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## Assessment reports

Fisheries are assessed for their ecological sustainability by the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (formally Environment and Heritage) through the Strategic Assessment process under Part 10 of the [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999](#) (EPBC Act). Also covered through the process are; the accreditation of the fisheries for the purposes of interaction with protected species and, the seeking of export approval allowing for the export of native species. For more information about strategic assessments see our website at: <http://www.afma.gov.au/environment/assessment/default.htm>

Copies of assessment reports are available from AFMA's website ([www.afma.gov.au](http://www.afma.gov.au)) or by contacting AFMA's Environment Policy Section (details at the end of Environment Update).

Department of the Environment and Water Resources (DEW) assessment reports and recommendations can be seen on their website at: <http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/fisheries/commonwealth/index.html>

### Assessments completed by the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

- Heard Island and McDonald Islands Fishery\*
- Bass Strait Scallop Fishery<sup>§</sup>
- Northern Prawn Fishery
- Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery
- Coral Sea Fishery\*
- Southern Squid Jig Fishery
- Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery
- Western Trawl Fisheries
- Torres Strait Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery\*
- Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery
- Torres Strait Sea Cucumber Fishery\*
- Southern and Eastern Scafish and Shark Fishery<sup>‡</sup>
- Small Pelagic Fishery
- Skipjack Tuna Fishery
- Torres Strait Prawn Trawl Fishery\*
- Torres Strait Finfish Fishery\*
- New and Exploratory Fisheries in the CCAMLR Region
- Macquarie Island Fishery
- Informally Managed Fishing Permits\*
- Torres Strait Trochus Fishery\*

### Assessment report drafted and public comment sought – to be submitted to the Minister for Environment and Water Resources

- Torres Strait Turtle and Dugong Fishery\*

### Drafting on hold (no export component)

- Torres Strait Pearl Shell Fishery\*
- Torres Strait Crab Fishery\*

\* due for reassessment

§ AFMA is not seeking further export accreditation other than for scallops taken during scientific surveys as Total Allowable Catch is currently zero

\* managed by the Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority

‡ just been given a 3 year WTO

## Torres Strait Turtle & Dugong Fishery Assessment Report

The Torres Strait Turtle and Dugong Fishery (TST&DF) SAR has been through an extended public comment period and is now being prepared for submission to the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources by the Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority.



## Review of strategic assessments

The Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery (SESSF) fishery has been reassessed through an agreed process between AFMA and the Department of Environment and Water Resources (DEW – formally known as DEH) (for further information see Environment Update 26 at the following link: [http://www.afma.gov.au/information/publications/newsletters/env\\_update/default.htm](http://www.afma.gov.au/information/publications/newsletters/env_update/default.htm)). The then Minister for the Environment and Heritage declared the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery (SESSF) an approved Wildlife Trade Operation (WTO) for a further 3 year period until 22 December 2009. For DEW's assessment report for the fishery please use the following link to the DEW website: <http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/fisheries/commonwealth/scale-fish/index.html>

AFMA, DEW and state and territory fisheries authorities are continuing to discuss the form future reassessments will take. A workshop under the auspices of the Australian Fisheries Managers Forum was held on 1 February 2007 to progress this issue. The workshop generally supported the proposed streamlined fishery export reassessment process but suggested a further workshop to trial the reassessment process for two fisheries.

Under the proposed approach a fishery's posed level of risk will be determined in conjunction with relevant fishery management agencies using a cumulative, staged process that considers the previous EPBC Act fishery assessment outcomes, including progress in implementation of conditions and agreed recommendations, as well as any changes occurring in the fishery since the last assessment. A fishery's subsequent ranking will then align to an appropriate submission requirement. The higher the identified risk posed by the fishery on the marine environment, the more substantial and detailed the submission will need to be.

For further information on assessment reports please contact Paul Ryan, AFMA Environment Policy Section on (02) 6225 5366.

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## Establishing Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management Project

In 2003, AFMA was granted \$2.71 million through the Australian Government Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) for a three year "Establishing Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management (EBFM)" project. Through this grant, AFMA has progressed the implementation of EBFM in its fisheries. This has been through refining the ecological risk assessments for all major AFMA managed fisheries, enhancing fisheries EBFM data collection and management, establishing an industry and public communication program to raise awareness and understanding of EBFM efforts, and assisting individual fisheries to implement bycatch reduction initiatives.

