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Australian Fisheries Management Authority

Bass Strait Central Zone Scallop Fishery Management Advisory Committee (ScallopMAC) Meeting 33

Meeting minutes

Teleconference

12 May 2020

11:04-13:11

The Chair opened the meeting at 11.04

Agenda item 1 Preliminaries

1.1 Welcome and apologise

Mr John Pollock, the Chair, welcomed members and observers to the meeting and made an Acknowledgement of Country statement recognising the Traditional Owners of the many lands in which we met and payed respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

Attendees	Membership
John Pollock	Chair
Brendan Kelaher	Scientific Member
Sylvia Zukowski	Environment Member
Stuart Richey	Industry Member
Debbie Wisby	Industry Member
Andrew Watts	Industry Member
Peter Mellios	Industry Member
Dan Corrie	AFMA member
Heather Johnston	Executive Officer
Bob Lister	Invited participant, Industry
Andrew Sullivan	Invited participant, Industry
Matt Koopman	Invited participant, Fishwell Consulting
Julian Morison	Invited participant, BDO Econsearch
Fiona Hill	Observer, AFMA
Anna Willock	Observer, AFMA
Andrew Zapantis	Observer, Industry
Apologies	Membership
John Hammond	Industry Member
John Cull	Invited Participant, Industry
Jonathan Hammond	Observer, Industry

1.2 Declarations of interest

The MAC followed the conflict of interest declarations as outlined in Fisheries Administration Paper 12. Members and participants reviewed and updated the Declarations of Interest included at [Attachment A](#).

All industry members, invited participants and observes declared a potential conflict with Agenda Item 5 '2020 TACs, closures and season dates recommendations'. The industry members, invited participants and observers left the meeting while the MAC considered their interests and how they should be managed. The MAC discussed that the process that has been in place for this MAC during the current membership has allowed industry to be a part of the discussion and not leave the meeting while advice is being formulated. The MAC decided to take this same approach for this meeting but will review the process under the new memberships in 2021.

1.3 Adoption of agenda

The MAC adopted the agenda at [Attachment B](#) as final.

1.4 action items

The MAC noted the actions items from previous meetings and the updates provided by the Executive Officer at [Attachment C](#). There were no further comments.

Agenda item 2 Summary of information available for scallop beds surveyed

Dr Koopman from Fishwell Consulting presented a summary of information available from previous biomass surveys for Bass Strait Central Zone Fishery (BSCZSF) Commercial Scallop beds from 2015- 2019. AFMA engaged Fishwell Consulting to prepare this report to assist the Scallop Resource Assessment Group (ScallopRAG) and the MAC with their recommendations for the 2020 fishing season management arrangements in the absence of the 2020 biomass survey, which was cancelled due to the logistical and work health and safety issues arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The MAC noted the following background from the report:

- The summary report is based on detailed information from the BSCZSF biomass surveys from 2015 to 2019.
- The number and location of beds surveyed each year have varied as new beds have been identified and priorities for which beds get surveyed have changed.
- Scallop abundance within the swept area of a scallop bed (measured as biomass or density) are based on the catches obtained from the average of multiple fixed- duration randomised hauls using a standard dredge, assuming:
 - settlement of spat around King Island occurs between November to January;
 - from recruitment, Commercial Scallop reach about 70-80 mm in two years; and
 - a 33 per cent dredge efficiency for legal-sized scallops (85 mm).
- Within a scallop bed, estimates of biomass combined with the number and size-frequency of scallops can be used to estimate density, presented as either weight (kg/1000m²) or a count (individuals/m²).
- Where available, results from surveys since 2015 were compiled to provide a time series of density (in weight and count), mean size, biomass, length frequency distribution, percent of scallops greater than 85 mm and percent composition of dead shell.
- Where more than two years of length frequency data was available, the data was used to predict the size of scallops in 2020, including confidence intervals, based on life-history characteristics of commercial scallops.

The MAC considered the results of the report and made the following key points:

- It was hypothesised that the population dynamics of Commercial Scallops in the Flinders Island bed may have shifted since 2010, with scallops growing to 85-90 mm and then dying off. This is possibly the result of seismic testing around that time.
- The work conducted by Fishwell Consulting is speculative of what may have happened to the biomass since the last biomass survey in 2019.

