



Australian Government

Australian Fisheries Management Authority

AFMADMW-1932364602-90603

Minutes

Meeting	South East Management Advisory Committee (SEMAC)		
Meeting Number	57	Dates	17 July2025
Location	Online	Time	9:00 AM
Members	<p>Mr Clayton Nelson, Chair</p> <p>Ms Anissa Lawrence, Environment member</p> <p>Ms Sally Weekes, Senior Manager, AFMA</p> <p>Dr Sarah Jennings, Economics member</p> <p>Dr Paul McShane, Scientific member</p> <p>Mr Simon Boag, Industry member</p> <p>Mr Kyri Toumazos, Industry member</p> <p>Mr Will Mure, Industry member</p> <p>Mr Daniel Hogan, Industry member</p> <p>Ms Danielle Ghosn, Recreational member</p>		
Apologies	<p>Mr Neil MacDonald</p> <p>Ms Anissa Lawrence submitted an apology for late arrival and confirmed attendance from 1:10 PM onwards.</p>		
Invited Participants	<p>Keith Rowland, GABIA</p> <p>Tim Emery, ABARES</p>		
Observers	<p>Ms Sally Troy, AFMA Commissioner</p> <p>Ms Sevaly Sen, AFMA Commissioner</p> <p>Mr. Brett McCallum, AFMA Commissioner</p>		



