

Marine Resources Update for Tasmanian Abalone Council AGM

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Agenda

1. AIRF Process
2. *Centrostephanus* Update
3. Fisheries Digital Transition Project
4. Other Issues/Questions



AIRF (Abalone Industry Reinvestment Fund)

- \$5.1M over 5 years
- Dual focus:
 - Enhancing abalone stocks
 - Reducing threat(s) from *Centrostephanus*
- Joint management between DPIPWE and TACL
 - +IMAS + FRDC input
- Four activities underway:
 - Centro subsidy (\$300k committed from AIRF to date)
 - Evaluation of Subsidy by IMAS (underway - \$40k)
 - Contract with CSIRO Pest expert Dr David Westcott
 - Expressions of Interest advertised 6 April – **closes 6 May**
 - <https://dpiipwe.tas.gov.au/sea-fishing-aquaculture/commercial-fishing/abalone-fishery/abalone-industry-reinvestment-fund>

Centro Update: Why the Concern?

- Range extended species since 1978
- IMAS 2016/17 survey estimates
 - 3,276 tonnes of Centro in 0-18M depths
 - 6500 tonnes in 18-30M depth
 - @18 million urchins (60% increase over 15 years)
 - Low density of abalone and lobster observed on barrens

<http://www.imas.utas.edu.au/research/fisheries-and-aquaculture/fisheries/Long-spined-sea-urchin-Centrostephanus-Rodgersii#Urchin%20Barren%20Surveys>

