

**TROPICAL ROCK LOBSTER RESOURCE ASSESSMENT GROUP 38
(TRLRAG 38)**

**Tuesday 10 December 2024 | 830am – 5pm
Wednesday 11 December 2024 | 830am – 5pm
TSRA Board Room | Thursday Island**

ADOPTED AGENDA

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PRELIMINARIES

Welcome and apologies

The Chair will welcome members and observers to the 38th meeting of the TRL RAG.

Adoption of agenda

The RAG will be invited to adopt the draft agenda.

Action items from previous meetings

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

Out of session correspondence

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

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.

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UPDATES FROM MEMBERS

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 for the 2023-24 season and the start of the 2024-25 season.

Government agencies

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

Papua New Guinea National Fisheries Authority

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

Native Title

The RAG will be invited to note a verbal update from Malu Lamar (Torres Strait Islander) Corporation RNTBC and other RAG members on native title matters relevant to the TRL Fishery.

3 REVISING THE HARVEST CONTROL RULE

Noting that consensus was not reached at TRLRAG 37 (9 October 2024) on revising the empirical Harvest Control Rule (eHCR), the RAG is invited to provide advice on appropriate application of a eHCR for the 2024-25 fishing season and beyond. Advice is sought in advance of consideration of any data inputs to the HCR.

4 CLIMATE ADAPTATION

4.1 AFMA Climate Risk Framework

The RAG is invited to provide advice on the application of AFMA's Climate Risk Framework (CRF) to Tropical Rock Lobster in the Torres Strait. The draft assessment is based on initial input at a CRF Working Group meeting held on 1 November, 2024.

4.2 Other Climate Updates

The RAG is invited to note:

- the Climate and Ecosystem Status report for the TRL Fishery; and
- an update on the project "Modelling climate change impacts on key fisheries in the Torres Strait to co-develop adaptation and mitigation strategies" by the CSIRO.

5 CATCH AND EFFORT ANALYSES FOR THE 2023-24 FISHING SEASON

The RAG will be invited to discuss TRL fishery catch and effort data for the 2023-24 fishing season, including catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE) analyses to be presented by the CSIRO.

6 RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 2024 PRE-SEASON SURVEY

The RAG is invited to discuss the results of the November 2024 pre-season survey to be presented by the CSIRO.

7 RECOMMENDED BIOLOGICAL CATCH 2024-25

Having regard to the discussions from TRLRAG 37 and Agenda Item 3, including the analyses and results from agenda items 4, 5, and 6, the RAG will be invited to consider the outputs of the agreed eHCR and provide advice on a recommended biological catch (RBC) for the TRL Fishery for the 2024-25 fishing season.

8 REVIEWING THE TRL HARVEST STRATEGY

The RAG is invited to consider any other broader changes required to the TRL Harvest Strategy.

9 OTHER BUSINESS

The RAG will be invited to raise any other matters for consideration. There is no agenda paper for this item.

10 DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The RAG will be invited to consider the RAGs workplan and 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 (fisheriesti@afma.gov.au)