

PROTECTED ZONE JOINT AUTHORITY TORRES STRAIT FINFISH FISHERY WORKING GROUP

29 November 2019 (8:30 am - 5:00 pm)
TSRA Boardroom, Thursday Island, Torres Strait.

AGENDA

The meeting will open at 8.30am on Friday 29 November 2019 at 8:30 am.

AGENDA ITEM 1 PRELIMINARIES

1.1 **Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners, welcome and apologies**

The Chair will welcome FFWG members, permanent observers (noting incoming scientific permanent observer Dr Trevor Hutton), invited participants and any observers to the November 2019 meeting of the Torres Strait Finfish Working Group.

1.2 **Adoption of agenda**

The FFWG is invited to consider and adopt the draft agenda.

1.3 **Declarations of interest**

FFWG members must declare any real or potential conflicts of interests to the group and determine whether a member may or may not be present during discussion of, or decisions made, on the matter which is the subject of the conflict.

1.4 **Action items from previous meetings**

The FFWG will note the status of action items arising from previous meetings.

AGENDA ITEM 2 WORKING GROUP UPDATES

2.1 **Industry updates**

Industry members and invited participants are invited to provide a verbal update on activities and strategic issues relevant to the management of the fishery.

2.2 **Government agencies updates**

PZJA agencies are asked to provide a short update to the group on relevant changes to management arrangements and strategic issues.

2.3. **Papua New Guinea National Fisheries Authority update**

The working group is to note any relevant updates on native title matters relevant to the fishery.

2.4 **Native title**

The working group is to note any relevant updates on native title matters relevant to the fishery noting Malu Lamar RNTBC are invited participants to all PZJA advisory group meetings.

AGENDA ITEM 3 TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH ADVICE for 2020-21 SEASON

3.1 Spanish mackerel Total Allowable Catch advice for the 2020-21 season

Expected outcome: Having considered advice from the FFRAG 6 (27-28 Nov 2019) on Recommended Biological Catches and best estimates of catches taken outside the fishery, FFWG will discuss and provide advice on Total Allowable Catches for the 2020-21 fishing season for Spanish mackerel.

3.2 Coral trout Total Allowable Catch advice for the 2020-21 season

Expected outcome: Having considered advice from the FFRAG 6 (27-28 Nov 2019) on Recommended Biological Catches and best estimates of catches taken outside the fishery, FFWG will discuss and provide advice on Total Allowable Catches for the 2020-21 fishing season for coral trout.

AGENDA ITEM 4 HARVEST STRATEGY

4.1 Draft Torres Strait Finfish Fishery Harvest Strategy

Expected Outcome: The FFWG will **discuss** and **provide advice** on key elements of Spanish mackerel harvest strategy and note the status of the coral trout harvest strategy.

AGENDA ITEM 5 MANAGEMENT AND SCIENCE

5.1 Review of Western Line Closure

Expected Outcome: Having considered the outcomes of public consultation and relevant advice from the FFRAG, the Working Group will **discuss** and **provide advice** on the possible removal of the Western Line Closure.

AGENDA ITEM 6 OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Other Business

The Working Group is invited to nominate any other business for discussion.

6.2 Date and venue for next meeting

The FFWG will confirm arrangements for meetings in 2020, tentatively scheduled for 26-27 March 2020 (joint FFRAG + FFWG meeting). 6-7 May 2020 to consider the outcomes of community consultation on the harvest strategy and 25-26 November 2019

CLOSE OF MEETING