Australian Government

Australian Fisheries Management Authority

Ms Anna Willock, AFMA Deputy CEO

Agenda Item	Title/Topic/Issue	Notes, Action & Recommendations
1.	Preliminaries	<p>1.1 Welcome and apologies</p> <p>The Chair, Mr Clayton Nelson opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed participants. The Chair also facilitated the introduction of meeting participants and noted apologies, which is recorded in the table above. Meeting participants were informed that the meeting would be recorded for the purpose of assisting the preparation of meeting minutes.</p> <p>1.2 Adoption of agenda</p> <p>The revised agenda was adopted as final noting minor adjustments were made to move Agenda 7 and 8 to the afternoon to accommodate attendance by particular members (see Attachment A).</p> <p>1.3 Declarations of interests</p> <p>The Committee reviewed and confirmed declarations of interest as outlined in Table 1 of the Preliminary's paper. Members with pecuniary interests in specific agenda items were advised they would be asked to leave the meeting during deliberations on those items. This approach aligns with Fisheries Management Paper 1 – Consultative Committees and was supported by the Committee. Declared interests are recorded in the register of interest at Attachment B.</p> <p>1.4 Minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>AFMA noted that the minutes from SEMAC meeting held on 05-06 February 2025 are available on the AFMA website.</p> <p>1.5 Actions arising from previous meetings</p> <p>SEMAC noted the status of action items from previous meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pink Ling Regionalisation: SEMAC revisited the long-standing issue of managing eastern and western stocks separately. AFMA confirmed that a consultancy (~\$50–60K) would be required to scope the regionalisation process. SEMAC agreed to prioritise this issue and requested AFMA return with a response confirming: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether the \$60,000 can be sourced. The expected timeframe for availability. Once feasibility and timing are confirmed, AFMA will seek advice on next steps.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-Species Harvest Strategy: AFMA confirmed that updates would be provided during the meeting (Agenda Item 5). • Jack Mackerel Survey Review: Report received and under internal review; AFMA to provide a written update once complete. • Spatial Squeeze Letter: Completed; correspondence between SEMAC and the Commission was circulated. • Marine Spatial Planning Engagement: Addressed in the Commission's response letter. • Protected Shark Species Interactions (2021–22): Investigation completed; further updates to be provided under Agenda Item 9. • EM Privacy Impact Statement: Still under review; expected within one month. • EM Cost Breakdown for Gillnet Boats: On hold pending evaluation of lower-cost camera systems. <p>A summary of actions and recommendations from SEMAC 57 are at Attachment C.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Action Items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AFMA to determine whether \$60,000 can be sourced to scope the regionalisation of Pink Ling process and establish the timing for its availability. </div>
2	Fishery Update	<p>SEMAC received updates from AFMA and Industry regarding current management arrangements and activities in the Commonwealth Trawl and Gillnet, Hook and Trap Sectors (CTS and GHaT, respectively), of the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery (SESSF), and also the Small Pelagic Fishery (SPF) and Southern Squid Jig Fishery (SSJF).</p> <p>AFMA Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WTO accreditation for the SESSF renewed under the EPBC Act, with new conditions attached in the paper. • Revised dogfish closure direction allows modified drop line fishing under strict conditions (e.g., hooks ≥5m above seabed, daylight hours, EM monitoring and 100% camera review). • Concerns raised by industry about vague gear specifications for modified droplines in dogfish closures and collective penalties for individual breaches. AFMA clarified individual and area-wide triggers and committed to considering advice from industry regarding more detailed gear specification and using EM to monitor protocols. • Marine Park overlap with dogfish closures identified; AFMA to revise closure direction accordingly. • Listing decisions for several endemic sharks, rays and redfish are expected in October; concerns raised about feasibility of meeting conservation-dependent criteria. <p>Industry:</p> <p>SETFIA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offshore wind development in Gippsland progressing; one feasibility licence withdrawn, signalling competitive consolidation.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns about MSC certification and EPBC listing inconsistencies (e.g., Eastern Orange Roughy still listed as threatened). Marine Parks: New Minister's commitment to 30% high protection coverage could result in significant spatial loss (~570,000 km²). NGO-driven species listing proposals (e.g., green-eyed spurdogs) questioned due to perceived abundance and lack of robust data. Industry shows strong support for country-of-origin labelling improvements. <p>Danial Hogan introduced himself as a new SEMAM member and provided a brief update on western trawl sector.</p> <p>GABIA: Reported extended catch periods for Deepwater Flathead and Bight Redfish due to warmer waters; environmental variability noted.</p> <p>Economics Member: highlighted the lack of a formal economics working group and suggested removing the standing economic agenda item unless reactivated. Offered to liaise with AFMA and ABARES for updates on broader economic initiatives.</p> <p>Recreational Member: Newly appointed member; emphasised the importance of spatial data in managing recreational fishing impacts and expressed interest in collaborative approaches to spatial planning and wind farm development.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Action Items</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> AFMA to revise dogfish closure directions to align with marine park restrictions. GHaT manager to discuss with industry refining gear specifications for modified droplines that are currently allowed to operate inside closure areas. AFMA to monitor species listing decisions and assess implications for management strategies. </div>
3	<p>Multi-Species Harvest Strategy Update</p> <p>Presenter: Dan Corrie (AFMA)</p>	<p>Presentation Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided a comprehensive overview of the SESSF structure, including its sectors: Commonwealth trawl, GAB trawl, shark hook and gillnet, scale fish hook, and East Coast deepwater trawl. Emphasized the complexity of the fishery, with multiple sectors, species, and spatial constraints. Highlighted the need for a new harvest strategy due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical interactions between target and bycatch species. Climate change impacts on stock productivity and distribution. Increasing spatial closures (e.g., marine parks, wind farm zones).

