

PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture

Fisheries Policy and Management Unit Services Delivered 2017-18 –Gulf St Vincent Prawn 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"> • A meeting of licence holders was held in October 2017 to seek advice on the management strategy for the 2017/18 season (number of fishing nights pre and post-Christmas). • Four meetings of the Saint Vincent Gulf Prawn Boat Owners Association were held to consider and develop management arrangements for the fishery. • Provided and considered advice with industry and SARDI on the development of management arrangements for the fishery. • Provided advice to the Executive Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture and the Minister on management arrangements for the South Australian Commercial Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery. • The Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery came into effect on 1 July 2017.
<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 an exemption notice for the annual May fishery independent stock assessment survey. • Prepared an exemption notice for the annual prawn fishing gear trial area prior to the fishing season opening. • Prepared for, participated in and followed up on actions related to the cost recovery process for the Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery. • Prepared advice and correspondence for the Executive Director on issues related to the Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery. • Prepared documentation and participated in discussions with industry regarding the operation and potential modification of legislative arrangements in relation to the operation of chafe mats in the Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery. • Prepared documentation and participated in discussions concerning the closure of

	<p>northern Gulf St Vincent to prawn trawling to prevent the capture of small prawns. Northern Gulf St Vincent was closed to prawn trawling under s79 of the <i>Fisheries Management Act 2007</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in discussions and prepared documentation on the potential reimbursement of fishing nights in the Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery following breakdowns or the snagging of gear. • Prepared documentation advising the Natural Resources Committee of Parliament of South Australia on the management arrangements in the Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery, in particular the structural adjustment mechanisms available.
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"> • Provided advice on the recommended effort levels in fishing nights for the fishery in 2017/18.
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 (including TEPS) and release of aquatic resources • Undertook work to simplify regulatory arrangements in the fishery.
Preparation of submissions to enable regular assessment of Prawn fisheries under the EPBC Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed reassessment documentation for accreditation of the Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery under the <i>Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>
Preparation of regular fisheries status reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted in the development of the fisheries status report by the South Australian Research Development Institute (SARDI).
Development and maintenance of productive working relationships and outcomes through cooperative management and collaboration with stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held regular meetings with the Executive Officer of the St Vincent Gulf Prawn Boat Owner's Association. • Visited individual licence holders to discuss certain aspects of management of the fishery. • Responded to enquiries from industry and other stakeholders on issues related to the Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery • Provided a presentation to the Saint Vincent Gulf Prawn Boat Owner's Association Annual

	General Meeting.
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