Through a recent extension of the NHT funding for the EBFM project (till 2007-08), AFMA is now progressing further with the implementation of EBFM within its fisheries. The extended project will assist with:

- Establishing the ecological risk management framework as a key part of fisheries management, making use of the final ecological risk;
- Continuing to enhance our EBFM data collection and reporting processes, particularly for protected and key bycatch species;
- Continuing to implement an industry and public communication program to raise awareness of and reinforce key messages regarding EBFM in AFMA fisheries; and
- Supporting a program of actively assisting fisheries to develop and refine bycatch mitigation technologies and techniques.

For more information on the "Establishing Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management" project, please contact Tim Smith, AFMA Environment Policy Section on (02) 6225 5322.

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## Ecological Risk Management in Commonwealth Fisheries

Since 2001, AFMA together with CSIRO have been developing ecological risk assessments (ERA) for all major AFMA managed fisheries as part of our commitment to ecosystem based fisheries management. To date, ERAs have been undertaken for all major fisheries providing a prioritisation list to guide research, data collection, monitoring and management needs for individual fisheries. AFMA is also developing an Ecological Risk Management (ERM) framework to guide fisheries in responding to the ERA outcomes.

As suggested in the last Environment Update, the fishery ERA reports went through the final stages of completion in late 2006 by CSIRO, in consultation with AFMA and fishery stakeholders. These reports are yet to be finalised due to continuing ERA refinements and two key developments currently occurring in the ERM process that will influence the ERA outcomes. These developments are:

- The categorisation of 'high risk' results to indicate the reason for the high risk ranking. Categorisation of the high risks is a useful step, as the management response implemented may vary depending on the cause of risk; and
- The establishment of a formal process to incorporate all current management measures in place in each fishery. As the current ERA methodology does not incorporate all fisheries management arrangements, a process for reviewing the ERA results and re-assessing the risk posed by the fishery will ensure an accurate estimation of the ecological risks from the fishery.

These developments are currently underway, and the ERA reports are expected to be finalised by mid 2007. Implementation of the ERM framework and consideration of management responses to address the remaining high risks by fisheries will occur from mid 2007.

For more information on the ERAs or the ERM framework visit the website at the address below; or contact Tim Smith, Manager Ecological Risk, on (02) 6225 5322  
[http://www.afma.gov.au/environment/eco\\_based/default.htm](http://www.afma.gov.au/environment/eco_based/default.htm)

## Bycatch action plans (BAPs)

### Review of BAPs

The *Commonwealth Policy on Fisheries Bycatch* commits AFMA to review BAPs every two years. AFMA has finalised the BAPs for major Commonwealth Fisheries with the exception of the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery (SESSF). Several fisheries are due for review, these are: the Tuna Purse Seine Fishery, the Southern Squid Jig Fishery, Bass Strait Scallop Fishery and the Northern Prawn Fishery

The SESSF BAP combines the BAPS of the South East Trawl, the Gillnet, Hook and Trap and the Great Australian Bight fisheries. The public comment period for the Draft SESSF BAP has closed and the BAP is progressing towards finalisation. The BAP will be finalised by June 2007. This deadline is also a requirement of the Environment Minister's approval of the fishery as a Wildlife Trade Operation (WTO) (see the strategic assessment section).

The Draft NPF BAP was also released for public comment, and that the period has now closed.

It has been decided that the Southern Squid Jig Fishery BAP does not need to be revised at this time. A review of bycatch in the fishery showed that there was a continued insignificant level of bycatch.

The Bass Strait Scallop Fishery BAP will be rolled over as the Total Allowable Catch has been set to zero until commercial fishing is resumed; the BAP will then be updated prior to recommencing operations.

The Australia's Tuna Purse Seine Fishery BAP review has been delayed for six months as there are several initiatives in the fishery that are due for completion with in the next six months.

Copies of BAPs are available from the AFMA website at [www.afma.gov.au](http://www.afma.gov.au). Alternatively, they may be obtained by contacting Cate Coddington, AFMA Environment Policy Section on (02) 6225 5378 or by email to [cate.coddington@afma.gov.au](mailto:cate.coddington@afma.gov.au).

