

# **Fisheries Council of South Australia**

## **Annual Operational Plan 2008/09**

Updated August 2008

## **1 INTRODUCTION**

The Fisheries Council of South Australia (the Council) was established under the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* (the Act) and the inaugural members were appointed in September 2007. The Council is an expertise-based body that provides strategic advice to government to assist in the management and administration of aquatic resources in South Australia. Council members have high-level experience and knowledge in commercial fishing, recreational fishing, indigenous fishing, fish processing, fisheries science, business management, economics and law.

Section 18 of the Act requires that the Council develop an annual strategic plan for consideration by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries by 31 March each year. This plan is the first annual plan developed by the Council and provides an indication of the major programs to be undertaken by the Council in 2008/09.

Section 19 of the Act requires that the Council report on its activities for the previous financial year and this report will be prepared by September 2008.

## **2 PLANNED STRATEGIC ACTIVITY FOR 2008/09**

Section 16 of the Act sets out the following functions of the Council:

- (a) to prepare management plans as required under this Act;
- (b) to conduct reviews of management plans;
- (c) to promote the co-management of fisheries;
- (d) to promote research, education and training in relation to fisheries and the management of fisheries;
- (e) to advise the Minister on the management of aboriginal traditional fishing, commercial fishing and recreational fishing;
- (f) to advise the Minister about fees to be paid in connection with fishery authorities;
- (g) to advise the Minister on the application of money in the Fund;
- (h) to advise the Minister on State-wide policies in relation to fisheries management and research;
- (i) to advise the Minister on matters relating to intergovernmental agreements and arrangements related to fisheries or fishing;
- (j) to advise the Minister on issues related to the allocation of access to aquatic resources in particular fisheries;
- (k) to prepare or promote codes of practice on best practice concerning matters of relevance to holders of fishery authorities;
- (l) to carry out such other functions as may be assigned or delegated to the Council by the Minister.

The Council intends to focus on the following strategic projects for 2008/09, which reflect the role and responsibility of the Council under section 16 of the Act.

- Preparation of a number of fisheries management plans (as per the timetable agreed with the Minister- see section 4)
- Review of recreational fishing bag, boat and possession limits.
- Development of a 5-year Research and Development Plan for Fisheries and Aquaculture (in collaboration with the Aquaculture Advisory Committee) to replace the current SAFRAB 5-year plan.
- Development of a co-management template for increasing stakeholder participation and responsibility in fisheries management and decision-making.
- Review of total allowable catch limits for all quota managed fisheries.
- Development of a management plan for Pelican Lagoon Aquatic Reserve (in association with the Kangaroo Island Natural Resource Management Board).
- Assessment and development of new aquatic reserves under the Fisheries Management Act 2007 in support of sustainable fisheries management.
- Investigate training and development options for industry.
- Promote and support value chain management development in the wild fisheries sector through the current Thinker in Residence program.
- Other projects as referred by the Minister.

### **3 ANNUAL BUDGET**

The proposed annual budget to be allocated to the Council to fund its meetings, and operational and reporting activities in 2008/09 is \$513,000.

#### 4 PROJECT OUTLINE AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Project No.	Project	Coordinator	Date for completion	Performance measures
1	Preparation of commercial fisheries management plans (Abalone, Blue crab, Recreational Charter Boat, Lakes and Coorong)	ED, Fisheries	30 June 09	Plans approved by Minister
2	Review of recreational fishing bag, boat and possession limits	ED, Fisheries	30 April 09	Recommendations provided to Minister
3	5-year Research and Development Plan for Fisheries and Aquaculture (in association with AAC)	Policy Manager	31 December 08	Plan approved by Chief Executive, PIRSA
4	Development of a co-management template for increasing stakeholder participation and responsibility in fisheries management and decision-making	ED, Fisheries	30 June 09	Template approved by Minister
5	Review of total allowable catch limits for all quota managed fisheries	ED, Fisheries	30 June 09	Recommendations provided to Minister
6	Development of a management plan for Pelican Lagoon Aquatic Reserve	ED, Fisheries	30 June 09	Draft plan submitted to Minister
7	Assessment and development of new aquatic reserves	ED, Fisheries	30 June 09	Recommendations provided to Minister
8	Investigate training and development options for industry	Policy Manager	31 December 08	Recommendations provided to Minister
9	Promote and support value chain management development in the wild fisheries sector through the current Thinker in Residence program	Chair	31 December 08	Completion of current TIR program and program evaluation report
10	Actioning of National Action Plan for Fisheries and Aquaculture Recommendations regarding Climate Change	ED, Fisheries	30 June 09	Implementation of Recommendations
11	Develop Technology Strategy	Technology Working Group	30 June 2009	Strategy approved by Minister
12	Other activities as referred by the Minister	Chair	30 June 09	As requested by Minister

## 5 Membership

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Principal area of expertise</b>
Ms Cathy Cooper*	Law and business management
Mr Bob Pennington**	Commercial fishing
Mr Trevor Watts	Recreational fishing
Ms Lorelee Wright	Indigenous fishing
Dr Julian Morison	Economics
Mr Barry Evans	Commercial fishing
Professor Paul McShane	Fisheries science
Mr Chris Deane	Conservation
Mr Ron Sherriff	Recreational fishing
Mr Will Zacharin***	Fisheries management

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