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

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EDITOR'S BLURB

Hello fellow members. I have taken on the editorship of the newsletter under my own free will. However, I will be relying heavily on my fellow committee members to get their reports to me promptly by email and will also be asking for understanding from club members reading the next couple of editions of Reel Talk as I become familiar with all involved in this position.

So far, those I have contacted for assistance have been very helpful. Terry Fuller was wonderful organising a computer for me to use, Vix and Mal were only too willing to come over to our house on the weekend to help sort out my misbehaving mouse, and Hendo has offered much assistance with advice, articles and moral support. My husband, Peter, has been very supportive and has worked tirelessly with me to get this, my first, newsletter to print.

I am hoping to get an email address to receive emails at my home soon, but until such time as this occurs, please forward emails to my work address, as identified in the early pages of this booklet.

An idea has occurred to me to start a register of names and numbers of people willing to be contacted by other club members to either buddy up on field days, contact each other for local fishing trips, swap fishing information, etc. Anyone wishing to be on this register should contact me and I'll publish it in the next Reel Talk.

Should you have any queries, comments or articles, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Reel Talk Editor, Marcia Pekaar

Minutes of General Meeting, 12 July 2006

- Venue:** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room. Time 8:15 pm.
President Bob Henderson presiding
- Present:** 29 members attended.
- Apologies:** Terry Willison, Morris Kolman, Andrew Aubrey, Jim Yeates, Ian Cook
- Visitors:** None.
- New Members:** None were present to be welcomed.
- Previous Minutes:** As published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Jim Strong, seconded George Holman, these are a true record. Carried.
- Previous Committee:** Bob Henderson gave a summary from the previous Committee meeting.
- Correspondence In:**
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| AAA | Minutes of June Delegates' meeting. |
| Westpac Bank | Bank statement for June. Balance 1 July \$12,907 |
| Ray White Kalbarri | Unpaid accounts for advertising, service air conditioner, check hot water system, cleaning, service tempering valve to hot water system \$407 total. Booking list. REIWA flyer about insurance |
| WA Water | Annual charges \$583.35 |
| Synergy | Power bill \$122.45 |
| Eric Sullivan | Membership fees |
| Melvin Wee | Membership fees |
| Peet and Sandra Wessels | Membership fees |
| Morris & Elana Kolman | Membership fees |
| Terry Fuller | Membership fees |
| Dean Stewart | Membership form (fees already paid) |
| City of Stirling | Proposals Vincent/Stirling boundaries |
| City of Stirling | Parking review Yokine Reserve |
| Swan Catchment Council | June issue "The Swan" |
| Melvin Wee | Proposal for Sushi making class 29 July |
| ATO | Quarterly PAYG instalment notice. |
- Correspondence Out:**
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| Daniel and Aidan Strijdom | Acceptance of membership application and invitation to July General Meeting. |
| Synovate (the public submission contractors) | Comments on Draft Rottnest Marine Strategy (no fishing areas). Will post Thursday to give members a chance to comment. |
| Premier, Fisheries Minister, Tourism Minister, Rottnest Island Authority | Copy of Club's comments on Draft Rottnest Marine Strategy. (no fishing areas) |
| Don Ferguson, Yallingup Beach Holiday Park | Thanks for sponsorship, copies of Reel Talks with the advertisements. |
- Moved** Andy Thorgersen, seconded Josh Lucocq inwards and outwards correspondence be accepted - carried
- Peter Osborne moved a vote of thanks to Terry Fuller for all the work done on and the information provided about the Rottnest Marine Management Strategy.
- Treasurer's Report:** Paul Thompson reported. Accounts for payment Peter Stoeckel presentation night, \$100.50, Bob Henderson, presentation night \$154.58, Ray White Kalbarri \$407 – some questions about this amount. Water rates for Kalbarri \$583.35, Synergy, power for Kalbarri \$122.45, ATO PAYG payment \$100. Some money to be banked. **Moved** Peter Stoeckel seconded Jim Strong accounts be passed for payment.
- Paul also reported in summary on the finances for 2005/6. Full report to be published in Reel Talk.
- Paul Thompson advised he would have some time off and would not be renewing his club membership in 2006/7. A vote of thanks for Paul's efforts was moved by George Holman, seconded Jim Strong.
- Property Officer:** Vix Alexander reported briefly on the Kalbarri house. Still some confusion over the accounts from Ray White.