## Finalised BAPs

- Northern Prawn Fishery
- Antarctic Fisheries
- Bass Strait Scallop Fishery
- Southern Squid Jig Fishery
- Tuna longline and minor line fisheries
- Tuna Purse Seine Fishery
- Torres Strait Prawn Fishery
- Torres Strait Finfish Fishery
- Small Pelagic Fishery

## Public comment sought – awaiting final approval

- Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery
- Northern Prawn Fishery

For further information on Bycatch Action Plans please contact Paul Ryan, AFMA Environment Policy Section on (02) 6225 5366.

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## Oceans Policy

### High seas governance

Over the past few years there has been increasing discussion on the issue of high seas governance; including the use of marine protected areas and the proposal for a moratorium on trawling on seamounts. The issue has been discussed at the United Nations open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and Law of the Sea (UNICPOLOS) in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

### United Nations General Assembly – Destructive Fishing Practices

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) 61st session sustainable fisheries resolution was formally adopted on 7 December 2006. The resolution provides for strong action to regulate bottom fisheries and prevent significant adverse impacts on vulnerable marine ecosystems.

The Australian Government position taken to UNGA called for stronger governance and management of all fishing practices which have destructive impacts on vulnerable marine ecosystems and an immediate prohibition on bottom trawling in all unmanaged areas of the high seas. The ban was not supported.

The resolution does provide for strong action to regulate bottom fisheries and prevent significant adverse impacts on vulnerable marine ecosystems. We consider this an important step forward in the regulation of bottom fisheries and their impacts.

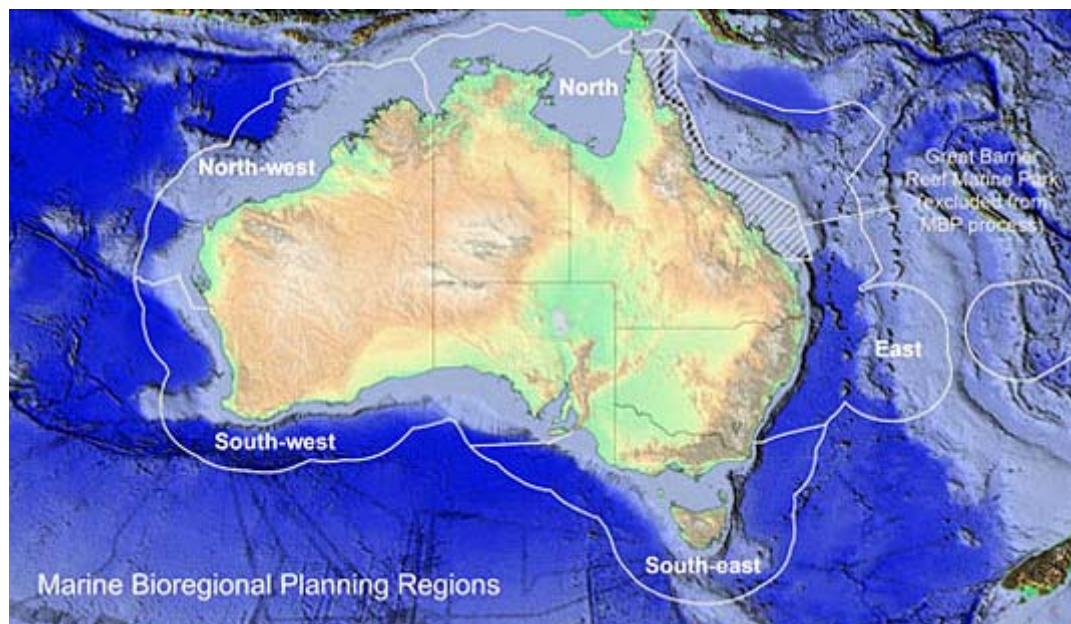
Australia will now work with other countries to implement the agreed measures. This includes the pursuit of interim management measures in the South Pacific and Southern Indian Ocean where regional fisheries management organisations (RFMOs) are being established.

More generally, the rest of the sustainable fisheries resolution contains overall strengthening and progress on key fisheries conservation and management issues for Australia including addressing illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, ensuring strong monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) and improving RFMOs.

For further information on high seas governance please contact Paul Ryan, AFMA Environment Policy Section on (02) 6225 5366.

