snapper and marine scalefish species management.</p>

# 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 (where required), review & coordinate crown input into co-management contract.

# Leasing and Licensing Program

	Deliverables
1.	<p>Issued annual fee invoicing packs for 81 licences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reported licence and quota unit information for cost recovery to assist in calculating new financial year annual fees</li> <li>• Entered new rates into the Primary Industries Information Management System (PIIMS)</li> <li>• Prepared Notice to Fishers for annual fee invoicing pack</li> <li>• Generated and audited invoices to ensure correct annual fee amount was raised</li> <li>• Issued invoices and SMS reminders each quarter</li> </ul> <p>Generated 12 monthly debtor's reports to reconcile annual fee payments.</p>
2.	<p>Issued Snapper charter tag packages to 77 licences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1386 tags issued in PIIMS.</li> </ul> <p>77 packages compiled and posted out.</p>
3.	<p>Monitored payment plans for 6 licence holders that requested alternate payment arrangements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creation of 6 individual payment plans</li> </ul> <p>Liaised with Shared Services SA to allocate payments against invoices.</p>
4.	<p>System maintenance including auditing user access and system testing after any system update.</p>
5.	<p>Processed applications which included liaising with government stakeholders to verify the credentials of fishers as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 vary boat applications</li> <li>• 6 licence transfer applications</li> <li>• 6 vary master applications</li> </ul> <p>1 licence surrender</p>
6.	<p>Generated reports on licensing information for compliance or fishery management purposes as requested.</p>
7.	<p>Sent 7 Notice to Fishers to all 81 licence holders.</p>
8.	<p>Extended term of licences in line with management plan extension and posted out new licence and entitlement certificates to all licence holders.</p>



9.	Provided support via phone or email to any requests from licence holders.
10.	Regular filing and archiving of licensing 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 report 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.	Coordinated co-management services request for the Charter Boat Fishery and prepared standard goods and services agreement for execution.

# 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 Charter Boat 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 Charter Boat Fishery Compliance Reports are produced annually and forwarded to the Executive Officer, CBASA.</p>



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