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Minutes of General Meeting, 14 April 2004

Venue:- Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room
Time 8:05 pm. President Bob Henderson presiding.

Present:- 30 members, 1 visitor.

Apologies:- Abra Deklerk, Terry Willison, Trevor Stam, Paul Thompson, Allan Jones, Fiona Callander.

Visitors:- Bretton Stitfold.

Suspension of standing orders:- moved George Holman seconded Roy Killick suspension of standing orders to allow instruction period.

Instruction period Ken from WA CB Centre gave a talk on current models and features of UHF vehicle and handheld CB radios.

Resumption of standing orders:- moved Ian Cook seconded George Holman suspension of standing orders.

New Members:- none.

Previous Minutes:- As published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Roy Killick seconded Morris Kolman, these are a true record. Carried. No business arising.

Previous Committee:- Bob Henderson outlined actions from the previous Committee meeting. No business arising.

Correspondence In:-

Challenge Bank	Statement for March.
Ray White Kalbarri	Statement for March - no activity
AAA	Minutes of March AAA Delegates' Meeting.
City Of Stirling	Yokine Reserves general letter, meeting 28 April.
AON Risk Services	Personal Accident Insurance will no longer be available - finishes 30 April 2004.

Correspondence Out:-

Rick Hirayama	Info about membership application.
Abra and Wian Deklerk	Acceptance of membership application.
Peter Degroot	Info about club and membership.

Moved George Holman seconded Nick Allsworth that correspondence be accepted: Carried.

Business arising:- Ian Pilton is to be contacted about personal accident insurance.

Treasurer's Report:- Terry Fuller reported. Accounts for payment:-

Dept Planning Infrastructure	Dry Casting Trailer Licence	\$50.70
Terry Fuller, Copy paper	\$45.69, 100x50c stamps \$50, 3 folders \$4.44	\$100.13
Total Accounts for Payment		\$150.83
Outstanding cheques		\$191.73
Challenge bank Account 880334. Balance as at 14/4/2004		\$13,511.69
Available after accounts paid		\$13,169.13
Plus money held to be deposited		\$222.00
Total Available		\$13,391.56

Terry Fuller raised the audit of the club's accounts, and said Department of Consumer and Employment Protection publication and the club's Constitution did not require an audit. The club's 2002/3 accounts were tabled and members were advised that these accounts are available for any member to look at by arrangement with the Treasurer.

Moved George Holman, seconded Nick Allsworth, Treasurers report be accepted and accounts passed for payment - carried.

Secretary report:- nothing to report other than covered by correspondence or in general business.

Property Officer:- Vix Alexander:- nothing new to report.

Field Day Officer:- Field Day Officer Malcolm Harris reported on the April Denmark to Walpole Field day as in Reel Talk.

Dry Casting Officer:- Chas Riegert gave details of the April Dry Casting as in Reel Talk.

AAA Report:- State Estuary championships are on 17/18 April as in Reel Talk.
George gave a brief report on planning for the fishing clinics.

Social Organiser:- Bob Henderson asked members to return perpetual trophies by the May General Meeting.
Tony D'Alonzo donated \$130 from field Day prize money.

Recorder:- Roy Killick's 4.8 kg gilled and gutted tailor has been entered for the Grand Masters competition.
John Jardine has caught enough fish and has now qualified for a Grand Masters badge.

Reel Talk Editor:- Nothing to report. Still, as always, looking for articles from members.

Notices of Motion:- None.

General Business:- Chas Riegert **moved** that rule 3.6.6 of the club's competition rules be amended to allow up to five casts in the open competitions. Seconded Peter Stoeckel. After considerable discussion about the validity of making rule changes without prior notice, the meeting agreed against voting on these changes at this April Meeting.

Field Days venues:- Members discussed and voted on field day venues, with results as follows.

Saturday/Sun 15/16 May 2004	Rottnest.
Saturday/Sunday/Monday 5/6/7 June 2004	LWE Denmark to Walpole, boundaries:- eastern end of Ocean Beach at Denmark to Clifty Head near Mandalay Beach west of Walpole.
Saturday/Sunday 17/18 July 2004	Cape to Cape, Busselton Jetty to Cape Leeuwin.
Reel Talk May 2004	

Saturday/Sunday 14/15 August 2004
 Saturday/Sunday 11/12 September 2004
 Saturday/Sun/Mon 2/3/4 October 2004 LWE
 Saturday/Sunday 13/14 November 2004
 Saturday/Sunday 27/28 November 2004
 Saturday/Sunday 11/12 December 2004
 Saturday/Sunday 15/16 January 2005
 Saturday/Sunday 12/13 February 2005
 Saturday/Sun/Mon 5/6/7 March 2005 LWE
 Sat/Sun/Mon 23/24/25 April 2005 Anzac Day LWE

Rottnest.
 Cervantes, southern boundary of town to as far as you can walk north of Hill River.
 S/Bend, Dongara to Southgates.
 Cervantes to Sandy Point.
 AAA State Estuary Championships.
 Local only, Two Rocks to Point Peron.
 Golden Bay to Myalup
 Open.
 Bremer Bay. Point Charles to Reef Beach.
 Port Gregory to Kalbarri. Boundaries Hutt River to as far as you can walk north of the Murchison River mouth.

Open competition. George Holman **moved** seconded Ian Cook that rules for the open competition be as published in the club's Competition Rules. Carried.

Field day competition. George Holman **moved** seconded Morris Kolman that rules for the field day fishing competition be as published in the club's Competition Rules. Carried.

Dry casting competition. George Holman **moved** seconded Roy Killick that rules for the dry casting competition be as published in the club's Competition Rules. Carried.

George Holman offered to donate one prize for extra 56 gram and artificial bait casts every second month so that dry casters preparing for the AAA National Championships at Yeppoon can have extra practice at these events by casting both 56 gram and artificial bait every month. These extra casts will not be part of the monthly Surfcasters dry casting competition which will still alternate between 56 gram and artificial bait.

In response to a question, Terry Fuller reported on police investigation into money allegedly missing from the club's bank account during a previous treasurer's control.

He advised that only the 2001/2002 financial year accounts had been reconstructed because some records were available for that year. Reconstructing the 2000/2001 accounts would have been a much more difficult job because no records were available.

The former Treasurer has been interviewed and denies that any money is missing. He claims to have warned that committee that the club was spending too much money.

The police have some difficulty in proving that some particular amounts of cash money were handed to and remained under the sole control of the former Treasurer but were not banked. Police action would be helped considerably if members can provide any written receipts signed by the former Treasurer for the 2001/2002 financial year.

Dave Maxted asked if the club still supported AAA State Fishing Championships by coordinating the club Field days with the dates and venues of AAA events. Terry Fuller advised that we have coordinated club Field days with AAA Rock and Beach events such as the recent Port Gregory field day. The April AAA event was a State Estuary fishing championship, whereas our club Field days are usually coordinated with the AAA Rock and Beach Championships.

Rick Parker had some poppers for sale and will have some more for people going to Warroora safari.

Jim Yeates advised that Friday night overnight accommodation at Carnarvon on the way to Warroora could be booked for \$28 per person.

Instruction Period:- Already held earlier in the meeting.
Meeting closed. 9:50 pm

Coming Club Events.

May Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 2 May 2004, casting starts at **9:00 am.** **Note Time Change.**
Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.
Events:- Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 112 gram distance, 56 gram distance, **plus** Artificial bait (results not counted for the competition.)

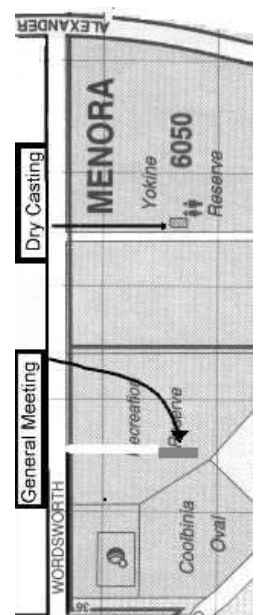
May General Meeting.

When:- Wednesday 12 May 2004, 8:00 pm.
Where:- Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, off Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, about 200 metres south east of the Yokine Bowling Club.

Instruction Period:- To be advised.

