



Australian Government

Australian Fisheries Management Authority

Attachment A

Actions for the statement (March 2019)

AFMA is undertaking the following actions that will contribute to the themes in the statement. These actions will be reported on annually.

1. Strengthen engagement with commercial, recreational and Indigenous fishing stakeholders

- a) Strengthen engagement strategies with commercial, recreational and Indigenous fishing stakeholders including through MAC and RAG representation and other stakeholder forums.
- b) Take commercial, recreational and Indigenous fishing interests into account when AFMA harvest strategies and other key documents are reviewed.
- c) Support the development of projects to build capacity in the recreational and Indigenous fishing sectors.

2. Strengthen transparency

- a) Provide more information about the Commission's decisions to assist stakeholders' understanding of those decisions.
- b) Roll out Fishery Management Strategies across key AFMA fisheries to provide a single public and easily accessible source of information on how each fishery is managed.
- c) Continue to improve access to AFMA fisheries information through data.gov.au, the AFMA website and other media.

3. Support the development of resource sharing arrangements

- a) Work with the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources to develop a Commonwealth resource sharing policy across the commercial, recreational and Indigenous sectors.
- b) Support research on developing a national framework for resource sharing to support the development of best practice catch-sharing arrangements and common harvest strategies.

4. Support climate change adaptation

- a) Support research on the development of a risk assessment framework to help identify the ecological, economic and social aspects of the risks to fisheries from climate change and strategies to support climate change adaptation in Commonwealth fisheries.

In addition to these actions, AFMA will take opportunities to encourage, support or align its processes to support industry and other agency initiatives on further matters such as sea safety, labour conditions and mental health where appropriate and consistent with the ESD principles.