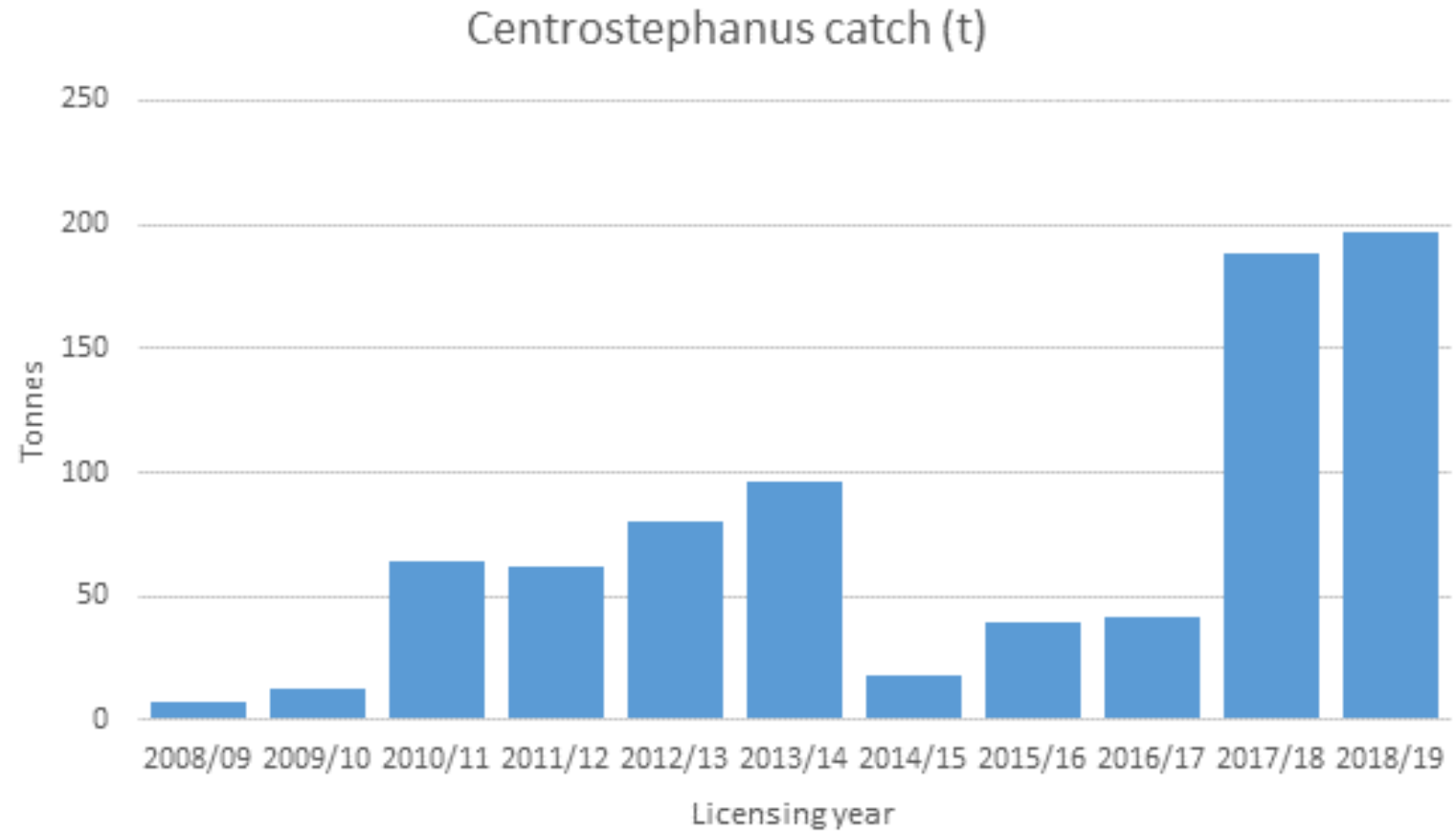


Centro Update: What are we doing?



- IMAS surveys and related research (e.g. urchin fertilizer)
- Centro Forum December 2018 – proceedings on DPIPWE site
- Centro subsidy coordination and adjustment (3 zones since March 11)
- Lobster translocation program (145,000 over 3 years) and related East Coast Rock Lobster strategy
- DPIPWE Interim Centro response strategy
- Public awareness/media
- Coordination with Federal/Victorian and NSW governments
- Hosted visiting Japanese urchin expert (from Hokkaido)
- Centrostephanus response strategy – CSIRO to develop from June 2019 and present at next Centro Forum
- Public outreach events on east coast in spring
- **Centro Forum 2 – 22 November 2019** (Bellerive)

Subsidy Impact



NEWS Flash – 2018/19 now 225 tonnes – on track for 400-450t!!!!

Thinking
outside the
box....
Centrobeer!

Do call

was under guard at Hospital last night. A man with a turn-off rifle, bullets, and a hunting knife was seized from a car in the area yesterday. The police, who called to the affected man at the Burwood Highway, New Grove at 4.45am, called for police backup. The officers searched the car, they found the weapons. The man was arrested and will be questioned this

multiple charges. The condition is not known.

LINE FOR EXTRA PLAN

has unveiled a loyalty program for customers. The tier status based on how much they spend. The plus membership has three tiers — silver, gold or platinum — and members sign up, and the reward is calculated on the basis of the telco bill for the previous 12 months. Members on gold and platinum will enjoy extra benefits such as access to exclusive events and priority call

ers will be able to earn points for using new devices.



Brewer Chris Moore and diver Jason York with sea urchins. Picture: JASON EDWARDS

BIG SPIKE IN NEW BREWS

AN East Gippsland brewery has dived even deeper into the hugely competitive boutique beer market.

The adventurous team will use long-spined sea urchins as the latest ingredient in their quest for a flavoursome frothy.

The challenge should come as welcome news to environmentalists, who have warned the spiky urchins

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have reached plague proportions along the eastern seaboard and southern Victorian coast.

Sailor's Grave Brewing's Chris Moore said the beer was no novelty. "We always wanted to try doing something like this," he said.

"We have been able to create a

genuine brew with a subtle umami flavour without it being weird."

The Orbest brewery has earned a reputation for creating beers a little left of centre. Connoisseurs can sample the latest edition at the Wild Harvest Seafood Festival at Mallacoota from April 12-14.