May 2004 Field Day - Rottnest.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 15/16 May 2004.
Boat Times:- See May 2004 Reel Talk or come to May General Meeting.
Sign On:- At Rottnest (Caroline Thompson Camping Ground).
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon
Weigh in:- Sunday 12:00 noon at Rottnest (or when the bus returns) at the Caroline Thompson Camping Ground.



Boundaries:- All of Rottnest Island !!

If you wanted to go, you should have paid in full by the February General Meeting, so it's really too late now. But if your luck's really in, someone may pull out before the day, you may be able to take the place and still be able to go. Contact **John Jardine** for more details.

Tides for	Saturday 15 May	1.00m at 8:30 am	0.80m at 4:44 pm	Sunrise:-	About 7:00 am
			0.84m at 9:00 pm		
Fremantle	Sunday 16 May	0.78m at 12:58 am	1.06m at 8:24 am	Sunset:-	About 5:30 pm
			0.75m at 5:20 pm		
Moon	Saturday 15 May	Moonrise:-	About 3:06 am	Moonset:-	About 3:23 pm
	Sunday 16 May	Moonrise:-	About 4:06 am	Moon:-	Last Quarter Tue 11 May

Local Field Day for May.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 15/16 May 2004.

Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.

Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon

Weigh in:- Sunday 12:00 noon at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.

Boundaries:- Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.

Safari 2004 - Warroora Station.

15 May to 22 May 2004. Contact Chas Riegert or see previous Reel Talks.

June Field Day - Denmark - Walpole.

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 5/6/7 June 2004 Foundation Day Long Weekend.

Sign On:- 12:00 noon at park alongside river, right hand side of road going west on Denmark side of the river.

Lines Down:- After the sign on.

Weigh in:- As for the sign on at 11:00 am Monday.

Boundaries:- Denmark to Walpole. Boundaries:- eastern end of Ocean Beach at Denmark to Clifly Head near Mandalay Beach west of Walpole.

Tides for	Saturday 5 June				
Albany	Sunday 6 June			Sunrise:-	About 7:10 am
	Monday 7 June			Sunset:-	About 5:05 pm
Moon	Saturday 5 June	Moonrise:-	About 7:10 pm	Moonset:-	About 9:30 am
Denmark	Sunday 6 June	Moonrise:-	About 8:20 pm	Moonset:-	About 10:30 am
	Monday 7 June	Moonrise:-	About 11:15 am	Full Moon	3 June

Local Field Day for June 2004.

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 5/6/7 June 2004 Foundation Day Long Weekend.

Sign On:- At the April General Meeting or to the FDO by 6:00pm Friday, but preferably earlier.

Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon

Weigh in:- Monday 11:00 am at G. Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written on the Field Day sheet. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.

Boundaries:- Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.

Tides for	Saturday 5 June	1.32m at 10:07 am	0.47m at 8:46 pm		
Fremantle	Sunday 6 June	1.27m at 10:41 am	0.51m at 9:55 pm	Sunrise:	About 7:10 am
	Monday 7 June	1.20m at 11:07 am		Sunset:-	About 5:20 pm

Field Day and Dry Casting Fees.

Field Day Fees:- \$7 for an individual, \$9 for families. Dry Casting Fees:- \$6 for an individual, \$8 for families.

Field Day Boundaries

Club Competition Rules 2.1.6 says "The boundaries for the Field Day will be published in Reel Talk. Boundaries may be changed at the sign on at the discretion of the Field Day Officer and by consensus of the majority of the participating members. Any competitor fishing outside the boundaries during the fishing times shall be disqualified."

This has generally been accepted to mean that the boundaries may be changed if weather or weed or beach or water conditions mean that it would be difficult to find enough fishing spots within the advertised Reel Talk May 2004

boundaries, and an extension would allow fishing in some places with better conditions. It does NOT mean that the boundaries can be extended because someone has a favourite spot outside the boundaries, or has heard of fish being caught outside the boundaries.

In future, the boundaries will be discussed and set at or before the April General Meeting when the venues are being chosen, and everyone will have a chance to say what they want.

SCAC Event Calendar 2004/2005.

Public Holidays are, from

http://www.docep.wa.gov.au/default_lr.asp?id=lr/wages/pub_hol1&menu=lr_wages are:-

Foundation Day	Monday 7 June 2004	Queen's Birthday	Monday 4 October 2004
Australia Day	Wednesday 26 January 2005	Labor Day	Monday 7 March 2005
Anzac Day	Monday 25 April 2005	Easter	Friday 25 March - Mon 28 March 2005

School holidays for Primary and Secondary students in Government schools in WA, taken from <http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/termdates/termDates.htm>, are:-

Saturday 10 July - Sunday 25 July 2004	Saturday 2 October - Sunday 17 October 2004
Friday 17 December - Sunday 30 January 2005	Saturday 9 April - Monday 25 April 2005

2004/2005 Field Day Dates and Venues.

This list was voted in by the members at the April General Meeting.

Saturday/Sun 15/16 May 2004	Rottnest.
Saturday 15 May to 22 May 2004	Surfcasters' Safari to Warroora.
Saturday/Sunday/Monday 5/6/7 June 2004 LWE	Denmark to Walpole, boundaries:- eastern end of Ocean Beach at Denmark to Clifty Head near Mandalay Beach west of Walpole.
Saturday/Sunday 17/18 July 2004	Cape to Cape, Busselton Jetty to Cape Leeuwin.
Saturday/Sunday 14/15 August 2004	Rottnest.
Saturday/Sunday 11/12 September 2004	Cervantes, southern boundary of town to as far as you can walk north of Hill River.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 2/3/4 October 2004 LWE	S/Bend, Dongara to Southgates.
Saturday/Sunday 13/14 November 2004	Cervantes to Sandy Point.
Saturday/Sunday 27/28 November 2004	AAA State Estuary Championships.
Saturday/Sunday 11/12 December 2004	Local only, Two Rocks to Point Peron.
Saturday/Sunday 15/16 January 2005	Golden Bay to Myalup
Saturday/Sunday 12/13 February 2005	Open.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 5/6/7 March 2005 LWE	Bremer Bay. Point Charles to Reef Beach.
Saturday/Sunday 23/24/25 April 2005 Anzac Day LWE	Port Gregory to Kalbarri. Boundaries Hutt River to as far as you can walk north of the Murchison River mouth.

Current Competition Rules are available from the Secretary, or see the online versions on the club's web site <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au>

2004/2005 Dry Casting Dates.

All are at Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:30am.

Sunday 2 May 2004	Sunday 7 November 2004
Sunday 13 June 2004, (changed for Field Day)	Sunday 5 December 2004
Sunday 4 July 2004	Sunday 2 January 2005
Sunday 1 August 2004	Sunday 6 February 2005
Sunday 29 August 2004, (changed for Fathers' Day)	Sunday 13 March 2005, (changed for Field Day)
Sunday 10 October 2004, (changed for Field Day)	Sunday 3 April 2005

Sunday 31 October 2004, AAA State Dry Casting Championships

2004/2005 General Meetings.

All at Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:00pm.

Wednesday 12 May 2004

Wednesday 10 November 2004

Wednesday 9 June 2004

Wednesday 8 December 2004

Wednesday 14 July 2004 includes **Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday 12 January 2005

Wednesday 11 August 2004

Wednesday 9 February 2005

Wednesday 8 September 2004

Wednesday 9 March 2005

Wednesday 13 October 2004

Wednesday 13 April 2005

AAA Estuary State Championships

2004/2005

Location Swan River.

Headquarters Troy Park.

27/28 November 2004.

Boundaries Swan and Canning Rivers, upstream from the Old Traffic Bridge.

2004/2005 Calendar

Here's a 2004/2005 calendar with dates marked on it, showing Dry Casting, Field Days, General and Committee Meetings.

