

Protected Zone Joint Authority Advisory committee meetings & key dates

Date	Group	Venue	Key Business
1 Jan 2021	Hand Collectable Fishery season opens: Beche-de-mer, Trochus, Pearl Shell		
28 Jan 2021	PZJA Meeting	Teleconference	TRL TAC for 2020-21; Finfish TAC for 2021-22.
1 Feb 2021	Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery opens to hookah fishing, subject to moon-tide hookah closures*		
8 April 2021	TS Scientific Advisory Committee	Videoconference	Assessment of research pre-proposals.
30 April 2021	Black teatfish opening, 20 tonnes		
Mid-June 2021 (TBC)	TS Scientific Advisory Committee	Cairns	Assessment of research project full proposals. Presentation of two finalised projects.
23-24 June 2021 (TBC)	TRL Working Group and industry workshop	Thursday Island	Review of select input controls as recommended by TRLWG industry members.
1 July 2021	Torres Strait Finfish Fishery 2021-22 season opens.		
14-16 July 2021 (TBC)	Hand Collectable Resource Assessment Group 1	Thursday Island	Outcomes of black teatfish opening, consideration of stock survey outcomes against harvest strategy, ecological risk assessment, research priorities.
25-26 Aug 2021 (TBC)	Hand Collectable Working Group 18	Thursday Island	Outcomes of black teatfish opening and future management and research priorities
2-3 Sep 2021	Finfish Resource Assessment Group 10	Cairns (TBC)	Review of new data available from 2020-21 season to support 2022 stock assessment, research priorities.
30 Sep 2021	Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery 2020-21 season closes.		
14-15 Oct 2021	Finfish Resource Assessment Group 11	Thursday Island	Spanish Mackerel stock assessment outcomes and Recommend Biological Catch advice.
27-28 Oct 2021	(a) TRL Resource Data Subgroup 2 (b) TRLRAG 31	Cairns	(a) Review of data needs. Improvement of data collection and analysis.(b) Research priorities and updates to the five-year research plan.
Late Nov 2021 (TBC)	TS Scientific Advisory Committee	Thursday Island	Research priorities for 2022-23 funding round and longer-term priority planning.
25-26 Nov 2021	Finfish Working Group	Thursday Island	Provide advice on Total Allowable Catches for 2022-23 season.
Early-mid Nov 2021	CSIRO led underwater survey of tropical rock lobster abundance.		
1 Dec 2021	Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery opens for freediving and lamp fishing only (no hookah gear).		
15-16 Dec 2021	TRL Resource Assessment Group 32	Thursday Island	Review CSIRO pre-season TRL underwater survey results.
17 Dec 2021	TRL Working Group 12	Thursday Island	RAG meeting outcomes, preliminary or final total allowable catch (TAC), further consideration of input control review, future management priorities.

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