- While there are signs of recruitment from the 2019 biomass survey, it is unknown how big this recruitment pulse was and whether it has resulted in an increase in biomass. The amount of additional recruitment or die off since the last survey is also unknown.
- The predicted change in total density and biomass differs from site to site, meaning it isn't possible to predict what the total density or biomass is currently.
- While there have been signs of limited recruitment, there is concern that a lot of the surveyed beds are aging and there is likely to be a die off.

The MAC noted the ScallopRAG's consideration of the report:

- A number of the surveyed beds are ageing, and the biomass and density of scallops is likely to have decreased in these beds since the survey.
- There is a lot of uncertainty without the data from a recent survey, particularly in the context of aging scallop beds and the potential for die off. Noting industry's point about the benefits of harvesting these scallops before they die, the RAG prioritise closures to ensure these scallops were given the opportunity to spawn.
- The King Island Blue Dot Extended (KIBDE) and JH bed both showed good signs of recruitment in 2019 and it is likely that some of these recruits would have grown to spawning size since the last survey.

AFMA and the MAC thanked Dr Koopman and Fishwell Consulting for preparing the report, especially in such a short time frame.

Dr Koopman left meeting.

Agenda item 4 Seismic activity schedule for 2020-21

AFMA introduced the agenda item and asked the MAC to consider the schedule of planned seismic activity and any potential implications for closures that may be recommended under [agenda item 5](#).

The MAC noted the following:

- Seismic activity in the Bass Strait continues to be a major concern for the BSCZSF industry.
- The RAG and the MAC have standing agenda items to consider scheduled seismic activity when providing advice on management arrangements, with a particular focus on closures and total allowable catch (TAC).
- A Senate inquiry into the impacts of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment is currently underway, the results were expected to be handed down by 14 May 2020, however, due to the Covid-19 pandemic this has been extended to the second sitting of 2021.
- AFMA ensures that any broad-scale impacts of offshore petroleum industry development on commercial fishing in Commonwealth waters are considered by:
 - providing comment directly to the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science on the annual acreage releases;
 - providing comment to petroleum companies on large-scale proposals which may have a significant impact on a fishery; and
 - when requested, providing fine-scale catch and effort data to petroleum companies and industry under a Deed of Confidentiality to assist the consultation process.

- Beach Energy have received approval from the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) to undertake geophysical and geotechnical surveys, with the work to start in four weeks' time (from the date of the meeting) and run until December 2020.
- The survey is to determine if the sea bed is suitable for gas infrastructure prior to conducting any seismic surveys. Although this work does not include any seismic activity it will cause disturbance to the sea bed.
- The survey area may cover scallop beds including King Island Blue Dot South East and King Island Small.
- The Scallop Fishermen's Association of Tasmania (SFAT) have written to Beach Energy in regards with this work and raised their concern.

The MAC noted the following update from AFMA:

- There are currently no seismic surveys that are either open for comment, under assessment or approved by NOPSEMA that overlap with previously survey beds in the BSCZSF.
- There is currently a 3-D marine seismic survey underway south of Lakes Entrance which overlaps with historical scallop grounds, however this is 20 nm from the Flinders Island bed which was last surveyed in 2019.
- Beach Energy are in the process of planning a seismic survey that is in close proximity to the King Island Commercial Scallop beds that, if approved, would occur sometime between July 2021 and July 2023.
- The two BSCZSF industry associations, Bass Strait Scallop Industry Association (BSSIA) and SFAT, have written to Beach Energy requesting a detailed biomass survey of the area prior to any seismic survey taking place.
- The MAC Chair will be writing to the AFMA Commission on behalf of members outlining the concerns regarding planned seismic activity in the BSCZSF.
- The investigation of the impact of seismic surveys on scallop larvae project that was supported by the RAG in 2019 for consideration by Fisheries Research Development Corporation (FRDC) is currently on hold pending the outcome of FRDC Project '*Oil and Gas: National coordination – seismic and other issues (2017-168)*'
- This project may result in further recommendations in relation to the impacts of oil and gas exploration on commercial fish stocks, including whether any further research is required.

The MAC made the following key points:

- The industry associations have a role in making recommendations directly to the oil and gas companies.
- The MAC is in a position to record the interests and concerns of industry and this will be captured in the letter that the MAC Chair will be writing to the AFMA Commission.

