



Ref: MNMT2014-00015 and F2013/7190

RE: The total allowable effort limit for the 2014 Torres Strait Prawn Fishery season

Dear Torres Strait Prawn Fishery (TSPF) licence holder

I am writing to you, on behalf of the PZJA, to inform you that the Total Allowable Effort (TAE), days, for the 2014 TSPF fishing season has been set at 9,200 days.

The PZJA acknowledges the stress and uncertainty that industry members have experienced as a result of the delay in setting the 2014 TAE and would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience. PZJA members have many competing priorities, however given the importance of setting a TAE for the TSPF industry, the PZJA considered the proposal as a matter of priority, while still meeting their requirements under the *Native Title Act 1993* (NTA). The PZJA determined the 9,200 day TAE on 13 February 2014, which comes into effect on 14 February.

If you have already paid your licence fees and your licence has been issued

Fisheries Queensland part of Queensland Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry (QDAFF) will issue your remaining documents (Quota Certificate and annual use entitlement statement). You are legally endorsed to fish from the start of the season (1 March).

If you have not paid your licence fees

Fisheries Queensland will generate and issue your licence, quota certificate and annual use entitlement statement after payment for your licence fees (in full) have been received. You cannot fish until you have received your licence (or a copy of) and associated documents, and if the fishery is open.

Having your licence on your boat

Under the *Torres Strait Prawn Fishery Management Plan 2009*, it is an offence to operate in the TSPF without the physical licence on board the associated boat.

In recognition of the delay in determining the TAE and delay in issuing licence cards the PZJA has provided a one month grace period, where not having the physical licence card on board your boat will not be considered an offence.


Renewing your licence

Please note that licences **expire on 25 February** each year and must be renewed by 25 May (by paying your licence fees) or your licence can no longer be renewed or reissued. Please

contact Jason Lally Fisheries Queensland if you have any questions about this process or your endorsement on 07 3087 8812.

If you have any questions relating to other matters, please contact Lisa Cocking, Senior Management Officer at AFMA on (02) 6225 5451.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Hill'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and a long tail on the 'l'.

Fiona Hill
Manager Torres Strait Prawn Fishery
13 February 2014