

TORRES STRAIT PRAWN FISHERY MANAGEMENT ADVSIORY COMMITTEE	Meeting No. 2 19-20 September 2006
TSPMAC Meeting No. 1 Action Items	Agenda Item No. 2

RECOMMENDATION

That TSPMAC **notes** the information provided regarding the action items from TSPMAC meeting No. 1.

BACKGROUND

The action items and a brief summary of the progress made for each item is contained in Table 2.1.

No	Action	Action Officer/ Agency	Status
1.	Draft a summary of the historic management arrangements in the Torres Prawn fishery.	QDPI&F / AFMA / Industry	Commenced by DAFF but not yet completed.
2.	Provide MAC members with the QDPI&F MAC guidelines.	Shane Gaddes	Provided
3.	Determine why Mrs Millward's position on the MAC was not rolled over from the Prawn Working Group as per other members	Mick George	See Item 4 of this Agenda.
4.	Undertake an audit of Fishery Management Notices and PZJA decisions for consideration during the drafting of the Management Plan.	Shane Gaddes / Mick George	Commenced by DAFF but not yet completed.
5.	Find out which agencies are responsible for sunk trawlers in the Torres Strait region and report to Islander members.	Shane Gaddes	Marine Safety Queensland (Hastings Street Thursday Island)
6.	Form a working group to progress the draft management plan. Issues that can't be dealt with by the working group are to be referred back to the MAC.	Mick George (Chair) Shane Gaddes, Toshi Nakata, Barry Wilson Clive Turnbull, Kenny Bedford.	Completed. Working group meetings were held on 20 July and 31 August via a teleconference.
7.	a) That the MAC should ensure good communication occurs with PNG stakeholders. b) Encourage PNG stakeholders to attend future MACs and participate in future management forums.	Chair Mick George	Ongoing Ongoing
8.	That the working group formed to progress the management plan models certain scenarios for the rounding up or down of days and reports back to the MAC.	Shane Gaddes & Working Group	Not yet completed. Awaiting finalisation of draft plan.
9.	That the implementation of a spatial management system be considered at the next MAC meeting. Consideration will be given to the revised stock assessment with a view to increasing the Total Allowable Effort in the fishery.	MAC	Revised stock assessment not yet completed.
10.	That the MAC notes industry concerns regarding inaccuracy in agenda papers and prevents inaccuracies in the future.	AFMA, DAFF, DPI&F	Ongoing
11.	That a survey of prawn stocks in PNG waters is added to the Bi- Lateral talks agenda.	DAFF	Completed. See item 3
12.	An industry contact is nominated for discussions with DAFF regarding the research plan. Nomination required by 20/6/06.	Mark Millward	Completed; Barry Wilson attended the meeting on 9/8/2006.
13.	Quarterly updates on the progress of the research plan are provided to the MAC.	Stephen Colquitt	Ongoing

14.	<p>a) Noting that the future role of the SAC is currently under review, the MAC will take on the role of a RAG. The MAC will decide whether to use a sub-group of the MAC for this purpose on a case by case basis.</p> <p>b) This action will be reported to the SAC with a recommendation that the SAC role be expanded accordingly.</p>	Chair	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Completed. SAC met in August 2006.</p>
15.	Investigate the boats that observers use each year to determine if a representative sample of the fleet is achieved or if the same boats are being used each year.	Mick George	Not yet completed.
16.	<p>a) Send 2005 and 2006 observer reports to members when they are completed.</p> <p>b) Future observer reports are to be sent to MAC members on completion for out of session comment.</p>	Mick George	See Item 7.
17.	Send selection criteria for observer positions to Charles David.	Mick George	Not yet completed.
18.	<p>a) Seek further clarification regarding the TED flotation issue from US gear technologist.</p> <p>b) Reconsider draft fisheries management notice at next meeting after US advice on flotation has been provided.</p>	<p>Mick George</p> <p>MAC</p>	Done. See Item 8.
19.	<p>a) Draft a code of practice for handling sharks for inclusion in the next Handbook.</p> <p>b) Reconsider the NPOA for sharks after the ecological risk assessment has been completed.</p>	<p>Shane Gaddes</p> <p>MAC</p>	<p>Not yet completed.</p> <p>Due for completion during development of 2007 Prawn Handbook.</p>
20.	<p>a) AFMA and DPI&F to liaise and jointly provide future budget information to industry for comment prior to the budget being finalised.</p> <p>b) Provide industry members with further details regarding the 2006/07 QLD budget and reasons for increases on last year's figures.</p> <p>c) DPI&F managers to discuss budget issues with Industry members</p>	<p>AFMA/DPI&F</p> <p>Shane Gaddes</p> <p>Shane Gaddes, Dan Currey, Jim Gillespie.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>See Action Item 9.</p> <p>Pending. Will precede next budget process.</p>
21.	Check PZJA decision on regulations for PNG boats working in Australian waters to determine if these boats are subject to the same regulations as Australian boats.	Mick George	PNG boats are subject to AUS regulations.
22.	An industry contact is nominated for attendance at the Bi-Lateral talks meeting. Nomination required by 20/6/06	Mark Millward	Completed. Invitation was extended and delegation briefs were circulated but the prawn industry representative was unable to attend the bilateral talks.
23.	Send a notice to Torres Strait Prawn Entitlement Holders about ensuring crew members have a way home from Torres Strait when leaving vessels.	Mark Millward	Status unknown.
24.	Provide an update on the compliance risk assessment process at the next MAC meeting.	Mick George	See Item 10.