<u>31</u>	AAA Event	15	Safari 2004, Warroora Station, 15 May to 22 May.																	
<u>2</u>	Dry Casting	12	General Meeting	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	Field Day	19	Committee Meeting												
SCAC Event Calendar 2004/2005 - Version 23 April 2004.																				
May 2004							June 2004							July 2004						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
31					1	<u>2</u>		1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>				1	2	3	<u>4</u>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	<u>7</u>	8	<u>9</u>	10	11	12	<u>13</u>	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10	11	<u>12</u>	13	14	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	14	15	<u>16</u>	17	18	19	20	12	13	<u>14</u>	15	16	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
17	18	<u>19</u>	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	<u>21</u>	22	23	24	25
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August 2004							September 2004							October 2004						
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16	17	<u>18</u>	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	<u>20</u>	21	22	23	24
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November 2004							December 2004							January 2005						
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15	16	<u>17</u>	18	19	20	21	13	14	<u>15</u>	16	17	18	19	10	11	<u>12</u>	13	14	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
22	23	24	25	26	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	<u>19</u>	20	21	22	23
29	30						27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
February 2005							March 2005							April 2005						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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14	15	<u>16</u>	17	18	19	20	14	15	<u>16</u>	17	18	19	20	11	12	<u>13</u>	14	15	16	17
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	<u>20</u>	21	22	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>
28							28	29	30	31				<u>25</u>	26	27	28	29	30	

AAA Rock and Beach State Championships

2004/2005 Location Cape to Cape
 Date Saturday and Sunday 28/29 May 2005 (that's in our 2005/6 competition year)

Happy Birthday to:-

A lot of members haven't told us their birth date, so there may be more birthdays. Dob them in!

Malcolm Harris, 3 May	Chas Riegert, 10 May	Annella Riegert, 17 May
Luke Agnello, 21 May	Joe Pullella, 22 May	Ken Black, 24 May
Peter Stoeckel, 25 May		

Wanted - Aluminium Cans.

Wanted - Aluminium cans. Please bring them along to the General Meeting or to Mal Head's home, but not to Dry Casting. Mal saves them up and takes them to the recyclers when he has enough, and the price is right, and donates all the proceeds to the Club.

New Member Acceptances.

The following application for membership has been accepted, and will be invited to the next General Meeting to be welcomed into the Club.

Jim and Pamela King
Anita King.

New Member Application.

Applications for membership have been received and will come before the February Committee meeting. If any member has any reason why any of the applications should not be accepted, please contact a Committee Member and state the reason.

Rick Hirayama.

Kalbarri House For Rent.

The Club has a house in Kalbarri. The house is situated close to the river, beaches and town. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max) in 1 double bed and 3 bunks, has reverse cycle air conditioning and ceiling fans to keep you cool in the summer months. Users need to bring their own linen, blankets and towels, tea towels, etc.

It has a radio and television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, fridge and freezer. It does not have a washing machine, but there is a laundromat in town. Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. Rates are:-

Public:-	Off season	\$250 per week,	On season	\$390 per week	} all
Club Members:-	Off season	\$160 per week,	On Season	\$210 per week	} plus \$50
Club Members:-	Short term	\$45 for one night, \$40 per night for two or more nights			} deposit / bond.

Bookings taken for the school holidays go from Saturday to Saturday (leaving by 10am). Outside of school holidays it does not matter. Club members need to do their own cleaning on departure, or we can arrange cleaners at around \$49 per clean, extra on the rates above.

Check in time is 1pm. Check out time is 10am. Keys can be picked up from Ray White, Shop 1, Kalbarri Arcade. If people arrive after hours, they leave a note on the door of their office with a map of how to get to the house and telling them where the key will be.

As at late March, the house is available in 2004 from 5 May to 14 May, 21 May to 2 June, 13 Jun to 10 Sep, 25 Sep to 15 Oct, and 6 Nov to 24 Dec 2004. Contact Property Officer Vix Alexander for bookings.

If any work needs to be done in, on or around the house, please contact the Property Officer for approval. Members who are staying in the house are not allowed to authorise any repairs or services on the house without authority from the Property Officer, Treasurer or President.

Club Polo Shirts, Jackets and Caps.

We now have some stocks of short and long sleeved Club Polo shirts, long sleeved Club Jackets and baseball style caps with a club logo for sale to members. These are in the club colours of Gold (Yellow) and Black, and help to identify you as a "Surfcaster" member.

Club Competition Rules and Constitution.

Printed copies of the Club's current Fishing and Dry Casting Competition Rules and Club Constitution are available. Contact the Secretary or see the club's web site <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au> for the online versions.

Wanted - Back Copies of Reel Talk.

We are looking for donations of old Reel Talks, or can copy yours if you want to keep them. A few copies, eg all of what we have for the early months of 1982 are not in good condition, so we would take any better copies if they were offered. See the list in the February 2002 Reel Talk.

Wanted - Fish Smokers

No, not the type that are hard to light when wet BUT the ubeaut ones that use various types of sawdust to obtain those special flavours.

I would like to borrow 3 or 4 to run a fish smoking demonstration and tasting event for Club members at a future date. Contact Hendo on 9451 6341 if you can help.

Life Members of the Club.

Doug Edward, Ric Parker, Jim Strong, Bob Klein, George Holman, Ian Cook.

Member's Stories, Photos, Tips, etc.

Does anyone have any new stories, photos, tips, news items, etc, etc, to share? Please send them in to the Reel Talk Editor.

Where Are All the Fishing Stories?

Looking at the list of contents for the Reel Talk this month, where are all the fishing stories? I'll print what I'm given, or I have to search for stories, and then what you see is what you get.

Special thanks to Hendo for his articles in recent Reel Talks.

Let's keep this series going. Where and when did you start fishing and what did you get up to? Tell us all about it

AAA Comments on Capes Marine Park.

The Australian Anglers Association has put in the following comments on the proposed no take zones in the Capes Marine Park. Maps of these were given out at the February General meeting and are available on the CALM Marine Parks website at http://www.calm.wa.gov.au/national_parks/marine/capes/index.html

To Dr Jessica Meeuwig, Department of Conservation and Land Management, Marine Branch

The Association is concerned about the serious problems with the process used at the February meeting of the Capes Advisory Committee to decide these proposed no take zones.

Anyone who had observed that meeting would have to agree that the discussions showed the great deal of inconsistency and questionable approaches in the way many topics were handled. This resulted in a bias towards professional fishing interests, however due to the inconsistent approaches, even some professional fishing inputs were not treated on their merits.

Despite clear directions from the Marine Parks and Reserves Authority on the compensation question, the committee used input from the rock lobster and abalone industries to move the boundaries of no take zones proposed at the January meeting, to reduce or remove the compensation questions, yet ignored inputs from recreational fishing about the importance of some of the proposed areas.

There was no consensus or agreement by the committee on the details of many of these proposed no take zones. Some were decided by a narrow majority vote after long periods of discussion with the appearance of some committee members "giving in" to end the discussion. In particular the Association is concerned at the process of committee members being required to vote on proposed areas and boundaries before they had heard the opinions and discussions of the other committee members as they finally went around the table getting the votes.

The discussions were rarely focused on the objectives of the meeting and lacked any regular reviews of how the "big picture" was developing. The committee sometimes seemed to lose track of the amount of extra areas which had been added to no take zones, and ignored comments when people pointed out that some types of areas had already been added in response to some comments about the need for specific types of areas to be included in the reserves.

For these reasons the Association does not consider that these proposed no take areas are suitable starting points for the Capes Marine Park.

The committee agreed that public comments should be sought on the proposed boundaries of these no take zones.

The Association is concerned at the quality and quantity of the information that was made available to the public to help them in preparing their comments on the proposed no take areas. In particular we believe the general public was not adequately informed about the limited degree of support and agreement by the committee for each particular area, and the non environmental issues which had been used in choosing some areas or boundaries.

The descriptive document which accompanied the maps did not contain sufficient information about the reason for the choice of these particular areas. Much more information was contained in the draft minutes of the meeting, and although these draft minutes were provided to the sector reference groups, these minutes were not generally available to the public. The descriptive documents by themselves were barely sufficient for people who had been involved previously, and were completely inadequate for people on their first introduction to the issues involved in choosing no take zones in the Capes area and for preparing informed comments.

No Take Zones and Shore Based Fishing. The justification for complete closure to fishing of shoreline areas seems to be based on experience elsewhere in different environments and with different species of fish. Jessica Meeuwig noted that researchers might have difficulty answering the questions of how removing pelagic species from some sandy beach shorelines does change the ecosystem (and believes that it does) if there are few such areas closed to such removal.

