

**TROPICAL ROCK LOBSTER RESOURCE ASSESSMENT  
GROUP 32**

**Wednesday 15 December 2021 9am – 5pm**

**The Sebel, Cairns / Video conference**

## **ADOPTED AGENDA**

### **1 PRELIMINARIES**

#### **1.1 Welcome and apologies**

The Chair will welcome members and observers to the 32nd meeting of the TRL RAG.

#### **1.2 Adoption of agenda**

The RAG will be invited to adopt the draft agenda.

#### **1.3 Declaration of interests**

Members and observers will be invited to declare any real or potential conflicts of interest and determine whether a member may or may not be present during discussion of or decisions made on the matter which is the subject of the conflict.

#### **1.4 Action items from previous meetings**

The RAG will be invited to note the status of action items arising from previous meetings.

#### **1.5 Out of session correspondence**

The RAG will be invited to note out of session correspondence on RAG matters since the previous meeting.

### **2 UPDATES FROM MEMBERS**

#### **2.1 Industry and Scientific members**

Industry, scientific and government agency members and observers will be invited to provide verbal updates on matters concerning the Torres Strait TRL Fishery including updates on fishing patterns, behaviours, prices, and market trends this season.

#### **2.2 Government agencies**

The RAG will be invited to note updates from AFMA, TSRA and QDAF on matters concerning the Torres Strait TRL Fishery.

#### **2.3 Papua New Guinea National Fisheries Authority**

The RAG will be invited to note a verbal update from the PNG National Fisheries Authority.

#### **2.4 Native Title**

The RAG will be invited to note a verbal update from Malu Lamar (Torres Strait Island) Corporation RNTBC.

### **3 CATCH AND EFFORT ANALYSES FOR THE 2020-21 FISHING SEASON**

The RAG will be invited to discuss TRL fishery catch and effort data for the 2020-21 fishing season, including catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE) analyses to be presented by the CSIRO.

#### **4 RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 2021 PRE-SEASON SURVEY**

The RAG is invited to discuss the results of the November 2021 pre-season survey to be presented by the CSIRO.

#### **5 RECOMMENDED BIOLOGICAL CATCH**

The RAG will be invited to provide advice on a recommended biological catch (RBC) for the TRL Fishery for the 2021-22 fishing season, based on estimates derived through the application of the empirical harvest control rule (eHCR). The RAG will also consider the options for managing the lower than expected total catch value for the 2021-22 fishing season and its implications for applying the eHCR, as per the recommendations of TRLRAG 31 (12 October 2021), to be presented by the CSIRO.

#### **6 COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING OF DISCARDS**

**(NEW)**

Traditional inhabitant members requested this agenda item to discuss the issue of reporting and compliance monitoring of discards in the fishery to ensure accurate reports of the total amount of lobsters being taken from the fishery.

#### **7 OVERVIEW OF THE QUEENSLAND EAST COAST TRL FISHERY STOCK ASSESSMENT**

The RAG is invited to note an overview of the Queensland East Coast TRL Fishery Stock Assessment presented by Fisheries Queensland Scientist, Fay Helidoniotis. Given that both the Torres Strait and Queensland East Coast fisheries are considered part of a single population, it is useful for the TRLRAG and the Queensland TRL Working Group liaise together on the stock assessments for the TRL fisheries and ensure consistency where possible.

#### **8 INTERACTIONS BETWEEN THE TRL AND TORRES STRAIT PRAWN FISHERY**

The RAG is invited to note a presentation from CSIRO on the results of the preliminary analyses of available observer data on TRL bycatch in the Torres Strait Prawn Fishery (TSPF) as collected from the AFMA Observer Program from 2007 to 2019.

#### **9 RESEARCH PRIORITIES**

The RAG will be invited to discuss and provide advice on future research priorities for the TRL Fishery.

#### **10 OTHER BUSINESS**

The RAG will be invited to raise any other matters for consideration.

#### **11 DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The RAG will be invited to discuss a suitable date for the next RAG meetings.

**The Chair must approve the attendance of all observers at the meeting. Individuals wishing to join the meeting as an observer must contact the Executive Officer – Georgia Langdon ([georgia.langdon@afma.gov.au](mailto:georgia.langdon@afma.gov.au))**