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## Marine Bioregional Planning



As mentioned in the last Environment Update, the Australian Government is now establishing Marine Bioregional Plans under section 176 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. These will guide the Environment and Water Resources Minister, marine management agencies and marine industries about the key conservation issues and priorities in each marine region. It will also provide a framework to develop the National Representative System of Marine Protected Areas across all Commonwealth waters.

There are three major stages involved in Marine Bioregional Planning. These are the Regional Profile, the draft Marine Bioregional Plan and the final Marine Bioregional Plan. The commercial fishing industry, AFMA and other stakeholders and agencies will have many opportunities to provide input throughout these stages.

The Regional Profiles will collate and summarise the features of each region, including key habitats, species, natural processes, heritage values, human uses and benefits, environmental statutory obligations, existing conservation measures and other marine spatial management measures such as fisheries closures. The Regional Profiles will also state the conservation values for the region and set out the objectives used to identify an MPA network for the region.

The Department of Environment and Water Resources (DEW) will assess the current and emerging pressures on the marine environment and their effects on conservation values based on the information in the Regional Profiles in consultation with stakeholders. The draft Marine Bioregional Plan will follow on from this and outline the priorities, strategies and actions for DEW to achieve the objectives for the region and a proposed MPA network.

The final Marine Bioregional Plan will be finalised after public consultation, and will contain the final conservation values in the region, priorities and measures for the protection of these values, a network of MPAs and a set of sustainability indicators that will be used to assess the continuing health of the marine environment.

DEW expects to complete the plans for all regions by 2012. More information about bioregional planning can be found on the DEW website at: <http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/index.html>. The next edition of Environment Update will go through the regions in more details and outline some of the fisheries related issues that are likely to occur in each.

For further information on AFMA's involvement in Bioregional Planning please contact Amanda Parr, Environment Policy section, on 02 6225 5323.

## Marine protected areas

### South East Marine Protected Areas

Following the announcement of the 13 new South East Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in December 2006, procedures are currently underway to declare the new MPAs under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* in the first half of this year.

More information about the new South East MPAs can be found at the DEW website: <http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mpa/southeast/index.html>

### Updated marine protected area management plans

#### Review of Mermaid Reef management plan

Commonwealth Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) are required to regularly renew their management plans. The current Mermaid Reef Management Plan was implemented in 2000 and will cease to have effect on 16 May 2007. Therefore the Department of the Environment and Water Resources (DEW) is preparing a new management plan to take effect from 2007 to 2014.

Mermaid Reef is one of the Rowley Shoals reefs located 300 km north west of Broome in Western Australia. It was declared a MPA due to its unique underwater topography and associated marine life. The three reefs of the Rowley Shoals have been described as the most morphologically perfect examples of shelf-edge reefs occurring in Australian waters. Both the Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery and the North West Slope Trawl fishery are permitted to fish in waters adjacent to the marine park.

There are a number of steps involved in reviewing the management plan. These are:

1. The Director of National Parks publishes an invitation to the public to comment on the proposal to draft a new plan.
2. The Director prepares a draft plan, taking all comments into account.
3. The Director publishes the draft plan and an invitation to comment on the draft plan. It is anticipated that a draft plan will be available for comment in mid 2007.
4. The Director considers all comments and may alter the plan.
5. The Director gives the Australian Government Minister for the Environment and Water Resources the plan for approval.
6. If the Minister approves the plan, it is submitted to both Houses of Parliament.
7. The plan comes into effect, unless disallowed by Parliament, and is published and implemented.

DEW is currently at step 2 for Mermaid Reef and is expecting to release the draft management plan for public comment by May 2007, at which time MACs for relevant fisheries will be given a chance to comment.

For further information on AFMAs involvement in marine protected areas please contact Amanda Parr, AFMA Environment Policy Section on (02) 6225 5323.

## Protected Species Reporting

The last Environment Update provided details of the new arrangements for streamlining reporting by fishers of protected species interactions with fishing operations in all Commonwealth fisheries. The arrangements were agreed through a memorandum of understanding (MOU) negotiated between AFMA and the Department of the Environment and Heritage (now the Department of the Environment and Water Resources – DEW), with the new reporting arrangements starting on 1 April 2006.