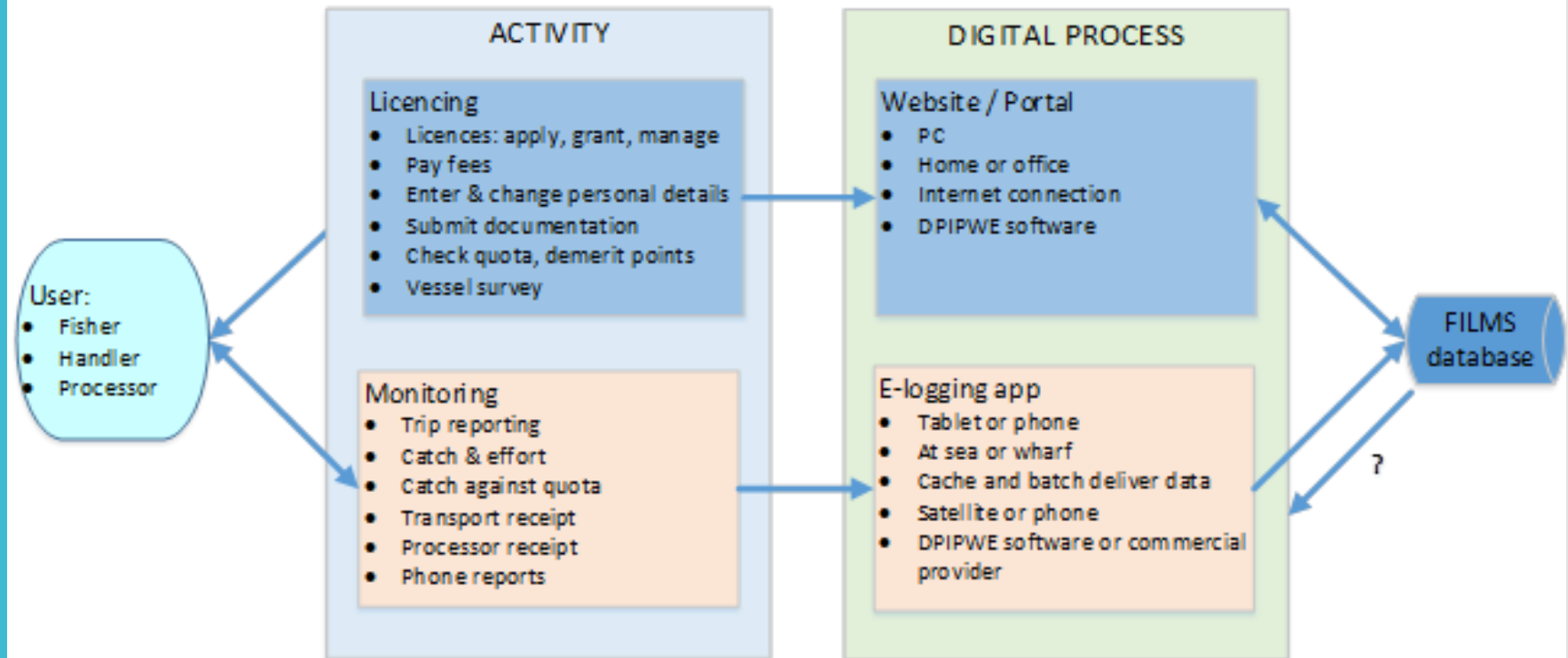
wildharvestseafoodfestival.com

Arsonist 'no terrorist'

Fisheries Digital Transition Project

- Government Priority - \$5M commitment over 4 years
- Seeks to move as much as we can to digital platforms and improve data exchange with industry (fishers and processors)
- Builds on existing FILMS database capability
- Two key new staff – Daniel Gledhill and Marion March
- Begun with Business Analysis
 - 111 reforms identified
 - 20+ implemented
 - <https://dpi.wa.gov.au/sea-fishing-aquaculture/commercial-fishing/commercial-fishing-licences-and-seasons/licensing-and-monitoring-making-life-easier> + TSIC Newsletter
- Plan to launch new Licencing portal in Q2 2020
- Will be engaging with you actively to ensure we have a solution that works for Tasmania

FDTP Concept



What's on your Mind/ Questions?

