

<b>TORRES STRAIT PRAWN MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Out of Session Meeting August 2008</b>
<b>FINANCE FY 08/09 TSPF Budget</b>	Agenda Item No. 1 <b>FOR INFORMATION</b>

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### 1.1 The TSPMAC NOTES:

- (a) the consultation process undertaken to finalise the combined AFMA/QDPI&F 2008/2009 Torres Strait Prawn Fishery budget;
- (b) the Australian Fisheries Management Authority's 2008/2009 Torres Strait Prawn Fishery budget totalling \$421,286, representing an increase of \$902 from the 2007/2008 financial year;
- (c) the Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries 2008/2009 Torres Strait Prawn Fishery budget totalling \$173,780, representing an increase of \$5,225 from the 2007/2008 financial year;
- (d) the total 2008/2009 Torres Strait Prawn Fishery budget totalling \$595,065, representing an increase of \$6,126 from the 2007/2008 financial year;
- (e) the total Torres Strait Prawn Fishery budget to be used in calculating the 2009 levy base will be \$561,618; and
- (f) the draft Explanatory Statement for the 2008/2009 Torres Strait Prawn Fishery budget.

## BACKGROUND

An action item from the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the TSPMAC was for "AFMA and DPI&F to liaise and jointly provide future budget information to industry for comment prior to the budget being finalised."

### *AFMA 2008/2009 budget for the TSPF*

In line with this action, the AFMA portion of the 2008/2009 draft budget was presented at an out of session meeting of the TSPMAC (via teleconference) on 6 May 2008. At this time the AFMA portion of the TSPF budget totalled \$458,745. The TSPMAC noted the draft AFMA budget and requested that PZJA agencies endeavour to minimize management costs throughout the 2008/2009 financial year, including a review of the number and location of TSPMAC meetings. The initial draft AFMA budget and explanatory statements and the minutes from the 6 May Out-Of-Session (OOS) TSPMAC meeting are provided at Attachment 1A.

### *QDPI&F 2008/2009 budget for the TSPF*

At the time of the 6 May OOS meeting, the QDPI&F budget was yet to be drafted. The QDPI&F budget has since been finalised.

### *Joint cost share budget for the TSPF*

The final joint 2008/09 cost share budget for the TSPF was presented to, and noted to at TSPMAC 6 on 10 – 11 July 2008.

## DISCUSSION

### *AFMA 2008/2009 budget for the TSPF*

As a result of industries request to review and minimize the TSPF budget for the next financial year at the OOS teleconference of May 6, 2008, AFMA carried out an audit of past budgets in comparison to the 2008/2009 budget, and were able to reduce costs by a further \$37,459. The reductions were made in the salaries, overheads and the logbook components of the budget. Thus, the final AFMA portion of the proposed 2008/2009 TSPF budget is **\$421,286**, representing an increase of \$902 from the 2007/008 financial year. The budget was approved at the AFMA Board meeting on 25-26 June 2008. A detailed breakdown of the AFMA portion of the budget is provided at Attachment 1B. Of the \$421,286, AFMA will be paying for \$33,447 from the observer and surveillance & compliance portion of the budget. Thus, the total amount to be applied to the 2009 levies will be **\$387,839**.

### *QDPI&F 2008/2009 budget for the TSPF*

The QDPI&F portion of the TSPF budget for 2008/09 financial year, to be used in the calculation of the 2009 season levies is provided in Table 1 below. The budget of **\$173,780** represents an increase of \$5,225 from the 2007/2008 budget.

**Table 1.** QDPI&F 2008/2008 draft TSPF budget

Description	2008/09	2007/08	Variance
Management (QDPI&F)	109,579	106,219	3,360
Compliance (QB&FP)	64,200	62,336	1,864
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 173,780</b>	<b>\$ 168,555</b>	<b>\$ 5,225</b>

### *Combined 2008/2009 budget for the TSPF*

The explanatory statement for the 2008/2009 TSPF cost recovered budget is detailed in Attachment 1C.

Table 2 shown below, details the combined 2008/2009 AFMA and QDPI&F budget for the TSPF in comparison to the budget for the 2007/2008 financial year. The total budget for 2008/2009 is **\$595,065**, representing an increase of **\$6,126** from the 2007/2008 financial year.

However, AFMA subsidises the observer program and surveillance & compliance operations each year, as shown in Attachment 1A. Thus, the total budget to be used in calculating the levies for the 2009 season will be **\$561,618**, representing an increase of **\$9,647** from the previous year (Table 2).

**Table 2.** Combined 2008/2008 TSPF budget

Description	2008/09	2007/08	Variance
Management (QDPI&F)	109,579	106,219	3,360
Compliance (QB&FP)	64,200	62,336	1,864
Combined AFMA budget	421,286	420,141	902
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 595,065</b>	<b>\$ 588,696</b>	<b>\$ 6,126</b>
Less AFMA contribution	-33,447	-36,725	(3,278)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 561,618</b>	<b>\$ 551,971</b>	<b>\$9,647</b>

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Australian Governments levy relief program, in recognition of the structural adjustment, concluded in the 2007/2008 financial year. Consequently, costs of running the fishery will be 100% cost recovered for the 2008/2009 financial year.