The Association believes the impact of catching the common pelagic species in the numbers taken from some of these areas due to shore based recreational fishing, is very small compared to the impact of the total number of fish of those species taken in the region.

This highlights the problem of disagreement on the impact of taking mobile, pelagic, non-resident fish from such areas. The Association contends that fish such as salmon, herring, tailor, mulloway, skipjack, snook, pike, odd shark, whiting etc, continually or seasonally move in and out of sandy bottomed areas such as Yallingup and there is absolutely NO environmental benefit in prohibiting fishing from the shore for such species in such areas in the numbers taken from some of these areas compared to the total number taken in the region.

Far larger impacts occurs from large scale extraction of these finfish species in the region or nearby areas or during their migration to or within the area, and proper fisheries management everywhere has greater potential for improvement in their abundance than banning line fishing for them in some limited areas.

The words in the Capes vision statement "...sustainable human endeavour..." applies to recreational line fishing from the shore in most of the places for the species most commonly caught.

The Association wishes to see some more real research on the species present in and transiting through these areas, not just using experience from other parts of the world on different species of very questionable relevance to our salmon, herring, tailor, mulloway, skipjack, snook, pike, odd shark, whiting etc. and our Western Australian situation and environment and the total amount of extraction and exploitation in the region.

The Association further asks that we be given a specific guarantee in the management plan that if (1) no research is done on this subject, or (2) if the research which is done can't address that issue, or (3) if the research shows there is not enough change in the ecosystem from removal of the few pelagic species to justify the ban on recreational line fishing from the shore, that all such areas will be reopened to line fishing from the shore in the next review. We submit that flexibility needs to be a two way process, and must include restrictions being removed or relaxed if they are later found not to be necessary or effective.

We believe that targeted seasonal closures with the specific purpose of handling any seasonal issues such as protecting fish spawning aggregations would receive significant public support from recreational anglers. These need to be supported by the data which shows they are necessary, and targeted seasonal closures will be much more acceptable than complete spatial closures.

We don't have any fundamental objection to closing a few specific areas to the taking of specific species of resident fish, eg blue groper, but the areas would have to be explained and justified, and the area should not be closed to all line fishing from the shore.

We ask that the Committee consider what objectives are realistic and socially acceptable for this area, and what activities REALLY need to be banned to achieve those objectives - and consider the other pressures on these areas which might have many times more impact than the activities being banned, and then get work done on properly managing those pressures.

Comments on the specific zones proposed as they affect recreational line fishing, which is the main focus of the Association's membership and Perth based fishing clubs, are:-

(1) Eastern Geographe Bay. The Association does not see the benefit in closing this area to recreational line fishing for finfish from the shore or by wading, standing on rocks, reefs, etc. in a 200m strip from the shore line. See the general comments about recreational line fishing from the shore

(2) Busselton Jetty. The Shire of Busselton has carried out public consultations and public meetings after giving notice to the local community, and has decided to support a 50 metre radius exclusion zone around the underwater observatory.

In support of the Capes committee's decision, some members were heard to say that the Busselton Shire's process was flawed because it was open to bias and "stacking" by recreational fishermen, and so no notice should be taken of that outcome

Yet without obtaining any significant measure of public opinion other than the few submissions received in response to their January proposals for a no take zone which we understand were equally divided, the Capes committee has ignored the Busselton Shire's measurement of the public's opinion, and has decided to propose taking the entire end of the jetty past the underwater observatory as a no take zone, and has included extra areas north beyond the end of the jetty and south of the underwater observatory.

This decision can only reinforce the public view that the Capes committee is out of touch with public opinion on the subject. That will reflect badly on the public's opinion and acceptance of all other no take areas proposed by this committee, particularly if the public were properly informed about the limited degree of support within the committee for some of the areas proposed.

The Association strongly supports the 50 metre radius outcome proposed by the Shire of Busselton, and strongly opposes the larger area proposed by the Capes committee. The Association's position as covered in its letter to the Busselton Shire dated 13 May 2003 has not changed and still represents its current opinion about this important sharing of a community owned and funded asset.

The end of the jetty is in disrepair. Any inspection of the end even by an untrained person leaves the impression that the decking of the jetty will not last more than a few years and could easily be badly damaged by the next storm. The CALM magazine Landscape notes that the corals around the jetty are only there because of the shading that the jetty decking provides.

The text for this proposal states that "people of various ages and mobility" can experience a sanctuary zone. The Association believes that such people will only be able to experience the sanctuary zone if they use the underwater observatory, and that experience will be no different if a 50 metre sanctuary zone is in place or a much larger sanctuary zone.

(3) Central Geographe Bay. No comments.

(4) Elmore Street: Potential Special Purpose Zone - fish nursery. The Association supports special management in this area for the purposes of fish nursery. Due to the lack of details about the exact location, size of the area, and what restrictions might apply to recreational fishing, we are unable to comment further.

(5) Eagle Bay / Meelup. The Association supports the boundaries which allow recreational fishing from the shore. For the same reasons as are given for proposing this area as a sanctuary zone, we believe the Meelup beach area is valuable for children and other recreational fishermen who cannot handle rough water and fishing from rocks, and we question the value of banning recreational line fishing from the sandy shore as covered elsewhere.

(6) Cape Naturaliste. The committee ignored an important safety issue in the need for small boats to seek protection from strong easterly winds by sheltering on the western side of the Cape, and still be able to fish in the area while waiting.

The area proposed to be closed to shore based fishing has special value to a few dedicated shore anglers who are prepared to make the considerable effort to get there. The area provides a unique experience to fish somewhere where a special effort is required. It goes beyond just catching fish for the sake of catching a fish. The area is seldom fished and large quantities of fish are not caught, so there is little impact on this area by shore based line fishermen.

(7) Yallingup. Reef trampling especially by surfers has been identified as the major issue in this area. We ask what will the closing to fishing achieve?

The Yallingup proposed no take zone includes an area of sandy bottom at the northern end of the reef area which has no conservation value, but which is extremely important for recreational anglers when the ocean is rough or when winds are strong and they cannot fish the more exposed areas of the beach due to the swell which is present much of the time in the remaining areas of Yallingup beach. It also includes an area where anglers can sometimes stand on the reef and fish into the open water to the north of the reef during calm conditions and low swell.

The Association contends that fish such as salmon, herring, tailor, mulloway, skipjack, snook, pike, odd shark, whiting etc, move in and out of sandy bottomed areas such as these and there is absolutely NO environmental benefit in prohibiting fishing from the shore or reef top for such species in such areas, but there is a significant loss of social amenity through loss of access to areas of protected water in an otherwise high energy shoreline.

(8) Injidup. As for Cape Naturaliste, this area has special value to a few dedicated shore based anglers who are prepared to make the considerable effort to get there. This is an area is one of the few spots that provides access to deep water from the shore. It can only be fished under very calm conditions. During storms the area is pounded by very big seas and the fish can be expected to disperse.

These sanctuary zone should not take the entire headland, and should leave at least 50 metres off shore from the first headland described in your text, around the northern most point until halfway to the southern boundary, and exclude the small bay at the southern end from the sanctuary zone.

(9) Cowaramup: Potential Special Purpose Zone (Recreational activity). The Association supports the reservation of this area for recreational activities. The area has ready access, and is close to Gracetown. Recreational line fishing from the shore must be allowed from some of the beach and some of the rocks which are currently heavily used by recreational anglers.

Boat based recreational fishing must be allowed in a significant proportion of the Bay so that small boats can be used to fish in the Bay in safety without having to go out to sea.

(10) Kilcarnup: Potential Special Purpose Zone. The Association accepts the need for management of activities in this area. Appropriate activities must include some provision for recreational fishing in this area. In the absence of any specific proposals or limitations we are unable to comment further.

(11) Gnarabup: Potential Special Purpose Zone (Recreational activity). The Association supports the reservation of this area for recreational activities. The area has ready access, and is close to significant

residential and holiday accommodation. Appropriate activities must include provision for recreational fishing in this area, and we cannot see any reasons for any significant restrictions on most recreational fishing activities under the provisions of the Marine Park. Any management of fishing activities should be carried out by the Department of Fisheries.

(12) Cape Freycinet. The Association supports the proposed 200 metre offset in which recreational fishing will be allowed because of the importance of this area to shore based recreational fishermen and the nearby CALM camping areas.

