

The following decisions were made by the PZJA by correspondence on 23 December 2005:

With respect to the Torres Strait Tropical Rock Lobster (TRL) Fishery,

- 1.1 the PZJA **AGREED** to:
 - (a) carry over the 30% reduction in the TVH sector as it was implemented in 2005;
 - (b) maintain a cap on Traditional Inhabitant Boat (TIB) licences greater than six metres with a CR endorsement, that is, to not grant new licences for TIB licensed lobster boats of greater than six metres in length; and
 - (c) prohibit the use of hookah to take rock lobsters for a period of approximately seven days each month corresponding with the strongest spring tides from February to September, inclusive.
- 1.2 the PZJA **CONFIRMED** its intentions to implement long-term management arrangements in the tropical rock lobster fishery according to the Project Plan with a view to introducing a quota management system at an appropriate time in 2007.
- 1.3 The PZJA **NOTED**:
 - (a) the non-community commercial sector has renewed its interest in allowing the trading of tenders between licence packages which is prevented by PZJA policy; and
 - (b) Management's advice is to consider this issue in the context of the management plan for the fishery which will take effect in 2007.