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Summary of Outcomes for 2020-21

Assessment and Research

Funding Source	Deliverables	Date Completed /Delivered
SLA	Delivered Advice Note: 2019/20 Standardised annual CPUE results	August 2020
SLA	Delivered stock assessment presentations to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture and Industry	September 2020
SLA	Delivered 2019/20 Stock Assessment Report	September 2020
SLA	Completed May Fishery Independent Survey (FIS)	May 2021
SLA	Delivered Advice Note: May 2021 survey results	June 2021
SLA	Reviewed and updated Matlab bio-economic model, evaluate Harvest Strategy using pre-existing management scenarios, presented results to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture and GSVPF Research Sub Committee.	June 2021
SLA (2)	Delivered field trials and report relating to the effects of different cod-end mesh sizes on catch (and Fishery Independent Catch Per Unit Effort).	February 2021
PIRSA	Provided advice note to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture on implications of carry-over quota (TACE).	August 2021
PIRSA	Provided advice note to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture on effect of water temperature on 2019/20 season Fishery Independent Catch Per Unit Effort.	November 2020
PIRSA	Supported review of the Harvest Strategy and Management Plan.	June 2021
FRDC	Updated chapter for Status of Australian Fish Stocks 2020	April 2021

Policy and Management Program

	Deliverables		
1.	Participate in inter and intra-departmental meetings and workshops on issues relevant to fisheries management.		
2.	Review BDO EconSearch report for the GSVPF.		
3.	Liaised within the Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, with SARDI Aquatic Sciences, other parts of PIRSA on the application, development and implementation of decisions relevant to fisheries management.		
4.	Liaised with the Executive Officer of the Saint Vincent Gulf Prawn Boat Owners Association (SVGPBOA) and licence holders in the fishery on the application, development and implementation of decisions relevant to fisheries management.		
	Meeting with EO – GSVPF Management Plan Review (19 May 2021)		
	Meeting with EO's - Review Goals and Objectives of GSVPF Management Plan (3 June 2021)		
5.	Attend to general correspondence and enquiries relevant to fisheries.		
6.	Provide advice to the Minister in relation to the management of fisheries and Ministerial correspondence.		
7.	Communicate on fisheries management issues to key stakeholder groups and the broader community.		
8.	Noted the Project Agreement between the SVGPBOA and SARDI regarding net calibration.		
9.	Preparation, lodgment, and distribution of SA Government Gazettal notices for November and December 2020 for Surveying in the Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery.		
10.	Provide advice to and participate in the Gulf Saint Vincent Prawn Fishery Management Advisory Committee (GSVPFMAC).		
11.	Provide advice to and participate in the Research Sub-Committee (RSC) of the GSVPFMAC.		
12.	Provide advice to and participate in the review of the harvest strategy through the RSC and the GSVPFMAC.		
13.	Prepare Minute to the Minister – Review of GSVPF Management Plan / development of new Management Plan (June 2021).		
14.	Coordinate and facilitate the meeting of licence holders in the fishery to seek advice on the setting of fishing nights for the 2020/21 season of the GSVPF.		

15. Prepared and distributed notice to Fishers – arrangements for post Christmas fishing nights.

Legislation Program

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 *Fisheries Management Act 2007* (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); reviewed and coordinated crown input into co-management contract.

Leasing and Licensing Program

	Deliverables		
1.	Issued annual fee invoicing packs to 10 licences:		
	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		
	Generated 12 monthly debtor's reports to reconcile annual fee payments.		
2.	Set up of the prescribed number of fishing nights into PIIMS for the new fishing season:		
	Entered new unit value against all 10 licences.		
	Printed and posted 10 updated registrations and entitlements certificates to all licence holders.		
3.	Data entry of 40 fishing night logs:		
	Manual filing and archiving of all 40 logs.		
4.	Calculate uncaught nights on all 10 licences and apply additional nights to allocation for following season:		
	 Convert uncaught units into nights and calculate corresponding unit value for new season 		
	Apply entitlement adjustments on 5 licences with uncaught nights remaining		
5.	System maintenance including auditing user access and system testing after any system update.		
6.	Processed applications which included liaising with government stakeholders to verify the credentials of fishers as below:		
	4 vary boat applications		
	6 vary master applications		
	10 quota transfer applications		
7.	Provided reports to fisheries management as required to assist with fishery management decisions.		

8. Provided support via phone or email to any requests from licence holders.9. Regular filing and archiving of licensing and quota documentation.

Directorate Program

	Deliverables
1.	Reconciled and prepared financial documentation to ensure accuracy FRDC contribution from GSVPF.
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.	Coordinated co-management services request from Gulf St Vincent Prawn Boat Owners Association and prepared standard goods and services agreement for execution.

Compliance Program

Deliverables

The coordination of compliance outputs is guided by a fishery specific compliance plan which was initially developed in consultation with the Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery and is reviewed annually.

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.

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.

The Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery Compliance Reports are produced annually and forwarded to the Executive Officer, GSVPBOA.

