

All licence holders
Torres Strait Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery

21 August 2006

**Public Comments Sought on the Allocation Advisory Panel Draft Report of
Advice for the Torres Strait Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery**

Dear licence holder,

The Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority (PZJA) established an Allocation Advisory Panel (AAP) to provide advice on the allocation of commercial fishing concessions in the transferable vessel holder (non-community) commercial fishing sectors in the Torres Strait Tropical Rock Lobster, Spanish Mackerel and Reef Line Fisheries.

I enclose a copy of a draft tropical rock lobster fishery report for your consideration. This report contains the draft recommendations of the AAP. Extensive stakeholder consultation was conducted in the drafting of this report, including public meetings held in Cairns and on Thursday Island between 25-29 June 2006. The AAP would like to thank those stakeholders who participated in the public meetings and those who provided written submissions during the initial consultation phase.

The draft report has been produced in accordance with the terms of reference provided by the PZJA. The AAP is calling for public comments on the draft report to be provided by Thursday 21 September 2006. The AAP will review public comments before finalising the report. Comments received after the closing date may not be able to be considered by the AAP. All comments must be provided in writing and should be delivered to the secretariat officer listed below.

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Please note that all information contained in written submissions may be published by the Allocation Advisory Panel in the course of its work. The final report will be presented to the PZJA at its next meeting.

If you require further clarification on any of the information presented in this letter please contact the AAP secretariat officer on (02) 6272 3752.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey Miles". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jeffrey Miles AO
Chair
Allocation Advisory Panel