- Secretary's Report:** Terry Fuller advised that no one had contacted him about taking over the Secretary's work, so there had not been any opportunity for any handover. This is his last meeting as Secretary. He will write up the minutes of these meetings and then close down and pack up the Secretary's records as advised in the May Reel Talk.
- Field Day Officer:** Malcolm Harris gave details for recent field days. Suggestion to change the weigh in to the mouth of the Margaret River. There was discussion about extending the boundaries in case of bad weather or big swell, but there was no information given about swell forecasts, and weather forecasts were very good for this time of the year. Members spoke against the attempt to change things at this late stage "just in case," as setting a precedent which could just as easily apply to many other venues. President reminded all club members of the decisions made about reducing field day boundaries, setting them in advance and getting together during the field day in the interests of new members. Of course the FDO and members actually in attendance at the field day can extend boundaries and change arrangements if the conditions on the day and inside the set boundaries make changes necessary for safety. FDO can make changes close to the Field Day in advance based on weather forecasts. It is reasonable that members who make long trips get the best benefit from the time and cost involved. But the interests of all members, and particularly new members, need to be considered. Very early start times for the field day can penalise people who are not able to travel the day before and remove the get together and briefing and exchange of local, current information which is possible at the sign on. People who wish to do some fishing before the field day start time are always free to do this under the club's honour system, so they can have the fishing experience and catch fish if they wish. It was agreed that people should telephone the FDO to find out the arrangements for this weekend.
- Dry Casting Officer:** Bob Henderson reported on the July dry casting. An open 112 gram event will be held in August
- AAA Report:** Fishing clinics have been held at Hillarys Yacht Club on the first 3 Mondays of July. Club members who had attended the first two nights commented on the high standard of the presentations and great information given out. George Holman reported as previously that the AAA faces a problem due to the lack of workers, particularly a Secretary and Treasurer. A meeting will be held on 7 August to discuss more details of going to the Philip Island Convention in March 2007.
- Recorder:** Ian Cook gave an apology for this meeting due to work commitments. August Rottnest field day. Full payment was needed at or before this July General Meeting. People who have not paid will not be going to Rottnest.
- Social Organiser:** Bob Henderson advised that the Presentation night held on 24 June had been a great event. He thanked Peter Stoeckel and Terry Fuller for help in preparing for and running this. Drinks after the AGM tonight are on the club. Melvin Wee has offered a sushi making class. Dates and details to be decided and advised.
- Reel Talk Editor:** Terry Fuller advised that he had completed his last Reel Talk, the July 2006 edition. No one had contacted him about taking over the Reel Talk editor job. George Holman **moved**, Jim Strong seconded, a vote of thanks for all the work Terry had done on the Reel Talk.
- Notices of Motion:** None.
- Rottnest No fishing:-** See correspondence. The club submission had been handed out to members present at the meeting. It is available to be published in Reel Talk.

General Business: Josh Lucocq said Morris Kolman was planning his Yalata, South Australia trip. He will give some details at the next General Meeting.

Terry Fuller mentioned the many jobs he has been doing for the Club, for the Australian Anglers Association and for Recfishwest, as well as the incidental things, like the Presentation night, trying to inform and gee-up apathetic recreational anglers to put in Rottnest submissions, organising stuff for the AAA fishing clinics, etc, etc.

The purpose of saying that was to point out that any **one** of those jobs by themselves would be an absolute doddle in comparison to the total. So members should not be frightened to put themselves up for any **one** job to help the club. We are not asking for a great commitment, just for members to do whatever they can to help, even share one job with someone else, if that makes it possible.

Vix Alexander said that the presentations at the AAA Fishing Clinics on the use of soft plastic and lures had been extremely interesting. She suggested that a competition section could be added for soft plastics. A proposal needs to be prepared and put to members to consider.

Suspension of Standing Orders: Moved Peter Stoeckel, seconded Mark Hansen that standing orders be suspended to allow the running of the AGM - carried. 9:10pm

The Annual General Meeting and election of officers was held – see separate minutes.

Resumption of Standing Orders: Moved Jim Strong, seconded Allan Jones that standing orders be suspended to allow the running of the AGM - carried. 9:32 pm

Instruction Period: Light refreshments after the AGM.
Instruction period for August will be fish smoking.
All members, and particularly new members, are welcome to tell us what they want from these Instruction periods.

Meeting closed: 9:45pm.

Minutes Prepared by Secretary T Fuller

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2006

On returning from my little sortie around most of Australia, I found that the Club President's position was vacant. As nobody wanted to step up, I offered to take on the role for the rest of the year. As the Dry Casting Officer's position was also available, I gladly took on that also, knowing only too well that I'd get so much help from fellow members.

