

PROTECTED ZONE JOINT AUTHORITY TORRES STRAIT FINFISH FISHERY WORKING GROUP

25 November 2020 (8:30 am - 5:00 pm)

Novotel Oasis Cairns

DRAFT AGENDA

The meeting will open at 8.30am on Wednesday 25 November 2020.

AGENDA ITEM 1 PRELIMINARIES

1.1 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners, welcome and apologies

The Chair will welcome FFWG members, permanent observers, invited participants and any observers to the November 2020 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 and scientific member updates

Industry members are invited to provide a verbal update on any developments relevant to the management of the fishery. Science members are invited to provide an update on any research projects underway in Torres Strait or adjacent fisheries that may have relevance to the Torres Strait Finfish Fishery.

2.2 Government member updates

The FFWG will note updates from each of the PZJA government agency members on the latest developments relevant to the Torres Strait Finfish Fishery. The FFRAG will note a verbal update from the Malu Lamar representative if in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM 3 TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH ADVICE

3.1 Spanish mackerel Total Allowable Catch advice for the 2021-22 season

Having considered advice from the FFRAG 8 (4-5 Nov 2020) 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 2021-22 fishing season for Spanish mackerel.

3.2 Coral trout Total Allowable Catch advice for the 2021-22 season

Having considered advice from the FFRAG 8 (4-5 Nov 2020) 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 2021-22 fishing season for coral trout.

AGENDA ITEM 4 MANAGEMENT

4.1 Western line closure

FFWG are asked to discuss and provide advice on the review of the Western Line Closure including the suggestion to lift the closure for the 'top-hat' area of the Torres Strait Protected Zone north of Turnagain Island.

4.2 Torres Strait Finfish Fishery management priorities

FFWG are asked to discuss and provide advice to AFMA and the PZJA on management priorities for 2021-22.

AGENDA ITEM 5 RESEARCH

5.1 Research updates

FFWG will note an update on outcomes from the 2 November 2020 TSSAC meeting including four research project scopes relevant to the Torres Strait Finfish Fishery.

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 2021.

CLOSE OF MEETING