11th MEETING OF THE PZJA TORRES STRAIT TROPICAL ROCK LOBSTER WORKING GROUP (TRLWG 11)

Thursday 17 December 2020 (8:30am – 5:00pm)

TSRA Board Room

ADOPTED AGENDA

1 PRELIMINARIES

1.1 Welcome and apologies

The Chair will welcome members and observers to the 11th meeting of the WG.

1.2 Adoption of agenda

The WG 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 WG will be invited to note the status of action items arising from previous meeting

1.5 Out-of-session correspondence

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

2 UPDATES FROM MEMBERS

2.1 Industry members

Industry members and observers will be invited to provide an update on matters concerning the Torres Strait TRL Fishery, in particular, providing comment on fishing patterns, behaviours, prices, and market trends this season.

2.2 Scientific members

Scientific and economic members and observers will be invited to provide an update on matters concerning the Torres Strait TRL Fishery.

2.3 Government agencies

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

2.4 PNG National Fisheries Authority

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

2.5 Native Title

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

3 CATCH AND EFFORT SUMMARY FOR THE 2019-20 FISHING SEASON

The WG will be invited to note TRL Fishery catch and effort data for the 2019-20 fishing season, including trends on participation.

4 TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH

The WG will be invited to consider advice from the TRL Resource Assessment Group (RAG) on the recommended biological catch (RBC) for the TRL Fishery for the 2020-21 fishing season based on estimates derived through the application of the empirical harvest control rule (eHCR). The WG will then be invited to provide advice on a total allowable catch (TAC) for the TRL Fishery for the 2020-21 fishing season.

5 LOBSTER TRADE UPDATE AND POTENTIAL HEAVY METAL SAMPLING

AFMA have invited Mr Ben Mitchell, from the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment (DAWE), Ms Alison Turnbull from the Seafood Trade Advisory Group (STAG) SafeFISH Project and Ms Jayne Gallagher from the STAG to provide an update to the Working Group on trade with China, and the proposed National cadmium survey for rock lobsters.

Note: there is no meeting paper associated with this agenda item. This item is scheduled to be discussed at 1130am.

6 REVIEW OF MANAGEMENT CONTROLS

The WG will be invited to discuss a review of management controls in the TRL Fishery, and in particular, to provide advice on an agreed review process, including possible prioritisation of proposed changes to be further recommended for development, assessment and consultation.

7 OTHER BUSINESS

The WG will be invited to raise other business for consideration.

8 DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The WG will be invited to discuss a suitable date for the next meeting.

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