(13) Hamelin Bay: Potential Special Purpose Zone (benthic protection and management of multiple use). The Association accepts the need for management of activities in this area. Appropriate activities must include some provision for recreational fishing in this area. In the absence of any specific proposals or limitations we are unable to comment further.

(14) Hamelin Island. No comments.

(15) Cosy Corner. The Association strongly objects to the proposal for a no take zone at the headland at Cosy Corner. In particular we object to the way in which this area was proposed.

The committee changed the proposed no take zone from an area which had some acceptance by recreational fishermen because of input from professional abalone fishermen and the compensation question, and now proposes an area which is very important for recreational fishermen.

The headland is at the end of a significant access road and adjacent to the vehicle stopping area accessible by two wheel drive cars and used by many recreational anglers. This headland area has long been renowned for fishing for large fish from the shore and has areas which can be fished during strong winds, areas which are rare on this coastline.

We would accept a sanctuary zone within the proposed boundaries which allows recreational line fishing from the headland's rocks and the shore.

(16) Cape Leeuwin. No comments.

(17) Flinders Island. No comments.

(18) East Flinders Bay. No comments.

Hardy Inlet. The issue of resource sharing in the Blackwood River and Hardy inlet has yet to be decided. The Fisheries Department has only recently released the discussion paper "The Hardy Inlet Estuarine Fishery - Management Issues and Options" and that is still open for public submissions until 3 May.

Since these resource sharing issues could have a significant impact on the use of Hardy inlet for both recreational and professional fishing, no decisions should be made on no take zones until resource sharing issues are resolved.

(19) Deadwater / Swan Lakes. The Deadwater is fished by tourists; it is also a gazetted ski zone. It is getting smaller by the day as the river mouth moves further east. Swan Lake is an important area for the local recreational anglers, especially the people from East Augusta. At times it is 'the' place to get crabs. Many locals go there for whiting when they are running. It has many cobbler and some bream.

The area has poor access, can be accessed only at high tide without risk of stranding and waiting for the next tide. One suggestion is a 'no power boat-electric motors only' zone so people could still go and get crabs at least.

(20) Point Pedder / Central Hardy Inlet. These flats proposed for the no take zones are integral to the catch and release angler. These are the places bream anglers and other light tackle catch and release sportfishers target for activities like fly fishing, etc. The committee should consider the negligible impact of catch and release fishing and consider where this should be allowed within sanctuary areas, or more appropriately, designate zones which allow catch and release fishing in place of no take zones.

Terry Fuller, Secretary, Australian Anglers Association.

2002/2003 Financial Records.

Department of Consumer and Employment Protection and the club's Constitution do not require an audit of the club's financial records.

The club's 2002/3 accounts are available for any member to examine to satisfy themselves that everything is in order with the club's finances. The records include:-

A printout of the 2002/2003 financial report. I'll even give you a copy of the Excel spreadsheet file on a floppy disc if you want it.

Paper records of all receipts, accounts, cheque butts and receipt books for 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003.

If you wish to see the records, please contact Treasurer, Terry Fuller. Please, someone ask to look at the records to see what's involved in keeping these records, and so someone other than me can satisfy the members about the financial records.....

TerryF.

Your Club's Future

To survive and prosper, the Club needs the participation of all its members in the various activities that we run. Membership numbers need to be maintained at a level so that the work load is spread and burnout is eliminated

We all have a common interest, achieve individual rewards and obtain a magnificent prize called comradery.

Well I need your input so I can guide the club into the future.

Give me your thoughts on our 2004 Dinner/dance and presentation of trophies.

Got any new ideas to improve our Club

Any ideas on fund raising etc.

Are you prepared to put your hand up and assist.

What can we get involved in...why, when how.

What we should not do.

No one person runs the Club. The committee is there to guide you.

It only takes a phone call, a note on a piece of paper, a new fandangled email, but most of all it's posterior reaction. El Presidente, Hendo.

Open Competition Results to March 2004

Section	For	Weight	Name and place
2.	Best Shark	15 kg (est)	Tony Ong, Exmouth.
3.	Best Mulloway	12.5 kg	Matthew Henderson, Scarborough
4.	Best Salmon	7.25 kg	John Jardine, Scarborough Beach
6.	Best Tailor	4.8 kg	Roy Killick, Blue Holes, Kalbarri
7.	Best Samson Fish	10.0 kg	John Jardine, Cape Hamelin
8.	Best Fish on single handed rod, maximum 4kg line class	1.6 kg	Chas Riegert, Snook, Cervantes
11.	Best Mackerel	9.0 kg	John Jardine, Quobba
13.	Best Trevally (northern)	10.2 kg	Damian D'Mello, Quobba
14.	Best Snook/Pike	1.6 kg	Chas Riegert, Snook, Cervantes
15.	Best Scale Fish other than sections 3 to 14	6.3 kg	John Jardine, Longtail Tuna, Quobba
16.	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod	9.0 kg	Tony Ong, Golden Trevally, Exmouth

April 2004 Field Day, Denmark to Walpole.

This Field day was held too late in the month for the results to be included in this Reel Talk and for the Reel Talk to be printed and posted in time for the Dry Casting. Results and write up for the Field Day will be in the June Reel Talk or check the Club's website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/WhatsNew.html> to see when it is added.

Field Day Sections for 2003/2004

Field Day Sections for 2003/2004 up to March 2004.

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Tony D'Alonzo	Dhufish	10.5 kg
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)	Morris Kolman	Salmon	4.65 kg
2	Most Meritous Fish	To be decided by Committee		
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Matt Henderson	Shark	4.6 kg
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)	Filomena D'Alonzo	Mulloway	7.05 kg
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	John Jardine	Tailor	4.3 kg
6	Best Salmon	Morris Kolman	Salmon	4.65 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Skipjack Trevally	0.65 kg
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)	No entry		
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Tony D'Alonzo	Parrot Fish	3.95 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	38.3 kg
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	10.2 kg
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	George Holman	Tailor	4.8 kg
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)	Matt Henderson	Tailor	0.425 kg
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod	Matt Henderson	Tailor	0.3 kg

Donations for Trophies.

It's May already - where did 2003 go?. **VERY** Soon we will be looking for trophies for this competition year.

There are some things members can do:-

1. Get involved in the new year's competition.
2. Donate a trophy yourself - particularly if you have been on the on the receiving end in past years.
3. When buying your gear and getting your services from potential trophy donors and advertisers, make sure you let them know that you are a member of the Surf Casting and Angling Club, so that when we contact them soon, they will know that this Club's members support them.

Dry Casting Sausage Sizzle.

We usually hold a sausage sizzle on every Sunday after the dry casting. Gives everyone a chance to talk over the morning's casting, gear to use, what's coming up, fishing, the state of the world or whatever, over some lunch.

But the sausage sizzle is not free, much as we would like it to be. It has to be paid for somehow, and the prices are quite reasonable compared to what you would pay elsewhere. **Don't forget to put the money in, please.**

Everything is one dollar each. You can get:-

1 drink plus 1 sausage in bread for \$2.00 Extra drink for \$1.00 Extra sausage in bread for \$1.00

Club Competition Rules and Constitution.

Printed copies of the Club's current Fishing and Dry Casting Competition Rules and Club Constitution are available. Contact the Secretary or see the club's web site <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au> for the online versions.

Dry Casting Report, 4 April 2004.

The last day of competition for the year arrived and 19 casters turned up at Yokine for an enjoyable day. The weather presented fickle winds varying from across court to any which way you wanted them, depending on whether you were casting or not and whether it would affect your results. In other words, not much different from the rest of the year, except they were a little lighter in strength. Overcast conditions kept the day pleasant.

A few diehards must have known where they were in the overall picture of things, as they did appear to try much harder than usual.

Some surprising results came out of the day.

Congratulations to Terry Fuller on winning the double-handed accuracy on the day with a marvelous score of 166 points.

Not to be out done, Andrew Aubrey decided it was his turn to put on a show and proceeded to smash the existing single-handed accuracy record with a near perfect score. 3 x bullseyes and an 8 improved the long-standing club record from 36 points to 38 points. I believe that this will remain for a long time to come. Well done Aubs.