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showed historical and current catch trends, with shifts in species dominance and the emergence of new challenges. • Introduced the recently funded Multi-Species Harvest Strategy Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Objective: Develop a practical, cost-effective, implementation-ready harvest strategy for the SESSF. ○ Scope: Focused on the Commonwealth trawl sector as a testbed due to its complexity. ○ Governance: Includes an expert advisory group and a steering committee with representatives from AFMA, CSIRO, ABARES, DCCEEW, and NSW DPI. ○ Structure: Four stages; 1) fishery profiling & concept development, 2) stakeholder workshops, 3) specification and MSE testing, and 4) final strategy endorsement. <p>Discussion Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One industry member complimented Mr Corrie on the presentation and asked about integration of seabed temperature data from the FishSOOP project. Mr Corrie confirmed that environmental data is starting to be used for contextual decision making but it is in its early stages. • GABIA suggested reclassifying some “ancillary” harvest strategy components (e.g., harvest control rules, MYTAC’s) as core elements due to their central role in management. • General support for the project’s scope, structure, and phased approach.
4.	<p>Research Priorities</p> <p>Presenter: Sally Weekes (AFMA)</p>	<p>The purpose of this agenda item was for SEMAM to provide advice on the 2026–27 Annual Research Statements for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery (SESSF) • Small Pelagic Fishery (SPF) • Southern Squid Jig Fishery (SSJF) <p>Key priorities for the SESSF:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ageing of quota species (multi-year project). 2. Stock assessment and data services. 3. Independent review of Tier 1 assessments (Bight Redfish prioritized over Eastern Orange Roughy). 4. Survey of protected dogfish in the 60 nm GAB closure (previously deferred due to cost). 5. Updated ecological risk assessments across all sectors (current assessments outdated). 6. FRDC proposal: Best-practice approaches for low recruitment stock assessments. <p>SPF Priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redbait East biomass survey (DEPM method) was discussed with Industry initially supporting the survey and maintaining Tier 1 status

		<p>but later agreed to allow the TAC to drop to Tier 2 due to low commercial interest.</p> <p>SSJF Research Priorities</p> <p>No research projects identified for 2026–27.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SEMAC endorsed the SESSF and SPF Annual Research Statements for 2026–27. 2. SEMAC agreed not to prioritise the Redbait East DEPM survey for SPF. 3. SEMAC noted the absence of research priorities for SSJF. </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>Action Items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AFMA to refine the species list for the fish ageing priority and ensure there will be flexibility in ageing decisions. </div>
5	<p>Proposed Advisory Body Merger</p> <p>Presenter: Jennifer Power-Geary (AFMA)</p>	<p>Presentation Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFMA proposed merging GABRAG into SERAG and GABMAC into SEMAC to streamline consultative processes and reduce some costs. • Estimated annual savings: ~\$45,000, with ~90% of savings attributed to merging the RAGs. Most savings would benefit GAB trawl sector concession holders. • Proposal includes maintaining existing names (SERAG and SEMAC) and adding one dedicated GAB trawl sector member to each group. • AFMA cited duplication of presentations, shared scientific personnel, and administrative burden as key drivers for the merger. • Industry consultation revealed mixed feedback, with concerns about loss of autonomy, reduced influence, and the value proposition of the merger the primary concerns from GABIA. <p>Discussion Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General support for the merger from SEMAC members, citing efficiency and alignment with broader harvest strategy reforms. • Concerns raised about committee size and maintaining effective representation. • Emphasis on ensuring GABTS-specific issues are adequately addressed if there is a merger. • Recognition of AFMA's obligation to operate efficiently, even in a cost-recovered environment. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Recommendation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SEMAC supported the proposed merger of GABRAG into SERAG and GABMAC into SEMAC, noting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The importance of maintaining effective representation for GABTS. </div>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The need for AFMA to ensure quality of advice is not compromised.
6.	<p>South Australian Snapper Possession Limits</p> <p>Presenter: Lianos Triantafillos</p>	<p>The purpose of this agenda item was to seek advice on proposed amendments to statutory fishing rights and permit conditions to strengthen regulation of snapper catches in South Australia.</p> <p>Presentation Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Australia has jurisdiction of snapper with bycatch limits applied to Commonwealth concession holders. • Snapper stocks in Spencer Gulf and Gulf St Vincent are depleted; Southeast stocks are sustainable. • Current regulations allow multiple trips per day and onboard retention of snapper, raising concerns about potential circumvention of the 50 kg trip limit. • AFMA investigation found: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No significant increase in snapper catch or targeting. ○ Most breaches were minor or non-breaches. ○ Retention on board was typically for logistical reasons (e.g., awaiting transport). <p>Proposed amendment:</p> <p>All Snapper must be unloaded at the end of each trip when landed in South Australia.</p> <p>Main Discussion Points:</p> <p>Industry Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General support for the amendment as a reasonable measure. • Noted that Southeast snapper stocks are sustainable and TACs have recently increased. • Emphasis on long-term solution: enabling Commonwealth operators to land snapper under quota with state endorsement, rather than relying on bycatch provisions. <p>AFMA Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged the need for longer-term reform and ongoing discussions with South Australia regarding simplification of rules • Amendment seen as a practical interim measure to support state conservation efforts. <p>Recreational and Conservation Member Input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supportive of the proposal and industry's broader concerns. • Recognition of snapper's importance to recreational fishers and the need for coordinated management. <p>Recommendation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SEMAC supported the proposed amendment to statutory fishing rights and permit conditions requiring snapper to be unloaded at the end of each trip in SA.

