

AUSTRAL FISHERIES PTY LTD

The business of fishing in a changing ocean

Right now...

- □ 7.5 billion humans heading to 9-10 billion by 2050
 - **800** million over weight
 - 800 billion under nourished
- \square Food production accounts for 1/3 of all GHG
- \square 1/3 of all food produced is wasted
- □ Food production is a key driver for loss of biodiversity
- □ Adequate nutrition in the first 1000 days of life is essential
- Marine protein is high quality

Our Oceans by 2050

- Potential loss of 90% of coral reefs
- Acidification already impacting some species
- Microplastics increasing
- Increased storm activity
- Lower equatorial productivity
- □ Species shifts
- Currents changing
- □ More demands for food, transport, energy and recreation

Planetary boundaries

- Originally proposed by Johan Rockstrom and Will Steffen
- 9 life support systems
- Attempts to define a safe operating space for humanity

Planetary Boundaries

- We appear to have crossed boundaries for:
- Climate
- Biodiversity loss
- Biogeochemical flow
- Change is non linear and systems are connected





Austral Fisheries



- Tropical Prawn
- Patagonian Toothfish
- Seafood Import
- Perth based
- MSC Certified
- Carbon Neutral

Northern Prawn Fishery

- Total fleet just 52 boats
- Total area almost 1M km2
- Total production around 8000 tonnes all species
- Annual crop based on multiple environmental factors



Mangrove Dieoff

7000 ha dead in the Eastern GoC

2015

- Impact on productivity?
- Implications for the future?
- Future Govt policy on irrigation?



Toothfish – Heard Island



Australian territory
Inside convergence
3405 tonnes TAC
Total of 4 boats
In 2016 catch rates fell

May 2015 sea surface temperature

Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles May 2015

NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information Data Source: GHCN–M version 3.3.0 & ERSST version 4.0.0



Land & Ocean Temperature Departure from Average May 2015 (with respect to a 1981–2010 base period)



June 2015 sea surface temperature

Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles Jun 2015

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Land & Ocean Temperature Departure from Average Jun 2015 (with respect to a 1981–2010 base period)



Jul 2015 sea surface temperature

Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles Jul 2015

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Land & Ocean Temperature Departure from Average Jul 2015 (with respect to a 1981–2010 base period)



Aug 2015 sea surface temperature

Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles Aug 2015

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Land & Ocean Temperature Departure from Average Aug 2015 (with respect to a 1981–2010 base period)



Sep 2015 sea surface temperature

Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles Sep 2015

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Land & Ocean Temperature Departure from Average Sep 2015 (with respect to a 1981–2010 base period)



Oct 2015 sea surface temperature

Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles Oct 2015

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Land & Ocean Temperature Departure from Average Oct 2015 (with respect to a 1981–2010 base period)



Nov 2015 sea surface temperature

Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles Nov 2015

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Land & Ocean Temperature Departure from Average Nov 2015 (with respect to a 1981–2010 base period)



Dec 2015 sea surface temperature

Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles Dec 2015

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Land & Ocean Temperature Departure from Average Dec 2015 (with respect to a 1981–2010 base period)



Jan 2016 sea surface temperature

Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles Jan 2016

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Land & Ocean Temperature Departure from Average Jan 2016 (with respect to a 1981–2010 base period)



Feb 2016 sea surface temperature

Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles Feb 2016

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Land & Ocean Temperature Departure from Average Feb 2016 (with respect to a 1981–2010 base period)



March 2016 sea surface temperature

Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles Mar 2016

NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information Data Source: GHCN–M version 3.3.0 & ERSST version 4.0.0



Land & Ocean Temperature Departure from Average Mar 2016 (with respect to a 1981–2010 base period)



April 2016 sea surface temperature

Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles Apr 2016

NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information Data Source: GHCN–M version 3.3.0 & ERSST version 4.0.0



Land & Ocean Temperature Departure from Average Apr 2016 (with respect to a 1981–2010 base period)



May 2016 sea surface temperature

Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles May 2016

NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information Data Source: GHCN–M version 3.3.0 & ERSST version 4.0.0



Land & Ocean Temperature Departure from Average May 2016 (with respect to a 1981–2010 base period)



June 2016 sea surface temperature

Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles Jun 2016

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Land & Ocean Temperature Departure from Average Jun 2016

(with respect to a 1981–2010 base period) Data Source: GHCN–M version 3.3.0 & ERSST version 4.0.0



July 2016 sea surface temperature

Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles Jul 2016

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Land & Ocean Temperature Departure from Average Jul 2016 (with respect to a 1981–2010 base period)



Aug 2016 sea surface temperature

Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles Aug 2016

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Land & Ocean Temperature Departure from Average Aug 2016 (with respect to a 1981–2010 base period)



Sep 2016 sea surface temperature

Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles Sep 2016

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Land & Ocean Temperature Departure from Average Sep 2016 (with respect to a 1981–2010 base period)



Oct 2016 sea surface temperature

Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles Oct 2016

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Land & Ocean Temperature Departure from Average Oct 2016

(with respect to a 1981–2010 base period) Data Source: GHCN–M version 3.3.0 & ERSST version 4.0.0



Nov 2016 sea surface temperature

Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles Nov 2016

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Land & Ocean Temperature Departure from Average Nov 2016 (with respect to a 1981–2010 base period)



Jan 2017 sea surface temperature

Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles Jan 2017

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Land & Ocean Temperature Departure from Average Jan 2017 (with respect to a 1981–2010 base period)



Toothfish catch rates



 On June 1 catches suddenly improved
 Lots of questions

What do we want to know?

- What happened?
- □ Why?
- Can we predict if (or when) it is likely to happen again?
- How can we best utilise the various opportunities for data collection, collation, and analyses to answer those and other questions?
- How can we improve our linkages with oceanographers, ecologists, and other researchers, to both inform their models and data sets, and improve our knowledge of specific regions of interest at the same time.

What do we want to know....

- Is there any correlation between apparent shifts in toothfish availability/catchability and oceanographic changes?
- How can we predict oceanographic conditions over the Kerguelen Plateau in 20 years time, or 50 years time
- □ Who can oversee a program of data collection and analysis that straddles numerous agencies and groups, and how is that best achieved.
- How can we improve our knowledge of the ecosystem, and ecologically related species that toothfish and icefish rely upon/or interact with
 - And what data collection is most informative to aide that

Industry collected data sets

- Acoustic data during steaming to and from fishing grounds
- □ Shot by shot catch, effort data
- Port to port satellite vessel position monitoring data
- Benthic camera footage
- Star Oddie data storage tags on longline shots (weekly, or more)
- □ Animal tracking CTD tags on trawl survey and longlines
- □ Vessel acoustic 'signature recorders' for whale depredation program
- Weather prediction charts/analyses (BOM, OSIS, Digitalglobe etc)
- □ Sea surface temperature not calibrated, not stored.....

The business of fishing in a changing ocean

- We are already feeling the impact of climate change
- Fisheries management in Australia is based on a strong property right and the value of that right is at risk
- We see an opportunity in helping to make a difference

Play video at http://www.australfisheries.com.au/sustainability-2/carbon-neutral/



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Our Brands



Objectives

- To use our premium products and brands to have a conversation with customers and consumers about the impact of their choices
- □ To secure our social licence to operate
- Inspire others to follow our lead
- To prove that it is possible to have purpose and profit

Planet – People - Product

Unfinished business

- □ We are very early to this space
- Concepts around carbon neutral are complex
- Branding, messaging and the supply chain have to be right because the initial reaction is skepticism and suspicion

Conclusion

Business as usual is not an option

Questions/Discussion

