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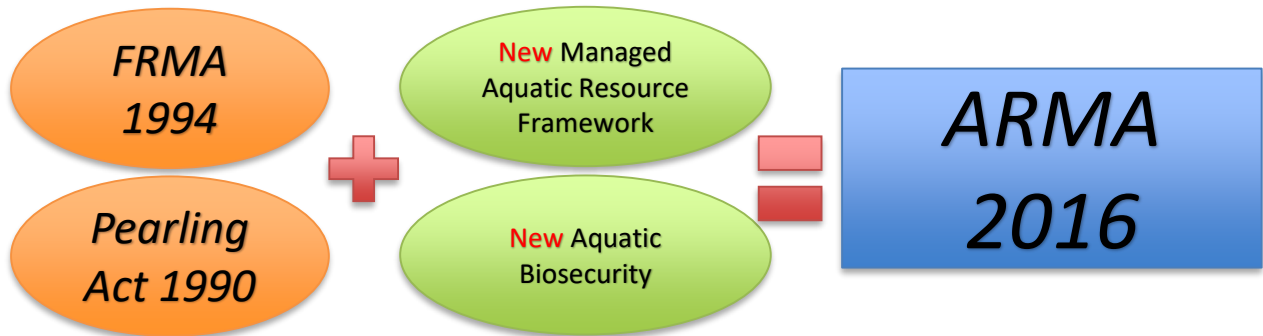
Aquatic Resource Management Act 2016

and the commercial fishing sector

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What is ARMA?

- ARMA will be the primary piece of legislation managing aquatic resources in WA.

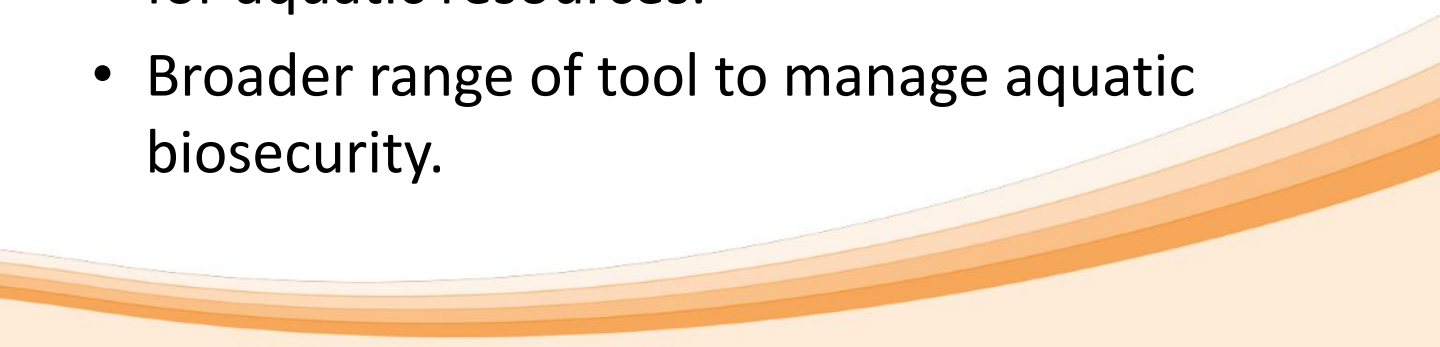


- Full commencement on 1 January 2019.
- **Minimal change for most commercial and recreational fishers from 1 January 2019.**


Benefits of ARMA

- Holistic approach to aquatic resource management.
 - Explicit recognition of customary fishing priority access and public benefit use.
 - Recognition of commercial and recreational sector allocations.
 - Strengthened fishing access rights.
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Benefits of ARMA

- Greater flexibility around the scale of management.
 - Potential for greater flexibility for commercial operators.
 - Potential for co-management arrangements for aquatic resources.
 - Broader range of tool to manage aquatic biosecurity.
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Management pathways for commercial fisheries

1. All existing commercial management arrangements will transition automatically
 - Management Plans
 - Existing regulation licences e.g. FBLs, LFBs, CFLs etc.
 - FRMA S43 Orders as ARMA s125 Orders
 - Exemptions
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Management pathways for commercial fisheries


2. New Regulation Licences under ARMA

- Some existing s43/Exemption fishing may be managed under a regulation licence in future.