7.	<p>Implementation of Electronic Monitoring (EM) in the Commonwealth Trawl Sector (CTS)</p> <p>Presenter: Sally Weekes</p>	<p>The purpose of this agenda item was to seek SEMAM's advice on the implementation of EM in the CTS to improve confidence in data relating to endangered, threatened and protected (ETP) species interactions, discards of quota species, and bycatch.</p> <p>Presentation Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFMA presented findings from a 12-month EM trial across four CTS vessels using three different EM systems. • EM was assessed for its ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Verify ETP interactions and seabird mitigation compliance. ○ Improve estimates of quota species discards and bycatch. ○ Reduce regulatory burden and support access to closed areas. ○ Serve as a cost-effective alternative to on-board observers. • EM trial results showed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Good congruence with observer data for quota species discards. ○ Limitations in species-level identification and weight estimation for general bycatch. ○ Effective monitoring of seabird bafflers and offal discharge. ○ Potential for AI integration in future to enhance review efficiency and species identification. ○ Based on the information available, EM with a 10 percent review rate plus an industry led, biological data collection program was cost neutral with the current observer program. • While EM has some limitations, on-balance, AFMA management considers that EM in conjunction with a biological data collection program, does provide a cost effective form of data collection for stock monitoring. <p>Discussion Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General support for EM implementation, with emphasis on consistency across fisheries. • Concerns raised about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Species-level identification limitations. ○ Observer-to-EM congruence needing further validation. ○ Long-term equipment support and cost amortisation. ○ Need for consistent discard reporting frameworks with affiliated training for skippers. • Bug Trip Limits and Offshore Constitutional Settlement (OCS) Arrangements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EM could support regulatory reform, particularly in relation to trip limits that stem from OCS agreements with the states, including South Australia (e.g., the Balmain Bug). ○ EM could help justify exemptions or adjustments to trip limits that are currently based on jurisdictional boundaries rather than ecological or operational realities noting that any changes to trip limits or OCS agreements would require formal processes and intergovernmental negotiation. ○ EM was seen as a tool to build the evidence base for such discussions.
----	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AFMA has committed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> establishing an EM working group to refine discard estimation methods. Ensuring EM systems are future-proofed for AI integration. Maintaining feedback loops between EM analysts, AFMA, and fishers. Reviewing EM audit rates over time (starting at 10%, with potential to reduce based on performance). <div> Recommendation: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> SEMAG supported implementation of EM in the CTS by mid-2026. Direction to mandate EM installation and operation was endorsed. </div> <div> Action Item: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provide annual updates to SEMAG on EM-related efficiencies, environmental outcomes, and cost reductions. AFMA to engage with industry and the Victorian government regarding trip limits for bugs and how EM data might support regulatory reform. AFMA to report outcomes of these discussions to SEMAG. </div>
8.	Trawl Industry Data Collection Presenter: Simon Boag	<p>The purpose of this agenda item was to seek SEMAG's support for a proposed industry-led biological data collection program in the Commonwealth Trawl Sector (CTS).</p> <p>Presentation Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SETFIA presented a proposal for a two-year biological sampling program in Western zones (40 & 50) and the five Eastern closures. The program builds on successful models used in the Shark Fishery and Western Orange Roughy research. Key features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tagging of fish cases to link samples to specific fishing operations. Data collection includes otoliths and fish lengths. Flexible and responsive to changes in data requirements. <p>Main Discussion Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated cost \$223,000 over two years Half the cost is fixed, remainder is performance-based. AFMA supports the proposal, noting improved data quality and cost-effectiveness. Members acknowledged: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observer program limitations in achieving sampling targets. Importance of linking biological samples to specific shots. Value of industry engagement and incentives for participation. Concerns raised about:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Longevity and support of EM systems. ○ Ensuring alignment between industry reporting and EM review frameworks. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SEMAC supported the proposed industry-led biological data collection program as a trial for two years. 2. AFMA to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Monitor program performance and data quality. b. Report back to SEMAC on progress and outcomes. c. Consider expansion to other zones based on trial success </div>
9.	<p>Protected Species Updates and Management Arrangements for the SESSF and SPF</p> <p>Presenter: Michelle Henrikson (AFMA)</p>	<p>Presentation Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided updates on dolphin, seabird, seal, and shark interactions across the SESSF and SPF fisheries for the 2024–25 season. • Reviewed mitigation strategies and thresholds for management intervention, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dolphin Mitigation Plans (DMPs) and interaction rate thresholds. ○ Seabird Threat Abatement Plan (TAP) reporting requirements. ○ Australian Sea Lion Management Strategy (zone-based triggers). • Interaction data was broken down by gear type, sector, species, and seasonal trends. <p>Discussion Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members emphasized the importance of focusing on high-risk species (e.g., albatross, white sharks) and improving species-level reporting. • Climate change impacts on species distribution and interaction rates were flagged as a priority for future research and monitoring. • Suggestions included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Leveraging Beth Fulton’s ecosystem modelling to assess climate-driven shifts. ○ Enhancing EM and observer congruence analysis. ○ Updating logbooks to distinguish depredation from true interactions. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SEMAC supported continued refinement of protected species strategies, with emphasis on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improved data collection and reporting. ○ Climate change integration into risk assessments. ○ Prioritisation of critically endangered and vulnerable species. </div>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annual review of interaction trends and mitigation effectiveness.
		Action Item: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AFMA to compile available information on climate-related changes in species distribution, particularly seabirds and white sharks and report back to SEMAC at the July 2026 meeting.
10.	Other Business	Discussion Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposed for early November 2025. EO to circulate potential dates. ○ SESSF and SPF TAC settings meeting scheduled for early February 2026. • FRDC Gear Recovery Project Update (Anissa Lawrence): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feasibility study for national fishing gear recovery system nearing completion. ○ Draft report expected end of July 2025. ○ Industry partners include SETFIA, GABIA, SSIA, SA Rock Lobster, NPF, auto longline, SA oysters, Tasmanian salmon, and Spencer Gulf prawn trawl. ○ Trial phase to follow pending steering committee review. Closing Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair thanked members for their contributions and confirmed action items and recommendations would be finalized and circulated.
Close of meeting		The Chair closed the meeting at 4.35pm.

