

TORRES STRAIT PROTECTED ZONE JOINT AUTHORITY (PZJA)	Out-of-session
Record of Decisions	August 2024

Agenda Item No 1:

Remaking Torres Strait Fisheries (*Furnishing of Logbooks*) Instrument 2024

The PZJA:

1. **AGREED** to make a new legislative instrument under Section 14 the *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984* (the Act); the *Torres Strait Fisheries (Furnishing of Logbooks) Instrument 2023*.
2. **APPROVED** the Explanatory Statement for the new instrument.
3. **AGREED** to authorise the Commonwealth Minister to:
 - a. execute the new instrument for and on behalf of the PZJA; and
 - b. commence the new *Logbook Instrument* on the day after it is registered, in accordance with sub section 14(10) of the Act.
4. **AGREED** to authorise AFMA to publish the new instruments in the *Torres News* for the purposes of sub section 14(11) of the Act.

 **AGREED/NOT AGREED**

Agenda Item No 2:

Scientific permit for Ugar BDM survey

The PZJA:

1. **AGREED** to the grant of a Permit for Scientific Purposes (Scientific Permit) in accordance with section 12(1) of the Act to allow the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) to undertake a scientific survey of sea cucumbers in the area of waters surrounding Ugar (Stephen Island).
2. **AGREED** for the Commonwealth Minister to sign and date the Scientific Permit for the scientific survey.
3. **NOTED** that one submission was received in response to native title notification conducted under section 24HA of the *Native Title Act 1993* (the Native Title Act) with regard to the proposed grant of the Scientific Permit.

 **AGREED/NOT AGREED**

Agenda Item No 3:

Granting of Permit for Scientific Purposes – 2024 independent population survey for the Torres Strait Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery

The PZJA:

1. **AGREED** to grant a Permit for Scientific Purposes in accordance with section 12(1) of the Act to enable the CSIRO to undertake a fishery independent population survey of Tropical Rock Lobster (TRL) within the area of Torres Strait TRL Fishery in November 2024.
2. **AGREED** for the Commonwealth Minister to sign and date the Permit for Scientific Purposes for the 2024 survey.
3. **NOTED** that no submissions were received in response to native title notification conducted under section 24HA of the Act with regard to the proposed grant of a Permit for Scientific Purposes.

Agenda Item No 4:

Torres Strait Prawn Fishery (TSPF) Vessel Monitoring System Guidelines

The PZJA:

1. **AGREED** to the updated *Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Guidelines*.
2. **AGREED** to publish the VMS guidelines (the Guidelines) on the PZJA website in accordance with 5.6(1) of the Torres Strait Prawn Fishery Management Plan 2009 (the Plan).
3. **NOTED** that the Guidelines are indicative only and the Plan and licence conditions continue to state the legislative requirements relating to VMS for the TSPF.

 **AGREED/NOT AGREED**

Agenda Item No 5:

Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority (PZJA) Annual Report 2023-24

The PZJA:

1. **APPROVED** the 2023-24 Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority Annual Report for tabling in the Australian Parliament in accordance with Section 41 of the Act.
2. **ENDORSED** the report by signing the signature page for inclusion in the final report.

 **AGREED/NOT AGREED**

I have considered the items above and recorded my decisions:



Julie Collins MP
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Chair of the Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority

DATE 8/10/24