

# Small Pelagic Fishery Scientific Panel

## Panel Composition

AFMA policy is for the Panel to comprise no more than six members including:

- An independent chair
- At least one generalist fisheries scientist
- A recreational fisheries scientist and/or
- A marine ecologist
- A natural resource management economist
- An AFMA management officer

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## Panel Appointment

- Expressions of interest for the scientific members positions were advertised in October 2015
- 16 applications were received
- Applications assessed against two criteria:
  - Seniority and good standing in a relevant scientific discipline (eg, ecological, biological, fisheries science and economics), and
  - Experience in liaison with major Commonwealth and/or State research organisations at a high level
- Appointments were made by the AFMA Chief Executive Officer in November 2015

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## Panel Members

- **Mr Max Kitchell (Chair)** – former Director National Oceans Office
- **Associate Professor Tim Ward** – Principal Scientist, South Australian Research and Development Institute
- **Dr Jeremy Lyle** – Senior Research Scientist, Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies
- **Mr Andrew Penney** – Director Pisces Australis (Pty) Ltd
- **Dr Sean Pascoe** – Senior Principal Research Scientist, CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship
- **Ms Sally Weekes** – AFMA Manager Small Pelagic Fishery
- **Professor Caleb Gardener (invited expert)** – Director, Sustainable Marine Research Collaboration Agreement, Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies

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## Role of Panel

- Main function is to peer review scientific and economic data and information and provide advice to AFMA on:
  - the status of fish stocks, substocks and species (target and non-target)
  - the impact of fishing on the marine environment
  - application of the SPF harvest strategy and harvest control rules
- Panel's terms of reference have 16 separate components
- Key outputs expected of the Panel are:
  - Provision of recommended biological catches
  - Advice on ecosystem/trophic interactions in the fishery
- The Panel's advice is provided to the South East Management Advisory Committee and to the AFMA Commission