

Action Items from previous TRL Working Group meetings

Pending action items from the February 2007 TRL Working Group meeting

Number	Action	Agency	Progress
1	Consult with stakeholders about the inclusion/exclusion of reefs that are in the border of EC and TS, i.e. South Ledge, North Ledge, Meggi Damun, etc.	AFMA/QDPI&F	Pending
2	Ensure that recreationally caught lobsters must have the same requirements for tail punching in the Torres Strait as they will on the East Coast.	QDPI&F	Research will be conducted to test the effects of tail marking on lobster. This project may be carried out around January or February 2008
3	Also seek to have a recreational closure in TS to coincide with the Queensland closures as previously recommended by the working group.	QDPI&F	
4	Consult with communities and return to the next Working Group with proposed areas where any form of commercial fishing would be prohibited (i.e. areas provided for traditional fishing only), and consider the issue of setting aside and explicit allocation of catch for traditional fishing after consultation with Traditional Inhabitants	CFG/TSRA	Pending until there is available information on traditional take
5	Agencies to provide advice on the compliance implications of permitting the leasing of TRL licences	QDPIF/AFMA	Pending
6	Amend Fisheries Management Notice on carrying hookah gear during the closure	AFMA	Pending

Pending action items from May 2007 TRL Working Group meeting

Number	Action	Agency	Progress
1	Send record of the February working group meeting and action items for the members to ratify	AFMA	Done
2	Investigate if community management plans could be determined by the Minister and implemented under the Act	DAFF	If its a plan to govern community fishing then it is possible. There is lots of precedent for separate rules for community fishers and commercial fishers in the TSFs. However a proposal for community management plan will need to be consider (even a rough proposal) to figure out how it could be implemented. Everything needs to be consistent with the Treaty, and consideration to priority, cost/benefit, implementability and enforceability must be considered
3	Ask QDPI&F licensing system about their card printing system and process	QDPI&F	
4	Take the charter boats control issue to Queensland and investigate possible solutions – traditional inhabitants seeking to limit numbers of charter boat operators in Torres Strait before the number becomes excessive.	QDPI&F	
5	Check with DAFF if PNG boat endorsement need to go through the Native Title owners after the management plan is in place	AFMA/QDPI&F	
6	Investigate the possibility that the PZJA could delegate the setting of the preliminary TAC to the Standing Committee so the season could start on December	AFMA/QDPI&F	Yes it could be possible
7	Ask the RAG to clarify which	AFMA	Boat time is the effort

	effort time needs to be recorded in logbooks, diving time or when the boats leave and return to the primary vessel.		time the RAG will require
8	Find out more information on the Tasmanian GPS tracking device and the possibility to set a project to apply this tool into the Torres Strait TRL fishery	AFMA	Done
9	Investigate if a group of TIB licence holders (community) could lease quota from the TVH sector	AFMA/QDPI&F	
10	Clarify adjustment to the PNG quota allocation based on the proportion of the stock in the Australian outside but near area	DAFF	Pending, AFMA to ask their legal team