A point to consider. I raised the proposition of starting casting half an hour later for the months May through August due to the light factor and the time it takes in the mornings to set up the casting courts. All those present were asked to show hands on the proposal, and according to my count, it was agreed to with only one dissenter. So for the next four months, we can get an extra half an hour's practise if you get there at the same time. I think I will probably be spending that extra half hour sleeping.

By the time you read this article, I hope that a decision would have been made on my next suggestion. For the sake of a few more minutes, I think we should include both two ounce (56 gram) and artificial bait in every month's casting with the four ounce event. At all State and National events, the most important events for Teams is the Artificial Bait and two ounce competitions, yet each month we have the one event pertaining to the individuals, and not the teams environment. Think about it. You get two extra casts each month.

Until next time,

TT2 DCO

Dry Casting Results, 4 April 2004.

Results for the day	112 gram			Artificial Bait			Double Handed Accuracy								Single Handed Accuracy					Day Total		
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Target Number								Target distance							
							3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S		Points	
Seniors.																						
Gary Gildersleeves	127	124	25	96	104	20	12	24	22	23	17	20	15	20	153	0	8	9	10	27	225	
Chas Riegert	151	156	31	131	134	27	1	10	17	18	23	0	23	13	105	4	5	2	10	21	184	
George Holman	160	0	16	113	123	24	0	22	16	13	15	18	22	22	128	0	1	5	3	9	177	
Joe Pullella	153	0	15	127	130	26	0	21	20	22	5	0	16	11	95	0	5	8	10	23	159	
Andrew Aubrey	127	127	25	101	108	21	0	3	21	6	3	6	18	15	72	10	10	10	8	38	156	
Rick Parker	120	128	25	100	101	20	11	18	17	6	7	0	20	6	85	0	9	0	8	17	147	
Malcolm Harris	137	134	27	111	119	23	0	23	14	12	0	7	11	16	83	1	2	0	8	11	144	
Terry Willison	129	132	26	106	114	22	5	0	18	1	0	0	6	5	35	9	7	1	5	22	105	

Veterans.

Roy Killick	126	132	26	109	108	22	25	11	20	25	16	12	23	15	147	8	8	7	6	29	224
Bob Henderson	136	137	27	107	113	22	13	17	22	19	18	16	24	20	149	5	6	6	0	17	215
Mal Head	125	123	25	103	100	20	15	18	19	11	21	25	20	16	145	7	6	0	4	17	207
Allan Jones	137	136	27	121	120	24	14	22	21	22	14	9	19	17	138	2	8	0	7	17	206
Terry Fuller	0	0	0	92	90	18	20	22	22	22	21	16	20	23	166	3	6	4	6	19	203
Jim Strong	89	80	17	81	86	17	21	0	16	21	18	21	23	21	141	4	8	3	8	23	198
Trevor Stam	99	94	19	75	87	16	19	10	11	19	20	17	22	16	134	0	7	3	7	17	186
Tony D'Alonzo	124	122	25	105	109	21	4	13	11	10	0	18	13	2	71	1	6	7	7	21	138

Ladies.

Annella Riegert	74	67	14	63	61	12	14	1	8	16	13	19	12	19	102	4	8	0	2	14	142
Vix Alexander	100	88	19	85	81	17	17	13	18	13	9	0	4	8	82	0	7	0	2	9	127

Juniors.

Rhys Jones	117	123	24	104	0	10	12	18	16	3	19	2	23	8	101	4	9	0	8	21	156
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Event:	Seniors Winner		Veterans Winner		Ladies Winner		Juniors Winner	
112 gram Distance	Cha's Riegert	31	Hendo/Jones	27	Vix Alexander	19	Rhys Jones	24
Artificial Bait	Cha's Riegert	27	Allan Jones	24	Vix Alexander	17	Rhys Jones	10
Double Handed Acc.	Gary Gildersleeves	153	Terry Fuller	166	Annella Riegert	102	Rhys Jones	101
Single Handed Acc.	Andrew Aubrey	38	Roy Killick	29	Annella Riegert	14	Rhys Jones	21
Days High Points	Gary Gildersleeves	225						

Special Request
Would all drycasters please wear club shirts and name badge at monthly casting days.
Chas

Do You Have Receipts from 2001/2002?

At the April General Meeting, Terry Fuller reported on the police investigation into money allegedly missing from the club's bank account during a previous treasurer's control, and after all the club's financial and Kalbarri records for 2000/2001 and 2001/2002 were allegedly stolen from the Treasurer.

Only the 2001/2002 financial year accounts could be reconstructed because some records were available for that year. Reconstructing the 2000/2001 accounts would have been a much more difficult job because no records were available.

The former Treasurer has been interviewed by the Warwick Police and denies that any money is missing. He claims to have warned that committee that the club was spending too much money.

The police have some difficulty in proving that some particular amounts of cash money were handed to and remained under the sole control of the former Treasurer but were not banked.

Police action would be helped considerably if members can provide any written receipts signed by the former Treasurer for the 2001/2002 financial year.

Please check your records and contact Secretary Terry Fuller if you have any receipts from the 2001/2 financial year.

2004 SCAC Dinner/Presentation of Trophies.

The nominations received by the Club indicate that the preferred location for our Dinner/Presentation of Trophies is the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club on a Saturday night.

The committee has booked the centre for Saturday 19 June 2004.

Discussions have been carried out with the catering department, and a carvery buffet organised. I can assure you that you will receive a generous meal.

**ORGANISE YOUR PARTY NOW. GET YOUR GROUP TOGETHER and OBTAIN YOUR TICKETS A.S.A.P.
GUARANTEED GOOD FOOD
GREAT COMPANY
ENJOYABLE EVENING**

Cost \$40 per head. Contact Terry Fuller on 9447 4545 - contact details in front of Reel Talk.

Anglers fishing near Sanctuary Zones.

Big adult salmon migrate from South Australia to spawn somewhere off the West coast. I don't think anyone knows where exactly, and it's probably not just in one place or in one area, and may change from year to year. Maybe some of the big schools people report in deep water (50 metres or more) are spawning or gathering to spawn there.

Depending on the strength, temperatures and locations of the Capes and Leeuwin currents, salmon schools can stay inshore, stay offshore, some years many schools might stop at Cape Naturaliste or Cape Leeuwin, or stop part way to the metro area, and some years some schools go as far north as Kalbarri.

But the majority of salmon always turn around after spawning and head back towards South Australia and some get caught on the "back run". Some stay on as "resident" salmon on the South and West coasts, but not in huge numbers.

All that's decided by nature, and the number which get to and stay in metro or West Coast waters will be different from year to year. If only we could convince them to stay.....

Here are some sums showing why we think recreational anglers catching a few extra salmon along the shore line of Sanctuary zones in the Capes Marine Park won't make much difference in the big scheme of things.

The graph and information on pages 123 to 125 in the official "State of the Fisheries Report for 2002/3" available from <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/sof/2002/index.htm> , shows the highest professional catch of over 4000 tonnes of salmon was caught in 1995, but the catch in many years has been over 2,500 tonnes.

4,000 tonnes is 4,000,000kg which equals 1,000,000 salmon at 4 kg each or 800,000 salmon at 5 kg each.

Commercial production for season 2002 (the latest figures published) was 2,623 tonnes or about **650,000 salmon** at average of 4 kg each, or about **525,000 salmon** at 5kg each - take your pick.

2002 south coast commercial catch of Australian salmon was 1,995 tonnes, (or about 500,000 salmon). South-west and west coast catch of salmon for 2002 totalled 627.5 tonnes (or about 155,000 salmon.)

These statistics mean somewhere around **600,000 salmon** are taken every year by the commercial salmon fishers as they head towards and past the south west coast, or as they head back towards South Australia. A big part of the professional's catch is **used for cray bait at about 50c per kilo** return to the commercial fishermen who catch them. **Staggering numbers**, aren't they?.

The SOF report says the most recent surveys conducted in 1994 and 1995, indicated that the recreational catch share of salmon was about 6% of the total south coast catch and 8-16% of the west coast catch.

So the 2002 recreational catches on the South Coast would have been about 30,000 salmon and West Coast recreational catch would have been between 12,500 and 25,000 salmon.



Rolling around in the surf.