Agenda item 6 Other Business

The BSSIA Executive officer, Andrew Sullivan, provided an update on the FRDC in-season data collection project.

The MAC noted the following:

- BSSIA have received preliminary approval from FRDC for a two year project, commencing mid-2020, aimed at building industry capacity to collect in-season data on scallop, including a biomass survey in lieu of the 2020 pre-season biomass survey.
- The project is intended to demonstrate industry's ability to collect meaningful data, which may extend to projects focussed on collecting data to extend the fishing season.

The MAC made the following key points:

- Any data collect under this project during the 2020 fishing season may provide some insight into whether the assumptions made about the state of the stock were accurate and if the conditions and closures put in place have been effective at protecting the scallop stocks.

Mr Morison joined meeting

Agenda item 3 Scallop RAG advice for the 2020 fishing season

AFMA introduced the agenda item, asking the MAC to note the RAG advice regarding the TACs, closures, season dates and management arrangements for the BSCZSF 2020 fishing season.

At their meeting on 11 May 2020 the RAG were asked to provide advice to the MAC and the AFMA Commission on TACs, closures, season dates and any other management arrangements for the 2020 fishing season to appropriately mitigate the potential sustainability risks associated with not having undertaken the pre-season biomass survey.

2020 Total Allowable Catches

AFMA Management requested the RAG consider either rolling over the 2019 Commercial Scallop TAC of 4000 t or applying a precautionary discount factor to the 2019 TAC; and roll over the 100 t TAC for Doughboy Scallops.

In formulating its advice, the RAG noted the following:

- AFMA has a legislative requirement to pursue sustainable and economically efficient fisheries, and to the extent possible, RAG advice should be evidenced based.
- While there is a time-series of biomass survey results, there is a paucity of economic data with which to formulate TAC advice. Typically, the Maximum Economic Yield (MEY) is at a harvest rate lower than the Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY).
- The scallop fishery has a history of rapid declines in biomass, and a conservative approach to setting the TAC should be considered for 2020. In particular, many of the previously surveyed beds are ageing, and recruitment appears to be localised.
- There is a large amount of uncertainty for industry in the 2020 scallop fishing season, in particular whether there will be sufficient workforce to process the catch and what markets will be available.
- While the Harvest Strategy allows for a TAC for doughboy scallops to be determined at different levels each year, they are not targeted and the default TAC of 100 t is typically applied. No doughboy scallops have been landed since 2017.

Area closures

AFMA Management requested the RAG consider either rolling over the 2019 area closures or implementing new or additional closures for the 2020 fishing season.

In formulating its advice, the RAG noted the following:

- During the 2019 fishing season, Flinders Island (FI), Apollo Bay 1 (AB1), King Island Blue Dot Extended (KIBDE), King Island 7 (KI7) were formally closed, and the JH bed was voluntarily closed.
- In the absence of an updated biomass survey, the precautionary approach would be to maintain the 2019 closures, rather than implementing a new series of closures.
- The 2019 biomass survey indicated that the King Island 6 (KI6) bed has a high density of spawning scallops. There are currently no closures in the region directly north-east of King Island, and closing the King Island 6 (KI6) bed may promote localised recruitment.
- The JH bed contains juvenile scallops, and industry have reported the bed extends further than what was surveyed in 2019. This bed should be considered as a formal closure with an extension to the mapped boundary.

Season dates

AFMA Management requested the RAG provide advice on any sustainability risks of either rolling over the 2019 fishing season dates (12 July 2020 - 31 December 2020) or opening the fishery on 1 June 2020, to be closed on 31 December 2020.

In formulating its advice, the RAG noted the following:

- AFMA has received mixed advice from industry in relation to the opening dates for the 2020 season. Some have requested that the season commence on 1 June to provide industry flexibility. Others have expressed concerns regarding an earlier season opening, suggesting there would be an over-supply of poor quality of scallops which may impact market prices.
- It was suggested the risk of over-supply is mitigated by operators and processors working together to only meet market demand, and poor quality scallops would not be landed.
- Historical data shows that scallop condition is often poor in June and early July, and the impact of trawling over areas of underdeveloped scallops on spawning success is unknown.
- In previous years, up to 150 t of scallops was allowed to be harvested in June, however this immediately follows the biomass survey which allows industry to target known areas of higher quality scallop. This is unknown for the 2020 season and there is some risk in searching for scallops.
- The RAG did not support a June 1 season opening because of the potential impact on underdeveloped scallops, but considered the following options for season start dates (noting industry members did not vote due to potential conflicts of interest):