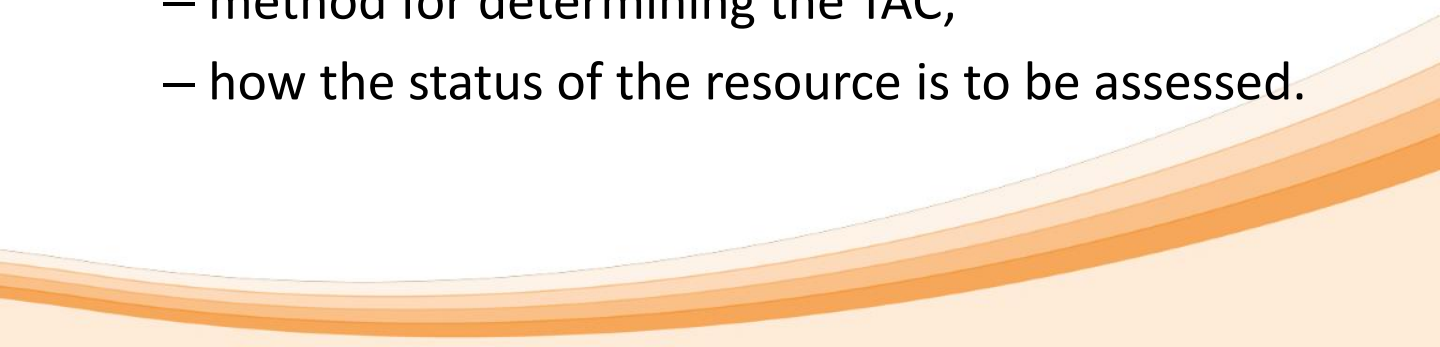
3. Managed Aquatic Resource Framework

- Aquatic Resource Management Strategy (ARMS)
 - Aquatic Resource Use Plan (ARUPS)
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Aquatic Resources under ARMA

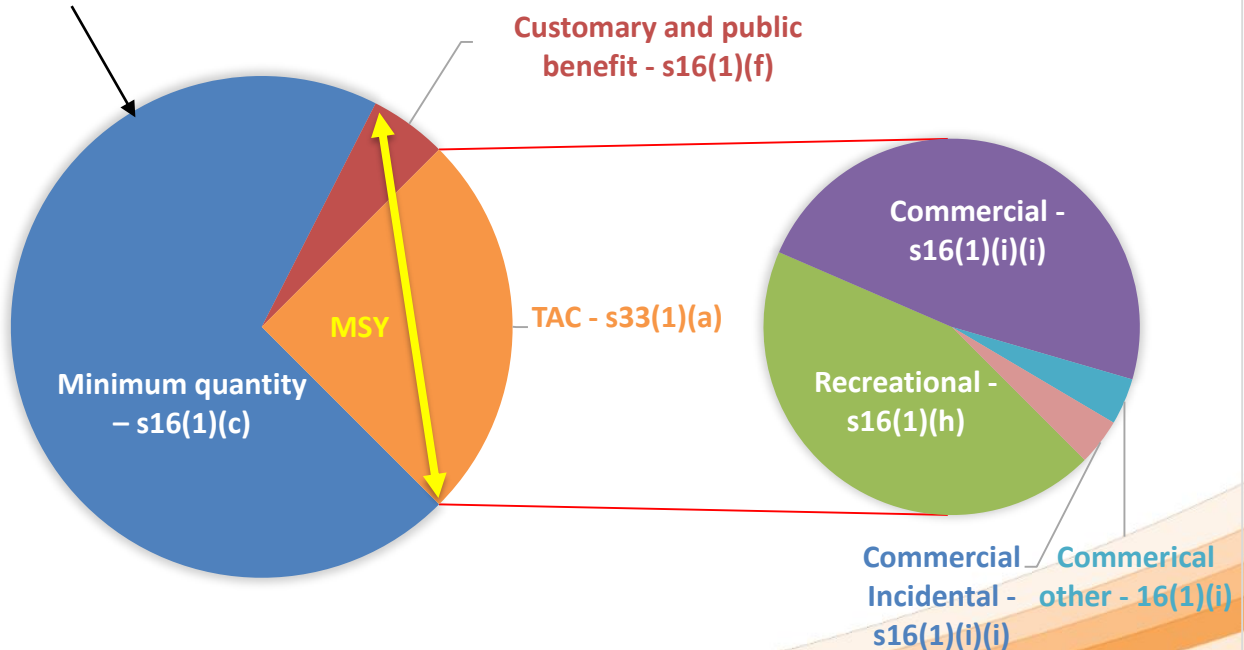
- List of ~21 notional aquatic resources.
 - Stakeholders to be consulted on next priority aquatic resources.
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What is an ARMS?


- Policy document approved by the Minister at the 'whole-of-resource' level.
 - Key elements:
 - main objective for managing the resource;
 - activities that are to be managed;
 - how the resource is to be allocated;
 - method for determining the TAC;
 - how the status of the resource is to be assessed.
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Resource use under an ARMS

Description of Managed Aquatic Resource - 16(1)(a)



What is an ARUP?

- An ARUP is an operational document which implements an ARMS.
 - Much like an existing 'Management Plan'
 - Can be sector specific i.e. commercial or recreational.
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Other changes

- Renewal of licences -
 - MFLs can be renewed up to 180 days after expiry;
 - All other licences up to 12 months after expiry.
 - Fish Processor Licences replaced by new Fish Receivers Licence in 2019.
 - CFLs replaced by Fishing Master Licence (FML) in 2020.
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