The number of salmon caught by professional fishermen makes the few hundred salmon which might get caught in the sandy shore areas near sanctuary zones just a trivial number. Most salmon will go back towards South Oz anyway.....

All these figures are rounded off. Lies, damn lies and statistics - which???? A recreational catch of only 6 to 16% of the commercial catch doesn't seem a very fair distribution of the salmon, does it?.

Here's a couple of photos from Smith's Beach near Yallingup recently. The salmon in the net thrashed around for half an hour or more before succumbing.

Salmon on the 4WD and in the boat had been rolling around in the surf or



"Temperature controlled high quality fish transports"

on the beach for 4 hours and were finally being carted off in their "temperature controlled high quality fish transport" to end up as cray bait - coz they certainly wouldn't be much good for eating after being treated like that.

Meanwhile the single salmon I kept was processed and packed on ice within 1/2 hour of

being caught and has given us two yummy fish meals with two more meals to come. Most importantly, that single fish taken home earned the region **a couple of hundred dollars from a recreational fisherman.**

TerryF.

Conduct at Meetings.

The whole discussion about Dry Casting rule changes at the April General Meeting went badly wrong, and this has been discussed at the Committee meeting. The reasons are mostly covered by normal meeting protocols such as:-

discuss proposals first with the Secretary or other people who know the Constitution and Competition Rules, who can see some of the traps and missing or unnecessary bits and can suggest ways to handle these and avoid any problems during the meeting.

keep it simple, be clear on what is proposed.

talk about only one thing at a time, unless two or more things are really linked together.

only one person should talk at a time,

give people a fair go and listen to all they have to say, etc. before jumping in with comments or objections.

The President normally allows quite a bit of friendly informality when running the meetings, but the Constitution section **19 Conduct at Meetings**, says:- (..... means some extra irrelevant bits have been left out.)

At all meetings..... the strictest order shall be maintained. On all questions and during all discussions the member speaking shall address the meeting through the Chairperson, and shall be standing. No member shall interrupt while another member is speaking except for the purpose of:

- a) Raising a point of order;*
- b) Asking a question;*
- c) Explaining a point in his own speech which has been misinterpreted.*

The mover of a motion shall be allowed three minutes and each subsequent speaker shall be allowed two minutes (subject to extension by the meeting) and the mover of a motion shall be allowed two minutes to exercise his right of reply. Except as provided for above, no member shall speak more than once on the same motion.

Every motion and every amendment shall be seconded before the same shall be received.....The procedure for the conduct of all Meetings shall at all times be based on the generally accepted rules of debate.

Amendments to Club Competition Rules.

The Club's Constitution has Section 2 "Objects of the Association" followed by Sections 3 to 26 all under the General heading "Rules of the Association". The "Objects of the Association" and "Rules of the Association" as covered in the Constitution are legal requirements.

The Club's "Competition Rules" are internal club things separate from the Constitution and that's why they are in a completely separate document.

Section 11. Amendment of Objects or Rules of the Association says "*No objects or rules shall be amended altered, varied rescinded or inserted except on the vote of at least 75% of the eligible members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting, General or a Special Meeting. Notice of such meeting shall be published in the "Reel Talk" issued no less than the month prior to the date of the meeting to all members.*"

and also has a requirement "*When any such amendment alteration, variation, rescission or addition has been made to the objects or rules of the constitution of the Association, it shall be the duty of the Secretary within twenty eight days after the passing of the resolution to comply with the provisions of the Association & Incorporation Act,*" etc

There's NO WAY we would want to be required to notify for simple changes to the Competition Rules.

My interpretation is that Section 11 applies to the "Rules of the Association" as listed in Sections 3 to 26 of the Constitution, and the Club's "Competition Rules" are **not** covered by Section 11.

Section 17. MEETINGS says "*A majority vote from eligible financial members present and voting at annual general, general or special meeting is sufficient to carry vote unless otherwise stated in a specific clause of the rules of this constitution.*"

We need to make it clear that the Competition Rules **CAN** be changed without any **FORMAL** notice of motion, and also that it is expected that details of proposed changes will always be circulated before, usually in Reel Talk, so that members can think about the changes before the meeting.

We do need to make it possible for people to suggest changes as they think of them and for the members to accept these changes if they agree with them, or defer them.

If that prior information (not formal **notice**) isn't given, then the members should listen to the discussion, and can move that the decision be deferred if they want more time to think about it.

If that deferral causes the change to miss the boat, then bad luck, and the proposers will have to do it differently next time.

To resolve this, I would suggest an addition to the Competition Rules as follows:-

"Section 1.1.9. Amendment to These Competition Rules.

The Club's "Competition Rules" are different from the "Rules of the Association" as set out in the Constitution.

The Committee shall decide all details of how and when these rules may be decided or amended, including the voting requirements. Those details shall be published and notified to all members and will require those details to be endorsed by members of the Club voting as covered by Constitution Section 17.

The rules shall be published and notified to all members. The rules will not normally be changed part way through a competition year.

The rules will normally be confirmed or amended at or before the General Meeting held prior to the commencement of the competition year, by members of the Club voting as decided above.

The rules may be amended at other times providing this is endorsed by members of the Club voting as decided above.

All amendments made shall be published and notified to all members prior to the commencement of the first affected event in any competition year."

In simple words:- The Committee decides when and how the rules may be changed and that decision has to be confirmed by the members voting at least 50% majority. Everything is published for members to consider. Keeps some flexibility. Changes can be made through the year if members agree that it is OK, considering everything. TerryF.

Annual General Meeting 2004.

The club's Annual General Meeting and election of the new committee for 2004/5 will be held on 14 July 2004.

New Committee Members.

Some committee members may not be standing for the jobs they have done this year 2003/4, so replacements may be needed. Please consider standing for Committee. You will find the work interesting and it will help you to be part of the club and get more out of being a club member. Remember you get out what you put in.

The responsibilities of all committee positions have been listed, so you can easily find out what's involved in any job. Contact the Secretary or any committee member for more details.

Most importantly, if there aren't enough workers, the workers we do have will get burnt out and will not be able to carry on, so there'll **HAVE** to be new people, or.....

If there is no one prepared to do the work to run some activity, one option is to **cancel the activity**.

Imagine if we said "there's no dry casting officer, so all dry casting is cancelled" or

"there's no field day officer, so all field days are cancelled" or

"there won't be any more Reel Talks" or

"there's no Social organiser, so no Trophies, Presentation Night or Dinner, and no food or drinks or raffle at the General Meetings"

"there's no President, or Secretary or Treasurer, or so the club will have to be wound up, dissolved, cancelled, gone, ended, no more....."

Confused about the Fishing Regulations?.

So you think you are confused about the changes to the recreational fishing rules?. Well you are no orphan, even the Department of Fisheries is confused, and they ought to know the rules, because **they make the rules**. So what chance does the average recreational anglers have?

Letter 1. Received a letter late March from Nathan Harrison, the acting Recreational Fisheries Manager, which said:- *"Unfortunately, at this time the Department is yet to receive a first draft of the regulations to bring into effect the new management arrangements around filleting at sea and possession limits."*

Well that really set me off. **THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY PUBLICITY BY FISHERIES** to inform the recreational anglers about the changes, and now say they don't know when the regulations will be rewritten, Recreational anglers are confused about what the rules actually are and what they are allowed to do, and there are very few places they can find out about the changes.

People see the "Fisheries crackdown" message and most probably think they still have to follow the old rules as on the Fisheries website and in the brochures to avoid getting pinged. That's one way of keeping the old rules going, but they wouldn't do that deliberately, would they????

So I wrote a letter on 7 April to the top guy in Dept of Fisheries, Peter Rogers, the Executive Director, saying:-

Letter 2. *"The Minister announced these changes four months ago in State Parliament on 5 December 2003, and now your Department tells us that you still cannot advise when these regulation changes will be ready even for discussion with the Association and with Recfishwest, and for introduction. This is despite the Minister saying, quote Hansard "We are hopeful that the new variations to the regulations will be introduced by February" end quote. The Minister used the words "by February" not "during", and not "after".*

Some of these changes are necessary to remove regulations which were introduced by the Department of Fisheries itself after completely ignoring clear written proposals in the West Coast recreational fishing review documents.

