

<b>TORRES STRAIT PRAWN MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Meeting No. 8 16-17 June, 2009</b>
<b>MANAGEMENT TSPF Management Plan Objectives - Presentation</b>	Agenda Item No. 4.1 <b>FOR NOTING</b>

## RECOMMENDATION

1.2.1 The TSPMAC **DISCUSSES** and **NOTES** the objectives set out in the Torres Strait Prawn Fishery Management Plan 2009 and the timeline for achievement.

## BACKGROUND

The TSPF Management Plan (the Plan) came into effect this year and applies to all Torres Strait prawn entitlement holders.

The TSPMAC needs to pay particular attention to the objectives of the Plan which establish the performance criteria that the Plans effectiveness is measured against.

## DISCUSSION

The objectives of the Plan are grouped into four main characteristics which are:

- Ensure the optimum utilisation of the fishery resources within the TSPF is consistent with the principals of ecologically sustainable development and exercise of the precautionary principal.
- Promote economic efficiency in the utilisation of the fisheries resources within the TSPF.
- Ensure cooperative, efficient and cost effective management of the fishery.
- Manage the fishery's interaction with the marine environment including the incidental capture of non-target species and impacts on demersal habitats.

These objectives are then subdivided into measures by which the objectives are to be attained which are the tools or processes to be used. The measures are assessed through the performance criteria which are the operational aspects needed to deliver the objectives.

This item will be presented in a presentation format. As the TSPMAC is made up of members with a wealth of knowledge on the many complicated aspects to the fishery, AFMA would like to ask the members to provide input into a process for moving forward to achieve the objectives.

## FINACIAL IMPLICATIONS

To achieve some of the objectives in the Plan some financial encumbrance and assistance may be needed in the future. The TSPF Budget for 2009/10 does not have any unallocated funds available for new projects in the 2009/10 financial year.

The TSPMAC should provide advice on whether it would consider pursuing applying for funding from external organisations to address some of the objectives in the Plan and what mechanism will be needed to do this.