

## Protected Zone Joint Authority

### Out-of-session outcomes

Finalised August 2020

#### Overview

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This is a record of decisions made by the PZJA out-of session and finalised in August 2020. Details on when each member agreed to the decision package is provided at [Attachment A](#).

#### 1. Total Allowable Effort in the Torres Strait Prawn Fishery for the 2021-2023 fishing seasons

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1.1. The PZJA **AGREED** that the Total Allowable Effort (TAE) in the Torres Strait Prawn Fishery (TSPF) will be 9,200 days for the 2021, 2022 and 2023 fishing seasons, pursuant to subsection 2.5(1) of the *Torres Strait Prawn Fishery Management Plan 2009*.

#### 2. Granting of Permit for Scientific Purposes – 2020, 2021 & 2022 population surveys for the Torres Strait Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery

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2.1. The PZJA **AGREED** to grant a Permit for Scientific Purposes in accordance with section 12(1) of the *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984* (the Act) to enable CSIRO to undertake a fishery independent dive survey of Tropical Rock Lobster (TRL) within the area of Torres Strait TRL Fishery in 2020.

2.2. The PZJA **AGREED** for the Chair to sign and date the Permit for Scientific Purposes for the 2020 survey, and to sign and date Scientific Permits, upon AFMA's receipt of application, for repeat TRL surveys in 2021 and again in 2022.

2.3. The PZJA **NOTED** that no submissions were received in response to native title consultation conducted under section 24HA of the *Native Title Act 1993* (the Native Title Act) with regards to the proposed grant of a Permit for Scientific Purposes.

#### 3. Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority Annual Report 2016-17, 2017-18 & 2018-19

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3.1. The PZJA **APPROVED** the *Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority Annual Report 2016-17, 2017-18 & 2018-19* for tabling in the Australian Parliament in accordance with Section 41 of the *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984*.

3.2. The PZJA **ENDORSED** the report by signing the signature page for inclusion in the final report.

#### 4. Developmental Permit Application – Mr Anthony Salam

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4.1. The PZJA **NOTED** that in April 2019 the PZJA agreed to the development of a policy, in consultation with fishery stakeholders, for the granting of developmental permits in Torres Strait fisheries, and that until a policy has been agreed by the PZJA, no new developmental permits will be granted that seek an exemption to the policy for TIB vessels to be fully crewed and operated by Traditional Inhabitants.

4.2. The PZJA **NOTED** that the policy remains under development, with a draft anticipated to be ready for PZJA's consideration in late 2020.

4.3. The PZJA **AGREED** to NOT grant a Permit for Developmental Purposes to Mr Anthony Salam that seeks to authorise two non-Traditional Inhabitants to be on board the vessel prescribed to his TIB licences to train Traditional Inhabitant crew.

## **5. Review of Tropical Rock Lobster (TRL) quota unit allocation to the Traditional Inhabitant sector Fishery**

- 5.1. The PZJA **NOTED** that under subsection 17 the *Torres Strait Fisheries (Quotas for Tropical Rock Lobster (Kaiar)) Management Plan 2018* (TRL Plan), the PZJA must undertake a review of the allocation of quota units to the Traditional Inhabitant sector within two years of the TRL Plan commencement (which will be 30 November 2020).
- 5.2. The PZJA **AGREED** for AFMA to prepare draft amendments to TRL Plan to extend the period for the review, noting the impacts of COVID-19 responses on PZJA agencies' resourcing and capacity to engage in face-to-face consultation with Torres Strait Islander stakeholders for what may be an extended period.



## Attachment A

### Out-of-session agreement

#### PZJA members

##### *Chair*

- Senator the Hon. Jonathon Duniam, Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, agreed to the out-of-session package on **8 July 2020**.

##### *Members*

- Mr Napau Pedro Stephen AM, Chair Torres Strait Regional Authority, agreed to the out-of-session package on **14 July 2020**.
- The Hon. Mark Furner MP, Queensland Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries, agreed to the out-of-session package on **11 August 2020**.