

2025 PZJA Advisory Committee Meetings

Date (2025)	Group	Venue	Key Business
1 January	Beche-de-mer, Crab, Pearl Shell and Trochus Fisheries 2025 season opens.		
1 February	Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery opens to hookah fishing. Periodic moon tide hookah closures apply.		
1 February	Prawn Fishery 2025 season opens.		
3 March	Fishing for black teatfish opens. Subject to a limited opening period and additional rules.		
May (TBC)	Hand Collectables Resource Assessment Group	Video-conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WTO conditions, research priorities for 2026-27, TACs, MSLs, and conversion factors.
May (TBC)	Hand Collectables Working Group	Video-conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WTO conditions, TACs, MSLs, and conversion factors.
June (date TBC)	Finfish Resource Assessment Group	Video-conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research priorities for 2026-27.
1 July	Torres Strait Finfish Fishery 2025–26 season opens.		
Late July (during Hookah closure)	Tropical Rock Lobster Working Group	Waibene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes to management arrangements.
27-28 August	Torres Strait Scientific Advisory Committee	Waibene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five-year Strategic Research Plan. Research funding priorities for 2025-26 financial year. Assessment of BDM project proposal.
August (date TBC)	Hand Collectables Resource Assessment Group	Waibene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total allowable catches for the 2026 fishing season. Research priorities.
August (date TBC)	Hand Collectables Working Group	Waibene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total allowable catches for the 2026 fishing season. Research priorities. Species specific management issues.
30 September	Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery 2024–25 season closes.		
Mid-October (date TBC)	Finfish Resource Assessment Group	Waibene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RBC advice.
Mid-October (date TBC)	Finfish Working Group	Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TAC advice and other business.
Mid-November	Pre-season dive survey of tropical rock lobster abundance.		
1 December	Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery 2025–26 season opens. Freediving & lamp fishing only (no hookah).		
1 December	Prawn Fishery 2025 season closes.		
9-10 December	Tropical Rock Lobster Resource Assessment Group	Waibene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of pre-season survey results. Provide advice on RBC for 2025–26 season.
11 December	Tropical Rock Lobster Working Group	Waibene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAG meeting outcomes. TAC for 2025–26 season.
31 December	Beche-de-mer, Crab, Pearl Shell and Trochus Fisheries 2025 season closes.		

Updated on 6 May 2025. Dates and venues may be subject to change.