

TORRES STRAIT SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Meeting 46 27 August 2008
RESEARCH PROPOSALS FOR 2008/2009 FY Call for pre-proposals for 2008/09	Agenda Item No. 3.1 FOR DECISION

PURPOSE

That the TSSAC **AGREE** on a process for calling for submission of Torres Strait fisheries research pre- proposals for 2008/09; and

BACKGROUND

The TSSAC at its 45th meeting, the Committee discussed and agreed that evaluation of pre-proposals for research funding would be the first stage in identifying appropriate research projects to consider (45.7.1). An important objective of this 46th meeting was to initiate submission to the TSSAC of pre-proposals.

DISCUSSION

To initiate submission of pre-proposals to the TSSAC, the Committee should consider the following steps:

1. determine if there any high priority research areas that need to be addressed in this financial year. If this is the case, this information should be included in the cal for pre-proposals;
2. consider appropriate ways to call for research pre-proposals – for example broad advertising or contacting targeted providers. If the later is the case, appropriate places to advertise should be identified;
3. agree on an acceptable format for pre-proposal;
4. determine appropriate timelines for submission; and
5. agree on appropriate protocols for processing the pre-proposals prior to the next meeting of the TSSAC.

RECOMMENDATION

That the TSSAC **AGREE** on a process for calling for submission of Torres Strait fisheries research pre- proposals for 2008/09.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Minor expenses may be incurred by calling for proposals, depending on the process agreed upon.