Through this arrangement, AFMA is providing summary reports by fishery to DEW on behalf of fishers based on interactions reported in logbooks. To date, AFMA has made two summary reports to DEW, for the periods 1 April to 30 June 2006 and 1 July to 30 September 2006. In addition to these, AFMA has made 4 immediate interaction reports to DEW for interactions with grey nurse and great white sharks. Across this period, interactions were reported in a number of AFMA fisheries, from the Sub-Antarctic to the tropics, and covered a range of species, from seabirds and seals to sea snakes and turtles.

AFMA and DEW are now developing a strategy to provide information and feedback on these interactions to both the public and the fishing industry.

AFMA is also putting in place a communication and liaison strategy to encourage industry reporting of interactions. This has been through notices in AFMA publications (AFMA Update and Fishing Futures) along with a new protected species ID guide, sticker and flyer which are about to be distributed to fishers. These products will help Commonwealth fishers reporting in logbooks to accurately identify protected species by providing information on the range of species they do or have the potential to interact with. To further support this reporting AFMA's fishery liaison officers have been talking to fishers about the importance of protected species reporting and how to fill out the AFMA logbooks.

For more information on protected species reporting please contact Tim Smith, AFMA Environment Policy Section on (02) 6225 5322.

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## Marine Turtles and Dugongs

Related to AFMA's strategic assessment report on the Torres Strait Turtle and Dugong Fishery (see page 2), the *North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance* (NAILSMA) is coordinating a project called the Dugong and Marine Turtle Project (DMTP). The DMTP aims to develop community-driven approaches to the sustainable management of dugong and marine turtles. A profile of the project can be found at: [http://www.ioseaturtles.org/pom\\_detail.php?id=52](http://www.ioseaturtles.org/pom_detail.php?id=52)

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## Nominations under the EPBC Act

The Department of the Environment and Water Resources (DEW – formerly the Department of the Environment and Heritage) is still considering the following nominations for listing as threatened species under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) relevant to marine species and fisheries:

- Eastern Gemfish (*Rexea solandri*)
- School Shark (*Galeorhinus galeus*)
- Harrison's Deepsea Dogfish (*Centrophorus harrissoni*)
- Endeavour Dogfish (*Centrophorus moluccensis*)
- Southern Dogfish (*Centrophorus uyato*)
- Flesh-footed Shearwater (*Puffinus carneipes*)

Each nomination is assessed by the Threatened Species Scientific Committee to determine whether it meets the criteria for listing and then the Committee's advice and subsequent recommendations are forwarded to the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources for the final decision.

In Environment Update 26 we wrote about the announcement by the then Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Senator Ian Campbell that a recommendation to list orange roughy was going to be made available to the public. Subsequently, on 9 November 2006, the Minister announced that orange roughy was added to the threatened species list as conservation dependent. Orange roughy is the first commercially harvested fish to be listed under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

As a consequence of this listing orange roughy must be managed subject to a conservation programme. This programme can be found on AFMA's website at:

<http://www.afma.gov.au/fisheries/sess/sess/notices/2006/n20061207.pdf>

In the last Environment Update we also wrote about the recent nomination of the flesh-footed shearwater (Eastern Australian Population) (*Puffinus carneipes*). AFMA lodged a submission to the then Department of Environment and Heritage in July 2006 which is available on the AFMA website: <http://www.afma.gov.au/fisheries/tuna/etbf/publications/default.htm#shearwater>

Information on nominations under the EPBC Act is available on DEW's website at: <http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/nominations.html>.

For further information on AFMA's role in nominations under the EPBC Act, please contact Paul Ryan, AFMA Environment Policy Section on (02) 6225 5366.

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## Amendments to the EPBC Act

On 12 October 2006, a bill to amend sections of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) was introduced before parliament. The amendments were passed by parliament on 7 December 2006, and most amendments commenced on 19 February 2007. The amendments most likely to affect AFMA relate to the nomination of species for protection.

The Department of the Environment and Water Resources has information about the amendments to the EPBC Act on its website at: <http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/2006-amendments/index.html>

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## Seals

### National Seal Strategy Group

The National Seal Strategy Group (NSSG) is a small government working group established by the Marine and Coastal Committee (MACC) of the Natural Resource Management Standing Committee to address the emerging national issue of human and seal interactions.