12 July - considered to be the more risk-averse approach in the absence of a survey, and potentially lower market demand due to Covid-19 (supported by four RAG members)

1 July – allows some operators to fish earlier and gradually introduce product to the market (supported by two RAG members)

Recommendations

Noting the advice above, the RAG recommended the following:

- A 2020 commercial scallop TAC of 3000 t (with no step up) and a Doughboy Scallop TAC of 100 t.
- Roll over closures from the 2019 season with the addition of KI6 and JH bed extended.
- Open the 2020 season on either 1 July or 12 July, with the consensus being 12 July.

In- season triggers

AFMA Management requested that the RAG provide advice on collecting in-season data and setting triggers to detect and respond to declines in biomass in specific beds or across the fishery during the 2020 fishing season.

In formulating its advice, the RAG noted the following:

- In-season triggers should be based on the collection of robust data, with a clear management response. In the case of the scallop fishery, management responses would either be a decrease in the TAC or additional closures.
- A step up TAC had previously been used in this fishery, however this was considered overly complicated, and in recent years the RAG has opted to set a single TAC.
- It is unknown whether the BSSIA FRDC project can provide meaningful data during the 2020 fishing season, and the collection of any 'ad-hoc' data throughout the season is unlikely to be used to inform management decisions.
- The Harvest Strategy includes voluntary industry closures where discard rates indicate a bed contains juvenile scallops.
- The TAC and closures recommended by the RAG provide a sufficient level of precaution, and additional triggers are not necessary.

Agenda item 5 2020 TACs, closures and season dates recommendations

AFMA introduced the agenda item, asking the MAC to provide advice to the AFMA Commission on TACs, closures, season dates and any other management arrangements for the BSCZSF 2020 fishing season. When making recommendations AFMA asked the MAC to consider:

- the summary of biomass survey information provided at Agenda Item 2; and
- the intent of the [BSCZSF Harvest Strategy](#) (the Harvest Strategy) and the [Commonwealth Fisheries Harvest Strategy Policy 2018](#) (HSP);

The MAC recalled advice from the RAG and MAC from the April 2020 meetings regarding the potential sustainability risks and management implications of not undertaking the 2020 biomass survey:

The RAG felt the results of recent biomass surveys show the stock is healthy, and recent catches are sustainable. The risk to sustainability of setting a Commercial Scallop TAC in the absence of a 2020 biomass survey is relatively low, and can be further mitigated by considering additional measures such as:

- *additional closures to protect biomass, with a particular focus on beds containing undersized scallops and recent recruitment;*
- *application of a discount factor to account for the uncertainty in not having a recent biomass estimate; and*

- *collecting in-season data as a means of monitoring for sudden changes in bed dynamics, including ageing or dying beds, and areas of new recruitment.*
- options outlined in the MAC paper to appropriately mitigate the risk of not having undertaken the 2020 biomass survey, detailed below;
- at the request of the Commission, in-season triggers to detect and respond to declines in biomass in specific beds or across the fishery during the 2020 fishing season

In light of the above, ScallopMAC recommended cancelling the 2020 survey and supported further consideration of measures to mitigate the risks. The MAC also supported setting the 2020 TAC above the default opening of 150 t in the absence of a biomass survey.

The MAC noted the following update from AFMA:

- The AFMA Commission supported cancelling the 2020 biomass survey due to the logistical and work health and safety issues arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The AFMA Commission agreed, in-principle, to determine the 2020 TAC for Commercial Scallops outside the requirements of the Harvest Strategy.
- The 2019 Commercial Scallop TAC was set at 3,897 t, of which 2,931 t (75%) was caught.
- While the Harvest Strategy allows for a TAC for Doughboy Scallops to be determined at different levels each year, they are not targeted and the default TAC of 100 t is typically applied. No Doughboy Scallops have been landed since 2017.

