

Long term harvest strategy

The TSPMAC discussed the progress on the development of the long term harvest strategy and the intention to finalise it by the end of 2008. The TSPMAC acknowledged that the harvest strategy itself will not specifically define the Total Allowable Effort (TAE) for the fishery, however will outline the decision rules which should be used for setting and regulating the TAE throughout a season. The TSPMAC agreed to form an expert working group to ensure prompt and effective finalisation of the harvest strategy.

Ghost nets and marine debris

The TSPMAC discussed the current concerns with the large amount of marine debris that is being found in the areas around Yorke and Coconut Islands and acknowledged the PZJA's request from PZJA 22 for a review of the extent of this rubbish. The TSPMAC agreed to look into possible funding sources and methods for such a survey to be conducted.

Strategic Assessment conditions and recommendations

The TSPMAC discussed the recommendation that had come out of the strategic assessment process for the TSPF and noted that the process had occurred as a part of the finalisation of the TSPF Management Plan. The TSPMAC agreed to all of the draft conditions and recommendations arising from DEWHA's reassessment of the TSPF.

Cost share budget

The TSPMAC noted the budget for the fishery for the 2008/2009 financial year and acknowledged the decrease compared to the budget that was presented at the out of session TSPMAC meeting on 6 May 2008. The TSPMAC acknowledged that the government levy relief will run out this year.

Call for new TSPMAC non-traditional inhabitant member

The TSPMAC acknowledged the resignation of TSPMAC industry member Mr Bob Robbins, and agreed that a process to find a new non-traditional inhabitant industry member for the TSPMAC should commence. They agreed that a processor with knowledge of the marketing side of the industry should be targeted in light of the current economic status of the fishery and market prices.

Next meeting

The TSPMAC agreed to hold the next TSPMAC meeting on 3-4 December 2008.



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