Attachment A – Adopted agenda

Day 1: Thursday 17 July 2025

Time (AEDT): 9:00

Location: Virtual

Chair: Mr Clayton Nelson

Time	Item	Purpose	Presenter
09:00	1. Preliminaries 1.1 Welcome and apologies 1.2 Adoption of agenda 1.3 Declarations of interest 1.4 Minutes from previous meeting 1.5 Actions arising from previous meetings	For Noting	Chair / EO (30 min)
09:30	2. Member Updates (taken as read) 2.1 AFMA 2.2 Industry 2.3 Economic	For Noting	All (40 min)
10:10	<i>Morning Tea – 15 mins</i>		
10:25	3. Multi-species Harvest Strategy Update	For Discussion	Dan Corrie (30 mins)
10:55	4. Research Priorities, SESSF, SPF, SSJF	For Advice	AFMA (45 mins)
11:40	5. Proposed Advisory Body Merger	For Advice	AFMA (30 mins)
12:10	6. SA Snapper Possession Limits	For Advice	Lianos Triantafillos (30 mins)
12:40	<i>Lunch – 30 mins</i>		
13:10	7. Implementation of EM in the CTS	For Advice	AFMA (90 mins)
14:40	8. Trawl Industry Data Collection	For Discussion	SETFIA (30 mins)
15:10	<i>Afternoon Tea – 10 mins</i>		
15:20	9. Protected Species Updates and Management Arrangements for the SESSF and SPF	For Advice	Michelle Henriksen (60 mins)
16:20	10. Other Business	For Noting	Chair (15 min)