The MAC noted the following overview of the management framework:

- The HSP provides a framework for applying an evidence based, precautionary and transparent approach to setting harvest levels in Commonwealth fisheries.
- The objective of the HSP is the ecologically sustainable and profitable use of Australia's Commonwealth commercial fisheries resources (where ecological sustainability takes priority) through implementation of harvest strategies.
- The Harvest Strategy achieves the objective of the HSP by implementing a tiered approach to setting TACs and closures based on the results of independent biomass surveys.
- The intent of the Harvest Strategy is to maintain the stock at sustainable levels by closing sufficient areas of the fishery that contain a high density of spawning size scallops (greater than 85 mm) to promote recruitment, and allows for the remaining areas to be fished within a TAC that represents a sustainable harvest.

2020 Total Allowable Catches

AFMA Management requested the MAC consider the TAC options put forward by the RAG for the 2020 fishing season; 3000 t for Commercial Scallops and 100 t for Doughboy Scallops.

In formulating its advice, the MAC noted and supported the RAG advice, noting the following:

- The Covid-19 pandemic has created a lot of uncertainty for the domestic and export markets and it is unlikely that new markets will be developed during the 2020 fishing season.
- There remains a large amount of frozen scallops in storage, due in part to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- There is always the potential for export markets to be established.

- AFMA are proposing to incorporate and explicitly account for economic data in the revised Harvest Strategy review. This will include market segmentation and recognition of developing export markets when setting the TAC.
- The Commercial Scallop TAC has not constrained catch in recent years and there may be two reasons why this is occurring:
 - The price of scallop is outweighed by the cost of fishing; or
 - There are constraints on the market.

Area closures

AFMA Management requested the MAC consider the closures options put forward by the RAG for the 2020 fishing season to close FI, AB1, KIBDE, KI7, JH extended and KI6.

In formulating its advice, the MAC agreed with the RAG advice and noted the following:

- The analysis by Fishwell Consulting is speculative, and uses historical data and assumptions about life history characteristics to predict the current state of the fishery, including recruitment patterns and biomass.
- Recent recruitment is unknown, and it is important to promote localised recruitment in areas where recruits surveyed in 2019.
- The available data and historical trends in biomass and recruitment suggests the stock can support a TAC in the order of 3000 t.

Season dates

AFMA Management requested the MAC provide advice on any potential management implications of either rolling over the 2019 fishing season dates (12 July 2020 - 31 December 2020) or opening the fishery on 1 June 2020, to be closed on 31 December 2020, while considering the advice from the RAG with regards to sustainability.

In formulating its advice, the MAC agreed with the RAG advice and noted the following:

- Historically there has been issues with the quality of scallops entering the market when there has been an early start to the fishing season.
- The demand for scallops early in the 2020 is mostly unknown, and there is a potential for poor quality scallops to impact market prices early in the season.
- An opening date of 12 July is consistent with the opening date for the last few seasons, noting it would usually be opened on a Friday or Saturday.
- There is no appetite from the RAG to extend the default closure date past 31 December until there is robust data to support this.

Recommendations

Noting the advice above, the MAC recommended the following:

- A 2020 commercial scallop TAC of 3000 t (with no step up) and a Doughboy Scallop TAC of 100 t.
- Roll over closures from the 2019 season with the addition of KI6 and JH bed extended.
- Open the 2020 season on 12 July, to close on 31 December 2020.

In- season triggers

AFMA Management requested that the MAC consider the RAG advice and provide advice on collecting in-season data and setting triggers to detect and respond to declines in biomass in specific beds or across the fishery during the 2020 fishing season.

The MAC agreed with the RAG advice, and recommended not to implement any additional triggers for the 2020 fishing season.

Agenda item 6 Other Business

The MAC noted that AFMA had written to concession holders and active operators regarding the development of a template to assist with the collection of economic data and that Mr Morison would be in contact with industry in the coming weeks to seek their feedback on the proposed template.

Mr Zapantis raised concerns regarding the requirement to complete an individual CDR for each consignment.

The MAC noted the following advice from AFMA:

- The requirement to complete an individual CDR for each consignment pre-dates the changes to the CDR introduced at the end of the 2019 fishing season.
- The changes made to the CDR related to the collection of buyer information and the addition of a third page which could be provided to the buyer.
- The MAC supported the change to the CDR at their June 2019 meeting.
- It is a requirement in both Tasmania and Victoria that commercial quantities of scallops are accompanied by a form of sales receipt and although not introduced solely for this purpose the addition of the page to be given to the buyer allows for this requirement to be satisfied.
- The requirement to complete an individual CDR for each consignment allows for the traceability of product.
- If the issue is related to the time taken to fill out the information, a solution may be for operators to prefill information on the CDR such as the vessel name.
- AFMA Management are open to finding solution, within the current framework, to the issue raised and will liaise with Mr Zapantis offline, and provide an update to the MAC once it is further progressed.