There seemed to be a lot of discontent within the Club's membership and it related to what happened over in Queensland during the convention. Anyone can chuck a wobbly, even if they think they are right. It's the way it's done and the behaviour among interstate members that can cause confrontation. Refusing point blank to offer an apology to anyone gets people's gander up. When it demoralises your fellow State team members, it causes a lot of friction.

Therefore, the follow-on back here. As State Captain, I was the one who had to deal with it and the disgust and loss of respect for the WA members of the AAA was a real blow. Many State team members were embarrassed. Our detractor couldn't care less. We lost some good people from our membership but others regrouped and carried out their duties. It goes to show their character.

Dry casting continues with great support and all participants always have an enjoyable day. The harmony and friendship displayed by all is a reflection on their enjoyment to participate. Newcomers Scott Maloney and Mark Hanson are a real find that will continue the SCAC strengths in casting. To finalise the year and find out that two "old timers" had done so well was pleasing. To be pushed all the way by "young gun" Mal Harris and "old timer" George displayed their talents. We all congratulate Tony and Terry. The end of the day snag burn and stale bread from Pete is enjoyed by all. The real winners are those blokes who help without being asked.

The field days have seen small attendances even though our Field Day Officer, Mal Harris, does his best to ensure everyone has a good weekend. It seems the almighty dollar is responsible, or maybe it's Government interference or is it that many of us are getting too old? The members requested shorter distances to travel and narrower boundaries to fish together. Time will tell if it's all worthwhile.

The Club has held together and it's all from the efforts of your committee that carried out their duties. So here are my comments towards them. Our **Property Manager Vix Alexander** has achieved outstanding success with her responsibilities with increased rentals and a financial windfall to our club. Our Kalbarri property is in good shape for the future. Vix also deserves a pat on the back for her unselfish guidance to others at casting. Our **Field Day Officer Mal Harris** has carried out his duties under trying times and without his efforts we would not have had so many good weekend trips. It takes a lot of co-ordination to ensure a smooth trip and his weekend finishes well after the paperwork is completed. Well done, Mal. **Ian Cook** continues as the **Records Officer** and without his efforts we would be up the proverbial creek at the end of the year when final results are needed. Also a tireless worker to ensure we have fully organised weekends at Rotto. If only you knew how much organising it takes, the hassles we get with the Rotto mob and the chasing up of fees from members. A constructive assistant to our FDO, a reel tosser at casting and always a friendly greeting to everyone.

Paul Thompson was placed in an awkward position, yet carried out his **Treasury** duties with a lot of professionalism resulting in precise recordings of our funds. He can truly hold his head high.

Peter Stoeckel always steps up and gives everyone assistance. His help at casting, his running around and organising of our Presentation evening and its social activities, his help at field days and being a general dog's body at times. To be able to present a burnt snag with a smile, to offer a warm cool-drink with a grin, to go fishing and come home empty-handed and not be embarrassed at this casting abilities says it all!! You can't wipe the smile off his face.

I call **George Holman** "Mr CLUBMAN". Who else takes on positions that nobody wants? Criticised on many fronts for his doggedness towards ensuring equality and fairness to ALL Club members, a strong believer in the continuation of this Club and ALWAYS giving guidance to old and new members. Take a step back and a good hard look and tell me if I am wrong.

Last but not least, there's **Terry Fuller**, our **Reel Talk Editor** and **Secretary**. A person who has taught me a thing or two about diplomacy and tact (well just a little), given so much assistance and co-operation to make my job easier. The behind the scenes work that he has put in has been enormous. A *Reel Talk* that is very informative. Club meetings' minutes so precise and a great AAA representative for our Club. Just the best.

I refuse to hide my admiration for these people for they have stood up and taken on positions with the Club to ensure YOUR CLUB SURVIVES. Me, I've tried to guide, not lead.

Thanks for your perseverance.

Bob Henderson

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.

Mal Head

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 plus \$50

Club Members:- Off season \$160 per week, On Season \$210 per week } deposit / bond.

Club Members:- Short term \$45 for one night, \$40 per night for two or more nights} plus \$55.00 cleaning

Bookings taken for the school holidays go from Saturday to Saturday (leaving by 10am). Outside of school holidays it does not matter. The club has decided that cleaning will need to be paid for and is \$55.00 extra on the rates above for future new bookings. The club is now being charged GST on the cleaning.

Contact Property Officer Vix Alexander for more details and for bookings.

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.

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.

Property Officer, Vix Alexander

Calendar for Next Three Months

Here's a calendar showing the dates we will use for Dry Casting, General and Committee Meetings, and Field Days in the next three months.