Attachment B – Register of interests

Name	MAC position / organisation	Declared interests	Relevant agenda item(s)
Mr Clayton Nelson	Chair	Chair Member of Seafood Industry Australia Independent consultant Incoming Chair of Australian Council of Prawns Fisher (ACPF)	NA
Ms Anissa Lawrence	Environment member	No pecuniary interest Director of TierraMar Ltd Independent consultant Undertakes contracts for a number of Conservation NGOs, government https://www.afma.gov.au/reporting-and-accountability/fisheries-management-policies/operation-management-advisory-committees/departments , non-government agencies and the private sector on a range of fishery related matters Conservation member on SharkRAG, SPFRAG, SEMAC, Spencer Gulf Prawn RSC and the South Australian Rock Lobster MAC Chair of Ocean Future Fund Inc.	NA
Daniel Hogan	Industry member	Managing director - Toberfish Pty Ltd Owner/Operator – FV Zeehaan CTS Trawl Licence & Quota Holder Non-Beneficiary Director – SETFIA Industry member for SERAG	
Mr Will Mure	Industry member	Sole Director of Mures Fishing P/L Commonwealth fish receiver permit Tasmania fish processing licence Scalefish hook boat SFR, SEQ Quota Holding Permits, Auto longline fishing permit High Seas permit Blue eye trevalla SFRs, Ling SFRs, Ribaldo ITP Mixed species Individual Transferable Quotas (ITQs) and SFRs Member of various fishing related associations including Seafood Industry Australia (SIA), South East Trawl Fishing Industry Association (SETFIA), Southern Shark Industry Alliance (SSIA), Tasmanian Seafood Industry Council (TSIC) Industry member on SERAG	
Dr Paul McShane	Scientific member	Chair of SERAG and a member of SEMAC and SESSFRAG. No pecuniary interest in the SESSF. Principal of Global Marine Resource Management Pty Ltd.	Agenda Item 5: Proposed Advisory Merger

OFFICIAL

		Adjunct Professor (Fisheries and Aquaculture) College of Science and Engineering, James Cook University.	
Dr Sarah Jennings	Economic member	Economics member on SERAG and SESSFRAG. Member of AFMA Economics Working Group. Independent economics consultant. No pecuniary or other interest in the SESSF	NA
Ms Danielle Ghosn	Recreational member	Recreational member of SEMAC & SPFRAG Independent Consultant and Scientific Officer of the NSW Game Fish Tournament Monitoring Program.	Agenda items: 4 & 9 Research Priorities and Protected Species
Mr Simon Boag	Industry member	Industry member on SERAG. Executive Officers to SETFIA, SSIA, SPFIA, Commonwealth Scallop and Eastern zone Rock lobster. SETFIA and SSIA receives funding from AFMA to complete projects under co-management agreements. Undertakes contracts as an independent consultant. Member of the investment committee for the Australian fisheries investment trust SSIA is engaged by AFMA to collect shark industry biological data. Atlantis undertakes work to assist shared marine space developers (wind, oil etc) understand the fishing industry. Atlantis undertakes other work within the fishing industry from time to time including on MSC assessments. SETFIA is the PI on the orange roughy east AOS. SETFIA is engaged by participants within the W ORS research fishery to collect biological samples. SETFIA is engaged by AFMA under co-management to undertake a variety of tasks including snapper management, ling management, future industry data collection and consultation. Investment committee member of a large fund that owns fishing rights including SBT, ling and flathead.	Agenda Items: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9
Mr Kyriakos Toumazos	Industry member	Chief Executive Officer (South Australian Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishermen's Association Inc.); Director of Southern Sea Eagles Pty Ltd; Director of Southern Fisheries Pty Ltd; Director Health Balance Pharmacies Pty Ltd; Member South Australian Boating Facility Board; Member of Shark Resource Assessment Group (AFMA); Member of South East Management Advisory Committee; Member of AMSA Regional Safety Committee; Director Southern Shark Industry Alliance; Director PACK Investments Pty Ltd; Director Cruickshank's Corner Developments Pty Ltd;	