Close of meeting

The MAC noted that AFMA would release a public statement and write to concession holders once the AFMA Commission had taken a decision on the 2020 fishing season. AFMA reminded members that MAC discussions from the meeting are to remain confidential until the final minutes are published on the AFMA website.

The Chair thanked the MAC for their contribution to the meeting.

The meeting was closed at 13:11.

Attachment A- register of interest

Name	Membership	Declared interests
John Pollock	Chair	No interest in the fishery pecuniary or otherwise.
Brendan Kelaher	Scientific Member	ScallopRAG Chair. No interest in the fishery pecuniary or otherwise.
John Hammond	Industry Member (Tasmania)	Holds Commonwealth and State concessions.
Stuart Richey	Industry Member (Tasmania)	Holds Commonwealth and State concessions.
Debbie Wisby	Industry Member (Tasmania)	Holds State concessions and leases commonwealth quota. Local council member
Andrew Watts	Industry Member (Victoria)	Holds Commonwealth and State concessions.
Peter Mellios	Industry Member (Victoria)	Holds Commonwealth concession and a processor
Sylvia Zukowski	Environment Member	No interest, pecuniary or otherwise, in the fishery.
Dan Corrie	AFMA member	AFMA employee. No interest in the fishery pecuniary or otherwise.
Heather Johnston	Executive Officer	AFMA employee. No interest in the fishery pecuniary or otherwise.
Fiona Hill	Observer, AFMA	AFMA employee. No interest in the fishery pecuniary or otherwise.
Anna Willock	Observer, AFMA	AFMA employee. No interest in the fishery pecuniary or otherwise.
Bob Lister	Invited participant, Industry	Executive Officer, Scallop Fishermen's Association of Tasmania
Andrew Sullivan	Invited participant, Industry	Executive Officer, Bass Strait Scallop Industry Association

Attachment B



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Bass Strait Central Zone Scallop Fishery Management Advisory Committee (ScallopMAC)

Meeting 33 – 12 May 2020

Agenda

Time (EDT): 11.00-13.30

Approximate time	Item
11.00	Agenda item 1. Preliminaries 1.1 Welcome and apologies 1.2 Declaration of interests 1.3 Adoption of agenda 1.4 Actions arising from previous meetings
11.15	Agenda item 2. Summary of information available for scallop beds surveyed <i>Fishwell Consulting to present a summary of information available for BSCZSF scallop beds surveyed 2015- 2019</i>
13.15	Agenda item 6. Other Business <i>BSSIA Executive officer to give an update on FRDC in- season data collection project</i>
12.15	Agenda item 4. Seismic activity schedule for 2020-21 <i>ScallopMAC to consider the schedule of planned seismic activity and if there are any implications for the closures to be recommended under item 5</i>
12.00	Agenda item 3. ScallopRAG advice for 2020 fishing season <i>ScallopRAG Chair will present the ScallopRAG advice regarding 2020 TACs, closures and season dates</i>
12.45	Agenda item 5. 2020 TACs, closures and season dates recommendation <i>ScallopMAC to consider ScallopRAG advice and recommend TACs, closures and season dates to the AFMA Commission.</i>
13.30	Close

Attachment C- Status of action items

MAC meeting #	Agenda Item	Action item #	Action Item	Agency/ person	Timeframe	Progress
31	3.1	1	AFMA to bring any comments or questions that arise out of session regarding the budget to subsequent ScallopMAC meeting.	AFMA	Next meeting	To be presented at ScallopMAC 34
31	12	2	AFMA to prepare a discussion paper that includes the matters outlines in the minutes, to inform the review of the BSCZSF Harvest Strategy	AFMA	Next meeting	To be presented at ScallopMAC 34
32	3	1	AFMA and the ScallopMAC Chair to write to the AFMA Commission regarding industry concerns over planned seismic activity in Bass Strait and urge the Commission to relay ScallopMAC's concerns onto the relevant Government Agencies.	Chair/AFMA	As soon as practical	Letter to be drafted upon finalisation of ScallopMAC 32 minutes