



21 January 2009

Dear Torres Strait Prawn Fishery Licence Holder,

**Re: Torres Strait Prawn Fishery Management Plan**

I am writing to provide you with an update on the Torres Strait Prawn Fishery Management Plan 2009 (the Plan) which has been developed by the Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority (PZJA).

The Plan has been developed in consultation with industry members, PZJA consultative bodies including the Torres Strait Prawn Management Advisory Committee, key government agency personnel and was released for a 30 day public consultation period from 2 June to 2 July 2008.

The Plan has been agreed to by the PZJA and will come into effect before the commencement of the 2009 season on 1 March. A copy of the Plan is attached for your information, and you will be informed as soon as possible following the registration of the Plan as a legislative instrument under the Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984.

As part of the consultation process with industry, officials of the PZJA agencies held two public meetings in Mooloolaba (Thursday 18 September 2008) and Cairns (Friday 19 September 2009) to which all entitlement holders were invited. At these two meetings, the PZJA agencies presented an overview of the Plan and provided an opportunity for entitlement holders to ask questions.

Many important issues concerning the Plan were raised. In response, PZJA agencies have developed a question and answer paper to address these concerns. It is available on the PZJA website at [www.pzja.gov.au](http://www.pzja.gov.au). A copy is also attached for your reference.

If you have further questions or queries in relation to the implementation of the plan you can contact either Yvonne Zunic at AFMA on (02) 6225 5394 (email [Yvonne.Zunic@afma.gov.au](mailto:Yvonne.Zunic@afma.gov.au)) or raise the issue with any of the PZJA agencies.

Yours sincerely

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