
RLRAG #40

06 December 2023

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Agenda



Item	Description	Lead	Timing
1.	Preliminaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Welcome and apologies 1.2 Overview of meeting and adoption of agenda 1.3 Membership update 1.4 Minutes and actions from last meeting 	I Knuckey I Knuckey E Flanagan E Flanagan	12:00 – 12:15
2.	Management Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Management Plan review and timelines update 2.2 AVG update 2.3 Recreational reporting program update 2.4 Recreational measuring device update 	E Flanagan E Flanagan E Flanagan D Reilly	12:15 – 12:45
3.	Monitoring Program Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Data summary for 2022/23 season 	D Reilly	12:45 – 13:00
4.	Rock Lobster Stock Assessment Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1 Presentation of draft 2022/23 stock assessment results 4.2 Consideration of results and sector perspectives 4.3 Application of harvest strategy 4.4 Vessel efficiency factors discussion 	K Hartmann	13:00 – 14:00
	Break		14:00 – 14:15
5.	OzLob Model Update and Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1 ARL Development 	G Phillips	14:15 – 14:45
6.	Giant Crab Stock Assessment Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.1 Presentation of draft 2022/23 stock assessment results 6.2 Consideration of results and sector perspectives 6.3 Application of harvest strategy 	K Hartmann	14:45 – 15:15
7.	Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.1 SRL Update (optional) 7.2 SIV Update (optional) 7.3 Other 	G Ryan M Wassnig All	15:15 – 15:30

Actions – Meeting 39



Action	Responsibility	Timing
Previous Meeting Actions		
1. Ewan to circulate the workplan with the draft minutes	Ewan	October
2. Create standing item to review the previous year at first RLRAG meeting	Ewan	February 2024
3. Genevieve to attend the next RLRAG to present ARL development. ○ Include comparison with Tasmanian preliminary results if available	Genevieve	December
4. Genevieve to provide optimal OzLob model with next year's stock assessment	Genevieve	February 2024
5. David Reilly to raise future enhancement to Vic-eCatch to include functionality to report under voluntary pot program.	David	Ongoing
6. David Reilly to discuss setting up length/weight conversion with processors	David	December
7. David Reilly to follow up with EZ fisherman regarding voluntary observer data	David	December
8. Vessel Efficiency Factors ○ David to provide historical survey data to Klaas ○ Klaas to raise vessel efficiency discussion at next RLRAG	David / Klaas	December
9. Puerulus Program ○ David to finalise the use crevice collections in the puerulus program ○ David to provide details to Matt with details of what is needed from fishers participating in voluntary pot sampling program	David	December / Ongoing

Management Plan Update



60-day consultation period closes Sunday, 10 December 2023

Next Steps:

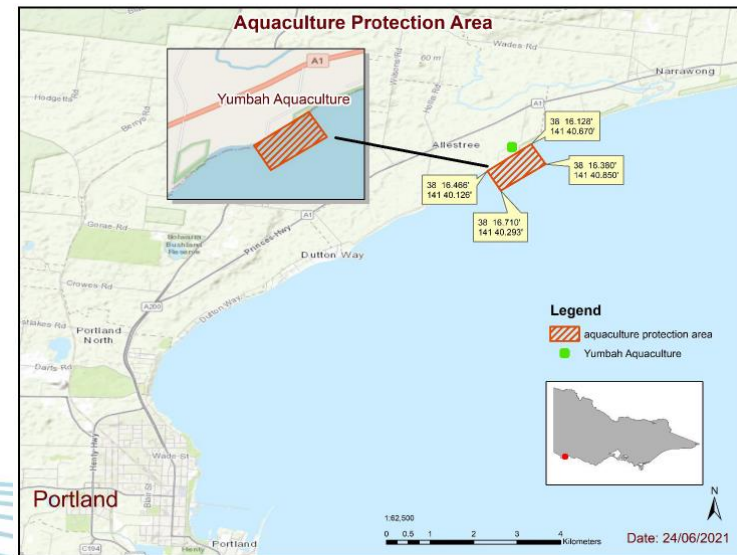
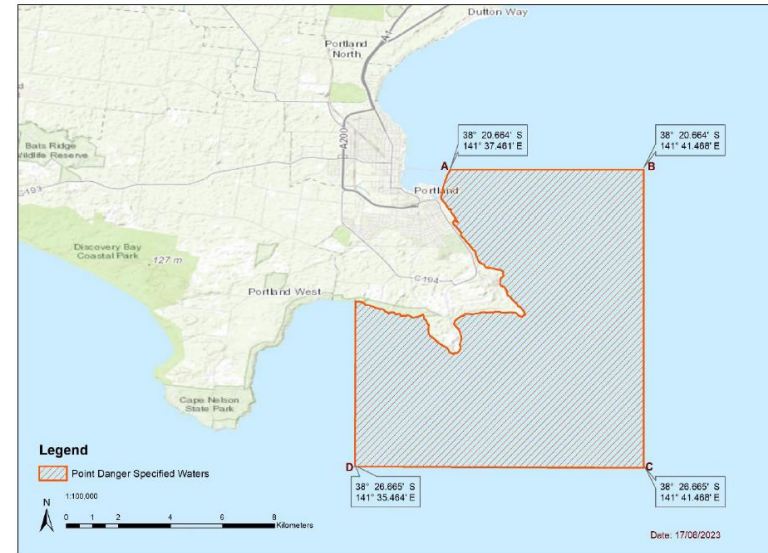
1. VFA will collate all responses
2. RL Management Plan Review Steering Committee will meet to discuss submissions
3. RLMPRSC final recommendation drafted and submitted to VFA
4. Formal channels through the VFA up to the Minister for approval
5. Management Plan declaration by the Minister