OFFICIAL

		Director Cruickshank's Corner Commercial Pty Ltd; Director Seafood Industry Australia;	
Mr Keith Rowling	GABIA	Owner – Bluefin Consulting Associate – NMAC(SA) Pty Ltd Executive support of the Great Australian Bight Industry Association (GABIA) Executive officer of Charter Boat Association of South Australia (CBASA) Executive officer of Southern Fishermen's Association (SFA) Executive support of Saint Vincent Gulf Prawn Boat Owner's Association (SCGPBOA) Executive support of Marine Scale Net Fishers Association (MSNFA) Executive support of South Australian Professional Fishers Association (SAPFA) Marine Scalefish Fishery Management Advisory Committee (MSFMAC) – CBASA member Allocation Review Committee – Commercial fishing representative	Agenda 4 and 5

Attachment C - Summary of Actions and Recommendations

Agenda Item	No.	Action	Agency/Person Responsible	Timeframe
1.	1.	AFMA to determine whether \$60,000 can be sourced to scope the regionalisation of Pink Ling process and establish the timing for its availability.	AFMA	Next Meeting
2.	1.	AFMA to revise dogfish closure directions to align with marine park restrictions.	AFMA	As soon as possible
	2.	AFMA to monitor threatened species listing decisions and assess implications for management strategies.	AFMA	On-going
4.	1.	AFMA to refine the species list for the fish ageing research priority and ensure there will be flexibility in ageing decisions.	AFMA	Next Meeting
7.	1.	Provide annual updates to SEMAC on EM-related efficiencies, environmental outcomes, and cost reductions.	AFMA	Annually
	2.	AFMA to engage with industry and the Victorian government regarding trip limits for bugs and how EM data might support regulatory reform. AFMA to report outcomes of these discussions to SEMAC.	AFMA	Next Meeting
9.	1.	AFMA to compile available information on climate-related changes in species distribution, particularly seabirds and white sharks and report back to SEMAC at the July 2026 meeting.	AFMA	2026
Agenda Item	No.	Recommendation	Agency/Person Responsible	Timeframe
4.	1.	SEMAC endorsed the SESSF and SPF Annual Research Statements for 2026–27.		
	2.	SEMAC agreed not to prioritise the Redbait East DEPM survey for SPF.		
	3.	SEMAC noted the absence of research priorities for SSJF.		

OFFICIAL

5.	1	<p>SEMAC supported the proposed merger of GABRAG into SERAG and GABMAC into SEMAC, noting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of maintaining effective representation for GABTS. • The need for AFMA to ensure quality of advice is not compromised. 		
6.	1.	SEMAC supported the proposed amendment to statutory fishing rights and permit conditions requiring snapper to be unloaded at the end of each trip in SA.		
7.	1.	SEMAC supports implementation of EM in the CTS by mid-2026.		
	2.	Direction to mandate EM installation and operation was endorsed.		
8	1.	SEMAC supports the proposed industry-led biological data collection program as a trial for two years.		
	2.	<p>AFMA to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Monitor program performance and data quality. b. Report back to SEMAC on progress and outcomes. c. Consider expansion to other zones based on trial success 		
9	1.	<p>SEMAC supports continued refinement of protected species strategies, with emphasis on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improved data collection and reporting. ○ Climate change integration into risk assessments. ○ Prioritisation of critically endangered and vulnerable species. ○ Annual review of interaction trends and mitigation effectiveness. 		

OFFICIAL

OFFICIAL

OFFICIAL