The NSSG has examined existing and emerging seal-human interaction issues with the view to developing strategies to mitigate adverse impacts on seal populations and on industries with particular reference to fisheries, aquaculture and eco-tourism. The NSSG released a strategy and report which assessed interactions between humans and seals for public consultation in October 2005. The NSSG incorporated the comments received into the strategy and report for consideration by the MACC in July 2006. The final version of the *National Strategy to Address Interactions between Humans and Seals: Fisheries, Aquaculture and Tourism* was endorsed on 24 November 2006 by the NRM Ministerial Council and will be released shortly.

The NSSG will be reformed as an implementation committee. DAFF will chair the group and undertake the secretariat duties.

For further information on seal issues please contact Paul Ryan AFMA Environmental Policy Section on (02) 6225 5366.

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## Sharks

### Shark regional reporting

The Shark-plan Implementation Review Committee (SIRC) held a meeting in July 2006 to consider drafts of regional Operational Plans; these are created under the national Shark-plan and are designed to facilitate regional co-operation in shark research, data collection and complementary fisheries management measures. The four marine regions are north, east, south and west. The SIRC has finalised the draft regional Operational Plans which are now before the Marine and Coastal Committee for approval. Once approved annual reporting of progress against the Shark-plan will occur on a regional basis, rather than nationally.

## Shark species proposed for listing under CITES

Trade of products from species listed under the Convention on Illegal Trade of Endangered Species (CITES) are subject to a range of import and export controls. Any country may propose an endangered species to be listed under CITES. For more information please see the CITES website at: [www.cites.org](http://www.cites.org).

A number of shark species have been proposed for listing under CITES (by Germany, the United States of America, Kenya and Nicaragua); sawfish (Family Pristidae), the Porbeagle Shark (*Lamna nasus*) and the Spiny Dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*). These proposals will be discussed and decided on at the next CITES Conference of the Parties meeting, to be held in June 2007. If these species are listed, there are not expected to be many implications for Australian commonwealth fisheries.

For further information on shark issues please contact Amanda Parr, AFMA Environmental Policy Section, on (02) 6225 5323.

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## Dolphins and Seals in the Small Pelagic Fishery

In Environment Update 26 we wrote about the completion of Stage 1 of research into mitigation strategies for dolphins and seals in Zone A of the Small Pelagic Fishery. Since then, further research has continued and Stage 2 is scheduled for completion by mid 2007.

For further information on dolphins and seals in the SPF, please contact Melissa Brown, Manager Small Pelagic Fishery, on (02) 6225 5465.

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## Seabirds

### Revised TAP for the Incidental Catch (or Bycatch) of Seabirds during Oceanic Longline Fishing Operations

The incidental catch (or bycatch) of seabirds during oceanic longline fishing operations has been listed as a key threatening process under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, and a Threat Abatement Plan (TAP) was approved by the Minister for the Environment on 2 August 1998 to alleviate the impact of this activity. This plan expired in August 2003, necessitating a review under subsection 279(2) of the EPBC Act.

A revised threat abatement plan was prepared to coordinate national action to alleviate the impact of longline fishing activities on seabirds in Australian waters. The Department of the Environment and Heritage sought public comment from interested groups and individuals on the revised Threat Abatement Plan for the incidental catch (or bycatch) of seabirds during oceanic longline fishing operations.

The three-month public comment period closed on Friday 9 December 2005. Public comments, including those from AFMA, were considered by the TAP team at its meeting in Hobart on 19 December 2005. A revised Threat Abatement Plan for the incidental catch (or bycatch) of seabirds during oceanic longline fishing operations was submitted to the Threatened Species Scientific Committee and was discussed at its meeting on 7 to 9 March 2006. Following acceptance by the TSSC the revised TAP was submitted to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

The revised TAP was endorsed by the Minister on 18 July 2006. The revised TAP involves different mitigation measures and reporting arrangements to the previous TAP. It provides for reporting on two seasons (Summer 1 September — 30 April and Winter 1 May—31 August) based on areas divided into 5 degree latitudinal bands within the AFZ. AFMA is currently deciding how best to comply with the reporting arrangements.

The revised TAP is available at:

<http://www.aad.gov.au/default.asp?casid=20587>

For further information on seabird issues please contact Paul Ryan, AFMA Environment Policy Section on (02) 6225 5366.

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