

Agreed Pathway for project 2020-029 “Improving performance of ITQ fisheries” Forum

Actions for Project:

- FRDC to write to IMAS informing that the stop/go point condition has not been met and the project is to be wound up.
- IMAS to finalise the draft project Final Report output that related to the literature review and lessons learnt.
- FRDC to seek independent reviewers to review the project Final Report output
- FRDC to collate the reviewer comments and work with the IMAS project team to finalise the report.

Actions for communication

- FRDC to distribute the agreed talking points from the stakeholder meeting
 - “FRDC convened a meeting of relevant stakeholders to discuss the future of the paused 2020-029 Improving performance of ITQ fisheries Forum. The stakeholders discussed the merits of the project proceeding beyond the stop go point and proceeding to case studies. The stakeholders agreed that the project would stop at this point, and not proceed to the case studies. The stakeholders agreed that there is merit in future research priorities that informed improved rights based fisheries approaches. Such priorities would be improved by ensuring the priority clearly communicated the need and identified the end-users that had to be consulted in developing the application.
 - The 4 year independent review of FRDC that is about to commence is an opportunity for stakeholders to engage with the independent review team to ensure FRDC can hear opportunities for continuous improvement and attendees were encouraged to engage in this process.”

Action for Human Dimensions Research Coordination Program

- To discuss with stakeholders rights based research priorities that can demonstrate a strong coupling with the end-users.

Actions for FRDC to improve procedures:

- Review and improve the identification of stakeholders that are required to be consulted during the application review process
- Provide clarity to research providers on how to use the FRDC Online FishNet application system on how to select for national projects:
 - fisheries relevant to a application
 - species relevant to a project
- How to ensure that where case studies are part of a project the best practice method for selection including alignment with the aims and methods of the research and consultation with relevant stakeholders

- How to ensure that steering committee membership reflects the end-users for the project outputs
- Review governance aspects of projects including steering committees

Noted that:

- FRDC's Statutory Funding Agreement requirement to have an external independent review of FRDC will commence before the end of this year. This review will provide stakeholders the opportunity to raise other areas and solutions for improvement