

TORRES STRAIT PRAWN MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Meeting No. 8 16-17 June, 2009
OTHER BUSINESS TSPMAC self assessment	Agenda Item No. 6.1 FOR DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

6.1.1 The TSPMAC **NOTES** and **DISCUSSES**

- (a) the performance criteria for the TSPMAC self assessment process;
- (b) possible avenues of improvement for TSPMAC operations over the next 12 months.

6.2.1 The TSPMAC **AGREES** to an appropriate date for self assessment in the next 18 months

BACKGROUND

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DISCUSSION

Considering the recent change over of MAC members, PZJA agencies see it inappropriate to conduct a TSPMAC self assessment at this time. However, it is appropriate for the TSPMAC to review and note the performance criteria and familiarise themselves with the roles and requirements of the MAC. This will improve the efficiency and outcomes of the MAC over the next 12 months

Possible avenues for improving the functionality of the TSPMAC include:

- Increased liaison between the TSPMAC EO/ PZJA agencies and the TSPMAC industry members to ensure that all important management issues are discussed
- Improving dissemination of information from TSPMAC industry representatives to the rest of the TSPF license holders
- Ensuring full representation of the TSPMAC industry members, including minority groups
- Improving transparency of processes undertaken following TSPMAC recommendations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

Management Advisory Committee Self-assessment questionnaire

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A rating scale such as the following five-point scale may be used to allow for collation of responses and presentation of the self-assessment.

Rating	Meaning
5	Highly effective – always meets expectations. Leading to outcomes that are always thoroughly thought out, balance interests and are directed towards Achieving Fisheries Management Act (FMA) objectives. Highly confident – always (question 10)
4	Strong – mostly meets expectations. Striving to achieve outcomes that are thoroughly thought out, balance interests and are directed towards achieving FMA objectives. Very confident – nearly always (question 10)
3	Acceptable – generally meets expectations. Outcomes and processes are mostly effective in balancing interests and aiming to achieve legislated objectives. Confident – mostly (question 10)
2	Weak – occasionally meets expectations. Outcomes and processes are occasionally effective in balancing interests and aiming to achieve legislated objectives. Not very confident – sometimes (question 10)
1	Ineffective – does not meet expectations. Outcomes and processes are not effective in balancing interests and aiming to achieve legislated objectives. Not confident – never (question 10)

Performance Indicator Rating:	1	2	3	4	5
(1) The MAC's performance as a forum for the discussion of matters relevant to the management of the fishery. Comment:					
(2) Ability of the MAC to provide advice and make recommendations to the PZJA with respect to the management of the fishery. Comment:					
(3) Ability of the MAC to provide advice and make recommendations to the PZJA as appropriate on research priorities and projects for the fishery. Comment:					
(4) Standard of liaison by the MAC with PZJA staff to ensure that the range of management issues is given proper attention. Comment:					
(5) Quality of meeting papers. Comment:					

(6) Quality of Chair's performance. Comment:					
(7) Quality of MAC Executive Officer's support services. Comment:					
(8) Quality of PZJA Member's performance. Comment:					
(9) Level of confidence that the MAC's views and recommendations are conveyed effectively to the PZJA Board. Comment:					
(10) Rating the dynamics of the MAC when in session over the last year. Comment:					