Prawn co-management project – CCSA reference group

Minutes – meeting 23rd June, 2008, 5.45 pm at the Conservation Centre

Present:

Kathryn Warhurst (KW)
Alex Gaut (AG)
Chris Ball (CB)
Chris Hall (CH)
Matt Osborne (MO)
Neville Skinner (NS)
Peter Owen (PO)
James Brook (JB)

Guest presenters:

Shane Roberts (SR) – PIRSA Fisheries
Karen Hollamby (KH) – Spencer Gulf and West Coast Prawn Fishermen's Association (SGWCPFA or 'the Association')

Outcomes:

- Introductions were made and CB, as the initial co-investigator in the project grant application, gave an introduction to the origin of the project.
- KH gave a presentation about the project and the discussion paper and questions that had been circulated prior to the first meeting.
- SR presented an overview of the fishery, and on surveys and harvest strategies
- After a break for informal discussion, the presenters departed and the reference group discussed the project further, identifying the following information needs:
    - membership arrangements of the Association and the ramifications of less than 100% membership (and potential future reductions in the number of associated licence holders)
    - bycatch in general, and specific questions on whether the responsive management practices applied to the target species are also applied to bycatch, and also what effect does the hopper system have on recording of bycatch
    - interactions with marine mammals, and related reporting requirements and compliance
    - impact on benthic habitats and the potential for recovery
- The reference group agreed to be recognised as an entity that would have a role in disseminating the information to the represented member groups, and that it would be appropriate to have a page on the project website dedicated to the group.

- Clarification was sought on how the views of the reference group would be conveyed to CCSA and whether there was any process by which CCSA would endorse those views.

- The group addressed the questions provided by the Association (see attachment)

Meeting closed 9.15 pm