

Prawn co-management project – CCSA reference group

Minutes – meeting 11th August, 2008, 5.45 pm at the Conservation Centre

Present:

Kathryn Warhurst (KW)
Alex Gaut (AG)
James Brook (JB)

Guest presenters:

Sean Sloan (SS) – PIRSA Fisheries
Cameron Dixon (CD) – SARDI Aquatic Sciences
Karen Hollamby (KH) – Spencer Gulf and West Coast Prawn Fishermen's
Association (SGWCPFA or 'the Association')

Apologies: Neville Skinner, Chris Hall, Peter Owen, Matt Osborne, Chris Ball

Outcomes:

- Illness forced several members to be apologies at short notice
- SS provided an overview of fisheries management under the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*.
 - the role of the fisheries department as a conservation body within a department focussed on development
 - the move away from Fisheries Management Committees to give industry associations more responsibility
 - the formation of the Fisheries Council, for which Chris Deane is a member providing expertise in conservation of aquatic resources
 - allocation between the commercial, recreational and indigenous sectors
 - the opportunity for community/conservation involvement in ecological risk assessment workshops that will be held in the future
- SS answered questions about communication between PIRSA and other state and national agencies with responsibilities relevant to fisheries, and about the process for reporting and publishing interactions with TEPS (threatened, endangered and protected species).
- CD provided an overview of ecological impacts of the fishery, including
 - bycatch and byproduct species
 - bycatch surveys
 - risk assessment
 - indicator species
 - impact on benthic habitats

Meeting closed 9.10 pm