

<b>TORRES STRAIT SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Meeting 45 17 -18 June 2008</b>
<b>MEETING ADMINISTRATION Introductions for each TSSAC member</b>	Agenda Item No. 1.1 <b>FOR NOTING</b>

## RECOMMENDATION

1.1.1 The TSSAC **NOTE** the membership of the TSSAC and the member biographies provided.

## BACKGROUND

At PZJA 22 in March 2008, the PZJA **AGREED** that in accordance with Subsections 40(7) and 40(8) of the *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984* (the Act) and from the date of signing the record of the meeting in accordance with Subsection 40(9) of the Act, to appoint Mr Ian Cartwright as Chair of the Torres Strait Scientific Advisory Committee for a period of three years (PZJA 22.6.2.2d); and to appoint the members of the Torres Strait Scientific Advisory Committee, as provided below, for a period of three years (PZJA 22.6.2.2e).

### **Membership of the Torres Strait Scientific Advisory Committee (TSSAC).**

<b>REPRESENTATION</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT DATE</b>	<b>TERM ENDS</b>
Chair	Mr Ian Cartwright	1-May-2008	30-April-2011
Executive Officer	Dr Annabel Jones (AFMA)	1-May-2008	30-April-2011
Scientific Member – Social/Economic	Ms Sevaly Sen	1-May-2008	30-April-2011
Scientific Member	Dr Yimin Ye	1-May-2008	30-April-2011
Scientific Member	Dr Roland Pitcher	1-May-2008	30-April-2011
Scientific Member	Dr Stephen Newman	1-May-2008	30-April-2011
Industry Member	Mr Tony Vass	1-May-2008	30-April-2011
Community Fisher Representative	Mr Charles David	1-May-2008	30-April-2011
AFMA Member	Dr David Wilson	N/A	N/A
QDPI&F Member	Mr Shane Gaddes	N/A	N/A

## DISCUSSION

TSSAC members are invited to provide brief biographies on their expertise and relevant experience to other TSSAC members.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

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<b>MEETING ADMINISTRATION PZJA FMP No.1 (May 2008)</b>	Agenda Item No. 1.2 <b>FOR DECISION</b>

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1.2.1 The TSSAC **NOTE** and **AGREE** to abide by the roles and responsibilities as set out in the PZJA FMP No.1 (May 2008).

## **BACKGROUND**

The PZJA Fisheries Management Paper No. 1 (May 2008) “Torres Strait Fisheries Management Advisory Committee and Associated Committees and Working Groups” (Attachment 1.2A) sets out operational guidelines for all PZJA consultative bodies, including the Torres Strait Scientific Advisory Committee” states (section 4.2):

*“A Scientific Advisory Committee’s (SAC) main role is to advise the PZJA on the strategic directions, priorities and funding for research relevant to meeting information needs and objectives of the PZJA and its relevant consultative bodies.”*

A SAC may also provide advice to the MACs, WGs, and RAGs on scientific and research issues in the Torres Strait Protected Zone (TSPZ). Section 8 of PZJA FMP No.1 (May 2008) details the roles of the various members in the TSSAC. Specifically, members must be prepared to meet the following requirements:

- to put views clearly and concisely and be prepared to negotiate to achieve acceptable outcomes and compromises where necessary;
- they must act in the best interests of the fisheries as a whole, rather than as an advocate for any particular organisation, interest group or regional concern;
- they must be prepared to observe confidentiality and exercise tact and discretion when dealing with sensitive issues;
- they must contribute to discussion in an objective and impartial manner and avoid pursuing personal agendas or self-interest;
- they must be prepared to make the necessary commitment of time to ensure that they are fully across matters which are the subject of consideration by the committee;
- Industry Members must not have commercial interests in the same company as other members on the TSSAC;
- Industry members must have the wider industry’s confidence and authority to undertake their functions as a TSSAC member. They must also be prepared to consult with members of industry through port-level associations, regional associations and peak industry bodies as necessary; and
- Traditional inhabitant members must have the community’s confidence and authority to undertake their functions as a TSSAC member. They must also be prepared to consult with members of community through local associations and meetings as necessary.

