



## **THE CRA8 SUMMARY WORKPLAN & BUDGET: OCTOBER 2021 TO SEPTEMBER 2022**

The CRA8 Rock Lobster Industry Association Incorporated was formed to further the interests of the CRA8 area fishery, and commercial industry. The following workplan and budget sets out the specific areas and actions in which the Association will be active.

This budget details the amount to be recovered from quota share owners via the stock-specific levy part of the Rock Lobster Commodity Levy process.

The Association has another income stream from a sub-contract with the New Zealand Rock Lobster Industry Council Ltd to provide stock monitoring data. This is carried out via the vessel logbook data programme.

### **Advocacy and Promotion**

1. To promote the sustainable harvest of CRA8 lobster.
2. To encourage, promote and generally advance the businesses of the participants in the NZ rock lobster industry, particularly in the southern region of New Zealand.
3. To increase the profile of the rock lobster industry and the contribution it makes to the economy of the southern region of New Zealand.
4. To be involved in Trans-Tasman information sharing networks aimed at fostering a more productive understanding of common issues and opportunities.
5. To be involved in any legislative decision-making processes, particularly those involved in maintenance of property rights, harvest rights and access to productive fishing areas.
6. To be involved in the development and implementation of initiatives to achieve positive economic and environmental outcomes.
7. To develop and implement strategies to achieve the objective of maximum economic yield in the CRA8 industry.
8. To continue to support and contribute to NZ RLIC initiatives and attendance at meetings.
9. To continue to support activities that promote a positive public image of the CRA8 industry.
10. To support the activities of the Fiordland Marine Guardians.

**\$95,000**

**Standards & Specifications**

- 11. To contribute to the CRA8 stock assessment process that will provide guidance on the setting of the TAC/TACC for 2022/23.
- 12. To support the continuation of an electronic logbook recording and reporting programme to support fisheries required research by the provision of the data from a representative portion of the fishers within CRA8 for analysis.
- 13. To co-ordinate recapture reports from the recent tagging programme in support of fisheries required research and the supply of stock assessment data on CRA8 growth rates and migration.
- 14. To contribute to the development of a code of practice to reduce the potential interaction of the industry and the increasing whale population around the southern coast.
- 15. To continue the information flow to members of all appropriate information that will contribute to more informed business decision-making, overall knowledge of the fishery and increased involvement in the CRA8 Association.
- 16. To continue to support and contribute to the rock lobster fishery assessment working group and research planning group.
- 17. To continue the operation of a Fiordland/West Coast biotoxin screening programme as part of the implementation of a national biotoxin risk management programme.
- 18. To support the CRA8 industry in its recovery from the effects of Covid-19 restrictions.
- 19. To support NZRLIC and the CRA8 industry in the operation and compliance of the Digital Monitoring System.

**\$100,800**

**Elective Research**

- 20. To continue to distribute and support the implementation of the findings from research projects involving improving the quality and survival of CRA8 rock lobster supplied to premium Asian markets to new CRA8 fishers.
- 21. To distribute and support implementation of the results of the research project investigating the loss and recovery of nutritional condition and strength in CRA8 rock lobsters.
- 22. To investigate and implement the results of any recent research that will support the objective of ongoing improvement in the quality of CRA8 rock lobster.

**\$8,000**

**The total commodity levy is**

**\$203,800**