AVG Update



Recap

- Infected abalone identified in Point Danger area in mid-August
- Outbreak limited to small sample size
- Diving surveillance commenced immediately
- Closure areas for high-risk fishing activities were implemented immediately
 - 3-month closure to November 15
- Response was based on learnings from the previous outbreaks
 - Immediate action is critical!



AVG Update



Future Priority for Rock Lobster Industry

- FRDC research proposal submitted to FRDC to better understand the impact of rock lobster fishing
- Aims to understand the risk of RL pots and nets as vectors of transmission
- Further understand the risk of diver transmission
- Risk trade-off:
 - Minimise the impact to the RL fishery while recognising its contribution to the preservation of other fisheries

GoFishVic RL Update



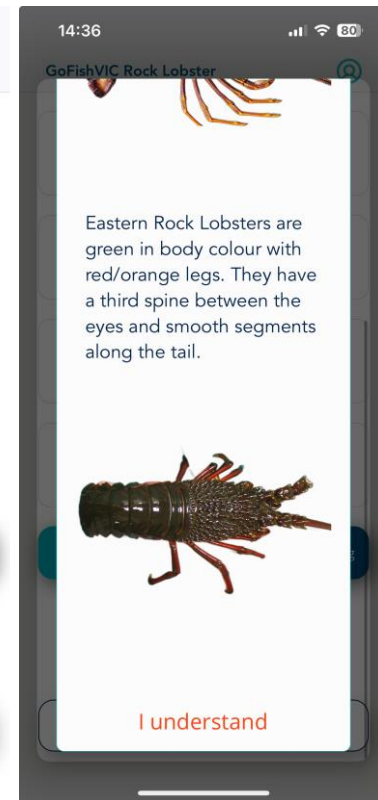
Catch summary as at 5/12/2023

	Total	East	West
Total Registered Users	200		
Total Fishers	121		
Total Trips	181	73	108
Total RL Caught	343	135	208
Total Male	229	83	146
Total Female	114	52	62
Average Length (cm)	13.87	14.14	13.69
Weight (kg)	474	207	267

GoFishVic RL Update



- Recent update now allows for species selection
- Future enhancement will incorporate citizen science
- Field staff have reported generally positive feedback so far
- Some minor issues have been corrected quickly by app development team

A screenshot of the GoFishVIC Rock Lobster app form. The form has a white background with rounded corners. At the top, it shows the time 14:35 and the title "GoFishVIC Rock Lobster". Below the title are four sections: "Sex" with a toggle for "Male" (selected) and "Female"; "Size" with a text input field and a "cm" unit; "Zone" with a toggle for "East" (selected) and "West"; and "Species" with a toggle for "Southern" (selected) and "Eastern". At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Save and add another" (teal) and "Save to bag" (dark blue). A "Home" button with a house icon is at the very bottom.

Other Business:

1. SIV Update

2. SRL Update

