

FEEDBACK SHEET

for RESOURCE ALLOCATION CONSULTATION PAPER of 1 June 2005

RETURN BY 5pm THURSDAY 30 JUNE 2005

Comments can be provided by faxing the feedback sheet to (02) 6272 4875, emailing it to inga.davis@daff.gov.au, or sent via post (please remember that mail from the Torres Strait could take up to a week to reach Canberra) to:

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Please note again the working assumptions of the consultation paper options before proceeding:

The PZJA and the decision making forum in PNG have not made policy decisions that would cover all of the assumptions listed below. It is a pre requisite for any long term effective resource allocation decisions that a prior decision be made on the allocation being made to traditional way of life, resource use and PNG.

The future scenarios presented in this consultation paper assume the following:

- that a global total allowable catch (TAC) or effort (TAE) will be established for the TRL and the Finfish fisheries;
- that a particular proportion of that catch will be set aside for maintenance of the traditional way of life and livelihood of the Traditional Inhabitants including their traditional fishing;
- that the remaining TAC or TAE will be divided in accordance with the Article 23 base entitlements to a commercial fishery in respect of the Australian jurisdiction (that is 75% to Australia and 25% to PNG);
- that when a future resource allocation scenario is described as a percentage in this consultation paper, it is a percentage of the Australian entitlement to the Australian jurisdiction of the commercial fishery – for example, 30% of the 75% that Australia is entitled to once Traditional Inhabitant rights have been allocated;
- that each sector will then be managed to remain within their share of the global TAC or TAE using either input or output controls;
- that should the annual discussions with PNG indicate that there is some availability of their 25% of their entitlement to the Australian jurisdiction commercial fishery, this would be made available to the sectors on a pro-rata basis in accordance with the percentages that the future scenarios provide – for example 30% of the 25% of the TAC or TAE available to be commercially fished in the Australian jurisdiction; and
- should future interest evolve in accessing the Australian entitlement in the PNG jurisdiction (or in the territorial seas of the specified areas) these would be distributed on a pro-rata basis in accordance with the percentages that the future scenarios provide – for example 30% of the 25% of the TAC or TAE available to be commercially fished in the PNG jurisdiction.

TRL FISHERY OPTIONS

Key: TI – Traditional Inhabitant, n – non-Traditional inhabitant

Please indicate your preference in the corresponding shaded boxes below each option using the numbers 1 to 6 (using '1' to indicate your highest preference, '2' to indicate your second highest preference, etc, and lastly '6' to indicate your lowest preference).

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Option 6
Status Quo	30(TI):70(n)	100(TI):0(n)	50:50	70(TI):30(n)	towards 0(TI):100(n)

Please add any further comments in the comments box below or on a separate page, clearly marked with the options and/or fishery you are commenting on.

Comments:

FINFISH FISHERY OPTIONS

Key: TI – Traditional Inhabitant, n – non-Traditional inhabitant

Please indicate your preference in the corresponding shaded boxes below each option using the numbers 1 to 6 (using '1' to indicate your highest preference, '2' to indicate your second highest preference, etc, and lastly '6' to indicate your lowest preference).

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Option 6
Status Quo	20(TI):80(n)	100(TI):0(n)	50:50	80(TI):20(n)	towards 0(TI):100(n)

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Comments:

It would be greatly appreciated if you would also indicate the following by circling a suitable response:

1. Are you a recognised Traditional Inhabitant of the Torres Strait?

YES

NO

2. Which fishery do you derive the most income from?

TRL FISHERY

FINFISH FISHERY

3. Which sector of the TRL Fishery are you primarily employed in?

TRADITIONAL INHABITANT (COMMUNITY) SECTOR

NON-TRADITIONAL INHABITANT SECTOR

4. Which sector of the Finfish Fishery are you primarily employed in?

TRADITIONAL INHABITANT (COMMUNITY) SECTOR

NON-TRADITIONAL INHABITANT SECTOR

5. Are you a resident of the Torres Strait?

YES

NO