

TORRES STRAIT PRAWN MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Meeting No. 4 14-15 June 2007
Actions and/or business arising from previous TSPMAC meetings	Agenda Item No.2

RECOMMENDATION

That the TSPMAC NOTES the information provided regarding the action items from previous TSPMAC meetings.

BACKGROUND

The action items and a brief summary of the progress made for each item is contained in Table 2A.

Table 2A: Actions and/or business arising from previous TSPMAC meetings

No.	Action	Action Officer / Agency	Date item was added	Status
1.	DAFF to provide advice on how 263 ("overbought") days will be distributed.	DAFF	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	Unknown
2.	AFMA to investigate whether there will be any closure problems, similar to the issue in regard to the Burke Island closure, in the fishery.	AFMA	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	Incomplete
3.	An additional column needs to be added to the action arising table, to show when the item was actioned.	AFMA	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	Completed
4.	2007 Handbook to be completed by 21 February 2007. Once completed copies are to be sent to the Northern Fisheries Centre and industry will distribute them. A CD version is to be included with the hard copies.	AFMA	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	Completed
5.	Compile, as time permits, a document detailing the relevant PZJA decisions in regard to the prawn fishery.	AFMA	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	Started, but not yet completed
6.	Investigate the cost of hiring an OLD approved drafter and the source of funding to draft the management plan.	AFMA	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	Update to be provided in agenda item 4.1
7.	The management plan working group is to meet via teleconference to discuss the final draft of the proposed management plan before it is forwarded for legislative drafting.	AFMA / Management Plan Working Group	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	Update to be provided in agenda item 4.1
8.	Mr Clive Turnbull to review the fishing power analysis as soon as possible.	Clive Turnbull	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	Unknown
9.	Ms Huber to immediately contact DAFF and advise the Department of industry's position. DAFF to advise the US of industry's position in regard to the floatation requirements for TEDs.	Dorothea Huber & DAFF	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	Completed
10.	Government agencies to provide a history of the management costs and an explanation of the rising management costs with respect to the fleet reduction of 25% by TSPMAC 4.	AFMA / QDPI&F	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	Update to be provided in agenda item 10.3
11.	Industry to provide any further comments	Industry	TSPMAC 3 – 17	Unknown

	on the PNG conditions directly to DAFF.		February 2007	
12.	The relevant Australian Government agencies are to specify the conditions of re-entry into Australian waters after fishing in PNG waters and the conditions of endorsement. This information is to be relayed to industry via the TSP Handbook – 2007 and a letter to the endorsed operators.	DAFF to co-ordinate conditions and letter / AFMA to amend Handbook.	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	Update to be provided in agenda item 8.1
13.	DAFF to clarify what happens to PNG nights if licences are transferred and provide details of what happens if one of the seven nominated boats successful in the Expression of Interest process decides not to take up the PNG nights assigned to them.	DAFF	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	Update to be provided in agenda item 8.1
14.	AFMA and/or DAFF to check if research funds for the genetic testing of PNG prawns for the scientific submission is available.	AFMA/DAFF	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	DAFF agreed to provide funding
15.	Ascertain if DAFF could co-ordinate the scientific submission that is to be put to AQIS.	DAFF	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	Unknown
16.	Jenny Ovenden to be contacted to find out what form the samples need to be in and how soon she could run the genetic tests.	QDPI&F	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	Unknown
17.	Clive Turnbull to be contacted to collect samples for the tests during his current survey.	QDPI&F	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	Unknown
18.	Add Rob Giddens' contact details to the List of Contacts in the 2007 Prawn Handbook. Responsibility - AFMA	AFMA	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	Completed
19.	AFMA to seek an explanation from the observer program as to why only 6 shots were observed during the first two trips of the 2006 program.	AFMA	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	Completed.
20.	Advise the observer program of the error in the heading in the last column of Table 2 in the 2006 report.	AFMA	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	Completed
21.	Seek advice from the AFMA Observer and Environment Sections as to what level of coverage is required in the TSPF.	AFMA	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	Update to be provided in agenda item 7.2
22.	Seek advice from the observer program as to whether different boats are being used each season.	AFMA	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	Completed. Details provided in agenda item 7.1
23.	AFMA to send the TSSAC revised Terms of Reference and proposed membership to TSPMAC members.	AFMA	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	Completed
24.	Advise the PZJA that the prawn industry recommend that the industry position on TSSAC be filled by someone from the prawn industry and that if this is not possible that the prawn industry request that a representative from the prawn industry be able to attend the TSSAC as an observer.	AFMA	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	Pending. A letter to the agency undertaking the recruitment process for the TSSAC has been drafted and will be sent once the TSSAC positions are advertised. The correspondence

				will be Cc'ed to the PZJA
25.	Seek advice from the AFMA Environment Section in regard to the items given a level 4 categorisation and to query what the effect is if items are given the wrong rating in the level 1 assessment.	AFMA	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	Update to be provided in agenda item 6
26.	TSPEHA to advise the TSPMAC Executive Officer out-of-session of the timing and participation of the Spencer Gulf trip.	TSPEHA	TSPMAC 3 – 17 February 2007	Unknown
27.	Approach FRDC to see if funding is available to fund another two BRD workshops in Brisbane and Cairns.	AFMA	Missed the boat for funding for 2007/08, as deadline was 1 Sept 06. Could put together an app for the 08/09 year.	The deadline for 2007/08 funding has passed. Could put together an app for the 08/09 year.
28.	Mr Turnbull to provide words on setting reference points to go into the draft management plan.	Clive Turnbull	TSPMAC 2 – 19&20 September 2006	Update to be provided in agenda item 4.2
29.	AFMA to discuss with the OLDP the wording of Section 29(6), to ensure that the period of TAE amendment can be longer than two months in the event of an emergency situation that requires a longer period of amendment.	AFMA	TSPMAC 2 – 19&20 September 2006	Ongoing as part of management plan drafting
30.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AFMA to advise in the 2007 handbook that recreational fishing is allowed on vessels. AFMA is to advise/clarify this with compliance officers. 	AFMA	TSPMAC 2 – 19&20 September 2006	This was an oversight by AFMA due to the rush to complete the Handbook prior to the season beginning. This will be rectified in the 2008 Handbook or if necessary by a letter to all licence holders.
31.	Draft a summary of the historic management arrangements in the Torres Prawn fishery.	QDPI&F / AFMA / DAFF	TSPMAC 1 – 13&14 June 2006	Ongoing. Commenced by AFMA but not yet completed.
32.	Undertake an audit of Fishery Management Notices and PZJA decisions for consideration during the drafting of the Management Plan.	DAFF / AFMA	TSPMAC 1 – 13&14 June 2006	Ongoing. Commenced by AFMA but not yet completed.
33.	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	TSPMAC 1 – 13&14 June 2006	Ongoing. Commenced, but awaiting finalization of draft plan.
34.	That the consideration of a spatial management system be considered at a future MAC meeting. Consideration will be given to the revised stock assessment with a view to increasing the Total Allowable Effort in the fishery.	MAC	TSPMAC 1 – 13&14 June 2006	Ongoing
35.	Quarterly updates on the progress of the	Stephen	TSPMAC 1 –	Ongoing.

	research plan are provided to the MAC.	Colquitt	13&14 June 2006	
36.	a) AFMA and DPI&F to liase and jointly provide future budget information for comment prior to the budget being finalized. b) DPI&F managers to discuss QDPIF budget issues with Industry members	AFMA / DPI&F Shane Gaddes, Dan Currey, Jim Gillespie	TSPMAC 1 – 13&14 June 2006	Ongoing. Update to be provided in agenda item 10.2