

Australian Fisheries Management Authority

2022 Protected Zone Joint Authority Advisory Committee Meetings & Key Dates

Date	Group	Venue	Key Business
1 Jan 2022	Hand Collectable Fisheries 2022 season open: Beche-de-mer, Trochus, Pearl Shell		
1 Feb 2022	Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery opens to hookah fishing, subject to moontide hookah closures		
	Prawn Fishery 2022 season opens.		
11 Feb 2022	PZJA Meeting	Teleconference	TRL TAC for 2021-22; Finfish TAC for 2022-23, BDM black teatfish opening 2022.
6-7 April 2022	TS Scientific Advisory Committee	Thursday Island	Assessment of research proposals.
1 July 2022	Torres Strait Finfish Fishery 2022-23 season opens.		
August 2022 (TBC)	TRL Working Group 13	ТВС	Consider outcomes of public consultation* on proposals to change management controls in the TRL Fishery
Late August 2022 (TBC)	TS Prawn Management Advisory Committee	Cairns	Harvest Strategy amendments, bycatch reduction device trial outcomes, Management Plan amendments, setting total allowable effort limit, discussion about season dates.
8 Sept 2022	Finfish Resource Assessment Group 11	Video Conference	Review of data for Spanish mackerel stock assessment
Late September 2022 (TBC)	Hand Collectable Resource Assessment Group 2	Thursday Island	Outcomes of black teatfish opening, species assessment under the BDM harvest strategy, research priorities.
30 Sept 2022	Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery 2021-22 season closes.		
October 2022 (TBC)	TRLRAG Data Sub- Group 2	ТВС	Assess and identify improvements to fisher dependent data inputs to the Torres Strait TRL Fishery assessment framework. Consider a draft data plan
October 2022 (TBC)	Hand Collectable Working Group 19	Thursday Island	Outcomes of black teatfish opening, management options for the utilisation of white teatfish (TBA), other management arrangements and research priorities
3-4 Nov 2022	Finfish Resource Assessment Group 12	Thursday Island	Spanish Mackerel stock assessment outcomes and Recommend Biological Catch advice.
Mid Nov 2022	CSIRO led underwater survey of tropical rock lobster abundance.		
Late Nov 2022	Finfish Working Group	Thursday Island	Provide advice on Total Allowable Catches for 2022-23 season.
1 Dec 2022	Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery 2022-23 season opens - freediving & lamp fishing only (no hookah).		
	Prawn Fishery 2022 season closes		
14 Dec 2022	TRL Resource Assessment Group 34	Thursday Island	Review CSIRO pre-season TRL underwater survey results, provide advice on RBC for 2022-23 season.
15 Dec 2022	TRL Working Group 14	Video conference	RAG meeting outcomes, TAC for 2022-23 season
31 Dec 2022	Beche-de-mer Fishery closes.		

Updated on **6 July 2022** – Dates and location of meetings may be subject to change.