### Obligations of Members

Members must:

- act in good faith in the best interests of the PZJA;
- act honestly and exercise a reasonable degree of care and diligence in the discharge of their duties; and
- not make improper use of inside information to gain an advantage for themselves or someone else or cause harm to the Authority or to another person.

Members must not use their position, or information obtained as a member of the TSSAC, dishonestly or with the intention of directly or indirectly gaining an advantage for themselves or someone else, or with the intention of causing harm to the PZJA or to another person.

#### Personal and professional behaviour

TSSAC members should perform all duties associated with their positions diligently, impartially, conscientiously, in a civil manner and to the best of their ability. In the performance of their duties they should:

- act in such a way, at meetings, in the field and at official functions that will be held in a high regard by the community and by industry;
- treat other members and stakeholders with courtesy and sensitivity; and
- not take, or seek to take, improper advantage of official information gained in the course of their membership.

#### Fairness and equity

SAC members are not permitted to discriminate against or harass any colleague, client or member of the public. Behaviour, which is shown to be discriminatory, or which constitutes harassment will not be tolerated and may result in the members' appointment to TSSAC being terminated by the PZJA or delegate.

#### Public Comment

Public comment includes public speaking engagements, comments on radio and television and expressing views in letters to newspapers or in books, journals or notices or where it might be expected that the publication or circulation of the comment would spread to the community at large.

Whilst TSSAC members, as members of the community, have the right to make public comment and to enter into public debate on political and social issues, there are some circumstances in which public comment is inappropriate. These circumstances would be where there is an implication that the public comment, although made in a private capacity, is in some way an official comment of the TSSAC. Members should avoid making private statements about matters relating to the TSSAC unless it is made clear that they are speaking as a private citizen. The roles and responsibilities of individual representatives on the TSSAC are described in item 10 of PZJA FMP No.1 (May 2008).

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

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<b>MEETING ADMINISTRATION TSSAC Terms of Reference</b>	Agenda Item No. 1.3 <b>FOR NOTING</b>

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1.3.1 The TSSAC **NOTE** the Terms of Reference for the TSSAC.

## **BACKGROUND**

The PZJA (21.5.1.3) *agreed to the Terms of Reference for the Torres Strait Fisheries Scientific Advisory Committee as outlined in the agenda paper; [below].*

1. Identify and document research gaps, needs and priorities for fisheries in the Torres Strait.
2. Provide a forum for expert consideration of scientific issues referred to the TSSAC by the Torres Strait Fisheries Management Advisory Committee (TSFMAC).
3. Provide a forum for detailed consideration of scientific issues raised by Torres Strait Fishery Working Groups and relevant stakeholder representative bodies and advise Torres Strait Fishery Working Groups and relevant stakeholders on the feasibility and merits of suggested research.
4. Develop and update a strategic plan for Torres Strait Fisheries research.
5. Solicit and review research proposals in line with the strategic plan and recommend proposals for implementation to the AFMA Research Committee (ARC) and other relevant funding organisations.
6. Provide other advice to the TSFMAC on matters consistent with TSSAC functions.
7. Review research / consultancies, stock assessments, and other reports and outputs relevant to Torres Strait fisheries and advise the TSFMAC and Fishery Working Groups, on their technical merit.
8. Advise the TSFMAC and Fishery Working Groups on the management implications identified by the research projects or the TSSAC's own assessment of fisheries data.
9. Convene Fisheries Assessment workshops as appropriate to review and address assessment needs for Torres Strait fisheries and recommend research priorities for future assessments.
10. Provide advice to research providers and the TSFMAC on appropriate mechanisms and protocols for engaging research providers in the Torres Strait fisheries.
11. Provide advice on effective delivery of research results to stakeholders
12. Provide advice on a range of issues for the Torres Strait Prawn Fishery, including stock assessment advice.

## **DISCUSSION**

Any amendments to the TOR recommended by the TSSAC, will need to be agreed to by the PZJA through the consultative process.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.