

2024 PZJA committee meetings

Date (2024)	Group	Venue	Key Business
1 January	Beche-de-mer, Crab, Pearl Shell and Trochus Fisheries 2024 fishing season opens.		
31 January	Torres Strait Scientific Advisory Committee	Video-conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research proposals for potential funding in 2024-25 financial year.
1 February	Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery opens to hookah fishing. Periodic moon-tide hookah closures apply.		
1 February	Prawn Fishery 2024 fishing season opens.		
29 April	Fishing for black teatfish opens. Subject to a limited opening period and additional rules.		
5 June	Tropical Rock Lobster Working Group	Thursday Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes to management controls. Research priorities.
19 June	Finfish Resource Assessment Group	Video-conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research priorities.
1 July	Torres Strait Finfish Fishery 2024-25 fishing season opens.		
11 July	Tropical Rock Lobster Resource Assessment Group	Video-conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research priorities.
14 August	Hand Collectables Resource Assessment Group	Video-conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research priorities.
28-29 August	Torres Strait Scientific Advisory Committee	Waibene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five-year Strategic Research Plan. Research funding priorities for 2025-26 financial year.
17-18 September	Hand Collectables Resource Assessment Group	Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total allowable catches for the 2025 fishing season. Research priorities.
19 September	Hand Collectables Working Group	Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total allowable catches for the 2025 fishing season. Research priorities. Species specific management issues.
30 September	Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery 2023-24 fishing season closes.		
9 October	Tropical Rock Lobster Resource Assessment Group	Waibene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of empirical harvest control rule.
15 October	Finfish Resource Assessment Group	Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended biological catches for the 2025-26 fishing season.
16 October	Finfish Working Group	Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total allowable catches for the 2025-26 fishing season and other business.
3-20 November	CSIRO led underwater survey of tropical rock lobster abundance.		
5-6 November	Torres Strait Prawn Management Advisory Committee	Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bycatch and Discard Workplan. Prawn Fishery stock assessment. Prawn Fishery Management Plan amendments and consultation.

1 December	Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery 2024-25 fishing season opens. Freediving and lamp fishing only (no hookah).		
1 December	Prawn Fishery 2024 fishing season closes.		
10-11 December	Tropical Rock Lobster Resource Assessment Group	Waibene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of CSIRO led underwater pre-season survey results. Recommended biological catch for the 2024-25 fishing season.
12 December	Tropical Rock Lobster Working Group	Waibene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource assessment group meeting outcomes. Total allowable catch for the 2024-25 fishing season.
31 December	Beche-de-mer, Crab, Pearl Shell and Trochus Fisheries 2024 fishing season closes.		

Updated on 11 October 2024. Dates and venues may be subject to change.

