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Summary of Outcomes for 2022-23

Assessment and Research

Funding Source	Deliverables	Date Completed /Delivered
SLA	Data summary report delivered	November 2022
SLA	Report presentations to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture and Industry delivered as required.	November 2022
Other SLA	Assessment of the South Australian Marine Scalefish Fishery	September 2023
FRDC	Project continuation: Developing a positive cultural attitude towards the capture and release of sharks and rays (FRDC project 2018/055; Principal Investigator: Dr Michael Drew).	June 2023
FRDC	Project completion: Fisheries biology of Western Australian salmon: improving our understanding of population dynamics in South Australia to enable quantitative stock assessments and improved fisheries management (FRDC project 2018/035; Principal Investigator: Dr Jason Earl).	Not completed. Expected completion date is June 2024
FRDC	Project continuation: Cost-effective, non-destructive solutions to developing a pre-recruit index for Snapper (FRDC project 2019/046; Principal Investigator: Dr Anthony Fowler).	June 2023
FRDC	Project completion: 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 (FRDC Project 2019/044; Principal Investigator: Dr Troy Rogers).	Not completed. Expected completion date is June 2024
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: Identifying biological stocks of Silver Trevally and Ocean Jackets for assessment and management (FRDC Project 2021/009; Principal Investigator: Dr John Stewart)	June 2023
FRDC	Project Proposal: A cost-efficient stock assessment program to determine status and set quota for Southern Calamari fisheries. (Note: this is a proposal, not a funded program)	June 2023

Fisheries Management Program

	Deliverables
1.	Implemented a new <i>Management Plan for the South Australian Charter Boat Fishery (2022)</i> .
2.	<p>In consultation with industry / the Marine Scalefish Fishery Management Advisory Committee, a total allowable recreational catch (TARC) (for the charter boat fishery) was set for the 2022/23 year for Snapper in the South East Fishing Zone.</p> <p>Consideration of the CBASA proposal to carry-over 10% of the 2022/23 TARC was considered.</p>
3.	<p>Progressed reform to reduce red tape in the Charter Boat Fishery including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigated the use of Rock Lobster pots Implemented a Ministerial exemption to effectively remove upper size limit of Wrasse (Rock Cod) as a short term measure while regulatory changes are considered.
4.	Continued to progress red tape reduction requests made by the Charter Boat Association of South Australia, including commitments to explore strategic policy priorities within the new Management Plan.
5.	Participated in inter- and intra-departmental meetings and workshops on issues relevant to fisheries management.
6.	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 including on Snapper management arrangements, and proposals for Rock Lobster pots.
7.	<p>Liaised within PIRSA, with other government agencies and with industry representatives in implementing decisions and answering queries relevant to Charter Boat fisheries management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The extension of the Snapper closure in the short-term and regulatory amendments to implement the closure long-term Ministerial exemption to enable the transit through Snapper closed areas with lawfully caught Snapper on board
8.	<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"> Reviewed draft Economic Indicators Report for the South Australian Charter Boat Fishery 2021/2022, and associated dashboard

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed the draft SARDI Charter Boat Fishery Report 2021/22 Updated the Charter Boat Fishery operator user guide Reviewed the results of the 2021/22 Recreational Fishing Survey
9.	<p>Coordinated consultation with fishery stakeholders through established co-management processes, including consultation with key stakeholders on the issue Rock Lobster pots.</p> <p>Met with the Charter Boat Association (CBASA) Executive Officer formally and informally on a number of occasions by email and telephone.</p>
10.	Participated in industry liaison through meetings and written correspondence to strengthen fishery management knowledge and understanding and develop rapport with licence holders.
11.	Attended to general correspondence and enquiries relevant to the Charter Boat Fishery, including with fishers in the industry.
12.	Provided advice to the Minister in relation to the management of fisheries and Ministerial correspondence relevant to the Charter Boat Fishery.
13.	<p>Communicated on fisheries management issues to key stakeholder groups and the broader community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided Notice to Fishers regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary Snapper fishery management arrangements for the South East Charter Boat licence application processes Temporary management arrangements for Wrasse Charter Boat fee relief as part of the Snapper support package No annual licence fee to Charter Boat Fishery licence holders who decide not to operate during the Snapper closure Corresponded with CBASA Executive on fisheries management issues relating to the Charter Boat Fishery.

Legal Services Program

	Deliverables
1.	Co-ordinate and review 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 require drafting of Cabinet submissions and supporting documentation, including the preparation of drafting instructions, for consideration by Cabinet. This service includes 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, including fee arrangements 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.	Database management for licence and licence holder information.
3.	Collected licence fees and associated payments.
4.	Composed and sent quarterly instalment notices.
5.	Recorded and tracked unpaid invoices.
6.	Composed and sent late payment instalment notices for un-paid quarterly instalments.
7.	Issued bin sealing tags.
8.	Drafted and issued notices to fishers.
9.	Processed requests for information from fishers who make such inquiries over the counter, through the call centre, via facsimile or e-mail. For example, helping fishers to process information relevant to licensing, application for licence transfers, boat changes, gear enquiries and fishing regulations.
10.	Regularly update information about licence holders.
11.	Researched and prepared documents for public record.
12.	Liaised with government stakeholders to verify the credentials of fishers.
13.	Liaised with PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, SARDI Aquatic Sciences, Crown Solicitors and other state and local agencies on matters relevant to the fishery.
14.	Drafted and updated licence conditions over the duration of the licensing year as determined by the Executive Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture.
15.	Provided information to licence holders relating to the requirements pursuant to licence administration.
16.	Managed calls from fishers regarding late payment notices, fees and general enquiries about their licences.
17.	Provided support regarding administrative enquiries from fishers e.g., master changes and boat variations, as well as provide advice and support to fishers on licence information, to complete the required forms.
	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.
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.

Directorate Program

	Deliverables
1.	Reviewed and finalised licence fee structure for category 1, 2 and 3.
2.	Coordinated and facilitated the cost recovery processes and program agreements, including liaising with program providers, managers and financial services as required.
3.	Met with industry on matters relating to cost recovery, licence setting and related policy issues.
4.	Developed and reviewed cost recovery policy, processes, program agreements.
5.	Managed major service providers' contractual agreements, and co-management services contractual agreements with industry associations.
6.	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.
7.	Provided advice on procurement and invoicing requirements.
8.	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.
9.	Ongoing review, development and documentation of the cost recovery model, framework, processes and roles.
10.	Met agreed timeframes on management and administration of external contractual services.
11.	Coordinated a review of the Co-Management Services request form, managed industry association co management services requests and payments.
12.	Provided an Annual Report on PIRSA's service delivery on the cost recovery agreement to the Executive Officer.
13.	Provided administrative support to the Independent Cost Recovery Review Panel, eg 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 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 Report is produced and forwarded to the Executive Officer, CBASA.</p>