Other changes are necessary to remove the unwanted effects of poorly written regulations which were introduced following the refusal of the Department of Fisheries to properly consult with recreational fishing representative bodies, and the refusal of Department of Fisheries officers to consider questions about some of these effects, and to later claim they were "unexpected".

Even with the best possible interpretation, it appears that the Department of Fisheries is treating this whole subject with a very low priority and thus has demonstrated that it has no commitment to giving recreational anglers fair and equitable regulations and fixing unsuitable regulations introduced by its own actions.

This situation is completely unacceptable to the Australian Anglers Association, and we cannot accept that there are ANY valid reasons for any further delays in implementing the changes which have been advised by the Minister.

At the very least, we expect an immediate public announcement by the Department of Fisheries that all the proposed changes to the regulations now apply, with sufficient detail for recreational anglers to understand them, and for the anglers to use in any dealings with Fisheries or Transport inspectors. "

I met Nathan Harrison on 8 April, gave him a copy of the letter, and he told me:-

1. Fisheries Inspectors have been told that the Minister's announcements about the changed rules are to be used.
2. He wants to know if any fisheries inspectors are still talking about/using the old rules. I have details of at least one case coming to me.
3. The delay is "not Dept. of Fisheries' fault", they have to wait for the parliamentary draftsmen to write up the law and regulation changes.

I told him I reckon a day would be enough to write the changes, and 4 months and no end in sight is FAR too long. I compared that with how they have in the past introduced tighter limits at very short notice, so where there's a will there's a way. I hope he got the message. **DO SOMETHING.**

Anyway, current bottom line is:- the regulation changes are **INI!** For details see <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/RecreationalFishingRuleChangesDec2003.html> and call me if (when) you get confused.

Letter 3. I received a reply dated 13 April signed by Peter Rogers. It was a mixed bag. Some positives, but some specific issues have simply been ignored (so far) - and any publicity is still many weeks away at best. Results count, not words which don't match the reality.

Some extracts are, quote: *"I can assure the Australian Anglers Association that the Department of Fisheries takes the amendments to the recreational fishing rules very seriously and agency staff have given a high priority to progressing this legislation.*

I have been advised that in the process of drafting the legislation further advice was provided to the Minister to remove some ambiguities, to ensure the amended fishing rules are both workable and consistent.

I am sure you will agree that it is important to get this legislation right and time spent now will avoid the need for further changes.

I have been advised that the Department hopes to receive a draft of the new regulations from Parliamentary Council before the end of next week. (eg before Friday 23 April)

To ensure the drafting process is transparent and conducted in a spirit of cooperation with the recreational fishing community, the draft regulation will be circulated to both Recfishwest and the Australian Anglers Association (AAA) for comment prior to the gazettal.

In the interim I can advise you that all recreational fishing advisory material is currently being rewritten to reflect the Minister's approvals. I will also ensure that the Departments web site is updated to reflect the changes being drafted."

"In the interim as pointed out in Mr Harrison's letter, Fisheries and Marine Officers will take an educational approach and advise people of changes approved by the Minister. Under this approach Fisheries and Marine Officers will not be prosecuting people for offences which are conflict with the regulations being drafted. I trust this action is satisfactory to the AAA."

The full text of the reply is on <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/RecreationalFishingRuleChangesDec2003.html>

I checked with Fisheries on 23 April, and was told that there were **further delays**, and that the regulation changes would not be received until the end of May. That will be **6 months** after the Minister first announced some changes. A letter is coming but won't get to me before I have to print this edition of Reel Talk.

Letter 4. Extract from a letter recently sent by a recreational angler to Kim Chance, Minister for Fisheries.

"The problem is that the requirements by the Fisheries to label fish and containers that you have fish in.

I was approached by the Fisheries Officer and asked if the esky in my possession was mine. He explained that I had to have the container labeled.

No fine was issued but a warning was sent in the mail.

To my surprise the regulation as explained by the Fisheries Officer applies to everyone who catches or is in possession of any fish of any kind. As such a person who is fishing at a jetty or beach has to have a container that has his details written clearly on the lid or on the actual fish.

If a family was to go fishing each would need a separate esky or container with individual names. If the fish were to be placed in one esky then each fish is to be marked with the name of the person who caught it.

*A container was defined as a plastic bag, box, esky or ice box etc. It was also stated that they would consider a boat as a container if the fish were left on the deck. Anyone fishing at any beach will now be required to label fish. The fine for non compliance after the 1 July will be **\$5,000.***

The rule needs to be removed and a logical and functional rule made that penalizes the individuals that set out to flaunt the act, not to penalize individuals who enjoy fishing as a recreation."

Fisheries Website. When I checked with Fisheries I was also told that the Fisheries Website <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/rec/broc/possessionlimits/index.html> had been updated. It now says, quote
"Transporting and storing your fish. Anglers renting holiday accommodation, camping or travelling must label their fish under the following circumstances:

Where fish are being commercially consigned or transported;

Where more than an individual possession limit is stored in a container;

On premises involved in the commercial take, processing, transport, storage, sale or dealing with fish. The label attached to the package or container must be clearly visible and must contain the full name of the owner. Labels must be at least 75mm long and 25mm wide."

How on earth does that fit with what the person above was told? And it doesn't fit with the Ministers announcement *"I don't believe labeling requirements are necessary on day trips to sea and have approved exempting fishers from this requirement."*

It seems that Nathan Harrison's words aren't being followed. Either he's confused, or (he's ~~censored~~ - you fill in other possibilities) or his message hasn't got through. Either way. it's not acceptable and since it's all completely under Fisheries control, they **MUST FIX IT.**

When you read the Fisheries Website Disclaimer, <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/disclaim.html>, you find it has an absolutely unbelievable **COP OUT**:-quote:-

"The materials presented in the Department of Fisheries web site pages and its sub-directories are provided by the Fisheries Department as a service to the community. The information and advice provided is made available in good faith and is derived from sources believed to be reliable and accurate at the time of release on the Internet. However, the information is provided solely on the basis that readers will be responsible for making their own assessment of the matters contained or discussed herein and are advised to verify all relevant representations, statements, information and advice."

If Fisheries website produced by Fisheries Dept only "believes sources to be reliable and accurate..." when Fisheries Dept is the source of all of that information about fishing rules, etc, etc, etc, have you ever seen a bigger cop out?

Yes, I see *"and accurate at the time of release on the Internet."* but who makes the changes to the Fisheries rules?? The Fisheries Department!!

and I see *"advised to verify all relevant representations, statements, information and advice"* I would add "in writing" That's a real **"catch 22"** because you have to ask the people who own the website if the information on their website is accurate before you can use the information on it!!!.

Perhaps we should all email or phone Fisheries every so often and ask a question about one of the rules just "to confirm what's on the website is accurate". TerryF.

Crackdown on Northern Recreational Fisheries.

The Department of Fisheries released the following media release early in April. Don't think this applies only to northern areas. You have been warned!

"As hundreds of fishers follow the sun and head north to popular fishing spots, the Department of Fisheries will crack down on those who flaunt the rules. With winter approaching, the Department has activated its specialised Mobile Patrol in response to the influx of fishers who traditionally head north for the holiday season.

Hotspots include Shark Bay and other popular tourist spots that are under increasing fishing pressure as winter approaches and the northern recreational fishing season gets underway. Areas of special interest to the northern patrols will be Onslow, Port Hedland and surrounding areas sparked by recent reports of problems.

The patrol is tasked with the protection of local finfish since some fish stocks, especially adult snapper in the Shark Bay-Freycinet Estuary area, are at critical levels.

The Government initiated the patrols in 2002 to increase compliance and create an effective deterrent against illegal fishing activity. The patrol uses four-wheel-drives and high tech communications to target hard to reach places and fishermen's "secret" spots that some recreational fishers use to avoid being caught. It has the capability to patrol for weeks at a time throughout WA - from the Northern Territory border to Eucla in the south.

"Anyone doing the wrong thing risk being caught and fined, no matter how remote they believe their location to be," Regional Services Manager John Looby said.

"The mobile patrols have a vital role in educating fishers about fishing rules and how fishers can help the Department fish for the future. Fishers can ask patrol officers about fishing rules and any changes to regulations."