

TORRES STRAIT FINFISH WORKING GROUP MEETING 2017.1

16 - 17 March 2017

AFMA Office, 2nd Floor, Pearls Building, Victoria Parade, Thursday Island

MEETING TIME: 8:30 – 5:00pm Thursday 16th March

8:30 – 12:00 Midday Friday 17th March

AGENDA

1. Preliminaries

- 1.1. Opening Prayer / Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners / Welcome / Apologies
- 1.2. Adoption of Agenda
- 1.3. Declaration of Interests
- 1.4. Actions Arising

2. Fishery Updates

- 2.1. AFMA management and compliance update
- 2.2. TSRA update
- 2.3. Native Title update
- 2.4. PNG – National Fisheries Authority update
- 2.5. Queensland Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries update
- 2.6. Domestic compliance update
- 2.7. Torres Strait fisheries strategic issues including economic trends

3. Recommended Total Allowable Catches for 2017/18 Fishing Season

- 3.1 Spanish Mackerel
- 3.2 Coral Trout
- 3.3 Other reef line species

4. Research

- 4.1. Update – Monitoring the traditional take of finfish in the TSPZ
- 4.2. Update - Smart phone technology for remote data collection
- 4.3. Update – Defining the status of Torres Strait Spanish mackerel to inform future fisheries allocation and sustainable fishing
- 4.4. Research priorities

5. Management

- 5.1. Finfish harvest strategy project update
- 5.2. Options for ongoing scientific advice
- 5.3. Implementing Spanish mackerel and coral trout TACs taking into account estimates of Traditional Inhabitant commercial catches
- 5.4. Development of a public register
- 5.5. Future management priorities
- 5.6. Crewing of Traditional Inhabitant Boats
- 5.7. Draft AFMA Finfish Fishery budget 2017/18

6. Other Business

Individuals seeking to attend the meeting as an observer must contact the Executive Officer – Andrew Trappett (andrew.trappett@afma.gov.au) beforehand.