29	AAA Event																															
8	Dry Casting							11	General Meeting							14	15	Field Day							18	Committee Meeting						
August 2006							September 2006							October 2006																		
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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Sponsorship Renewal by Yallingup Beach Holiday Park

The Yallingup Beach Holiday Park has provided the club with another accommodation voucher to the value of \$250 for two adults for two nights in one of their Malibu ensuite cabins for the new competition year.

The previous year's voucher was raffled at the February General Meeting and was won by Tony D'Alonzo.

The park has a waterfront location with spectacular views over Yallingup Bay. Opposite is a safe swimming lagoon and an excellent fishing beach plus the world famous Yallingup surf break.

On site accommodation includes en suite cabins and standard cabins (for the budget conscious) plus plenty of well grassed van and tent sites. This is an ideal base from which to visit the numerous nearby wineries, go whale watching, take scenic drives and walk trails and visit the spectacular Yallingup Ngilgi Cave, or of course, go fishing!! Check the website at <http://www.yallingupbeach.com.au/>

This voucher was raffled at the February 2006 General Meeting and was won by Morris Kolman. Read Elana's report in the June Reel Talk

Secretary

Sushi Making Demonstration

Event Date: Saturday, 26 August 2006

Time: 5pm – 8pm

Location: Shops 6 & 7, 375 William Street, Northbridge

Participant Size: Minimum 6 Maximum: 20

Cost: \$12 Per head (to cover ingredients/material cost)

First come, first serve basis. Booking to be made through Melvin Wee

Narration/Method of Training:

- First 1 hour or less: Brief on sushi making including sushi rice, vinegar mix, seaweed, types and variety of sushi.
- Next half hour: Demonstration on how to make Maki Rolls (big rolls and small rolls), Nigiri/Gunkan and Temaki (hand rolls). Then you'll be shown how to cut sushi rolls.
- Next 1 hour: Hands-on by "student". All ingredients are supplied. Make sure you do a good job because this will be for your tea. Empty containers are provided for you to bring home your 'pieces of art'.
- Thereafter, time to be used for socialising and enjoying your sushi with whatever beer or wine you may want to bring. Wine glasses are provided for use.

Other Information

- Free parking provided on location. Just ask Melvin for a card to display.
- A tour will be conducted through JAS Sushi facilities and a brief will be made on how we produce sushi on a mass basis.
- Please advise if you have any allergy or restrictions so that you can be accommodated. We also make vegetarian sushi if required.

SCAC FIELD DAY AWARDS

KEN MATHEWS TROPHY

Best Scale Fish

1 st 6 months	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway 4.75kg
2 nd 6 months	Tony D'Alonzo	Samson Fish 11.9kg

Best Shark Caught

Tony D'Alonzo	12.05kg
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Best Mulloway

Tony D'Alonzo	4.75kg
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Best Tailor

Filomena D'Alonzo	4.575kg
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Best Salmon

Peter Osborne	4.95kg
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Best Trevally/Skipjack

Tony D'Alonzo	1.175kg
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Best Scale Fish

Tony D'Alonzo	Samson Fish 11.9kg
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Best Bag of Mulloway

Tony D'Alonzo	9.0kg
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Best Bag of Tailor

Tony Ong	6.350kg
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Best Fish on Fly

Spencer King	
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BARRON LURE COMPETITION

Heaviest Tailor	Paul Thompson	1.43kg at Seabird
Heaviest Salmon	Terry Fuller	5.5kg at North Beach
Heaviest Scale Fish	Terry Fuller	Tailor at North Beach

Open Field Day Winner

Tony D'Alonzo	3238.4 points
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Runner-up	George Holman	1309.8 points
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Ladies Field Winner

Filomena D'Alonzo	768.8 points
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Runner-up	Vix Alexander	691.8 points
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BLUFF CREEK HANS WYTENBERG MEMORIAL TROPHY WINNER:

GEORGE HOLMAN

SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR:

TONY D'ALONZO – 132 POINTS

CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR:

GEORGE HOLMAN

2005/2006 OPEN COMPETITION

SECTION 1	MOST MERITORIOUS CAPTURE	NONE
SECTION 2	BEST SHARK	NO ENTRY
SECTION 3	BEST MULLOWAY	PAUL THOMPSON – 10.5kg KALBARRI
SECTION 4	BEST SALMON	TERRY FULLER – 5.5kg NORTH BEACH
SECTION 5	BEST DHUFISH	NONE
SECTION 6	BEST TAILOR	PAUL THOMPSON 1.5kg THOMAS RIVER, ESPERANCE
SECTION 7	BEST SAMSON FISH	NONE
SECTION 8	BEST CAPTURE ON A SINGLE-HANDED ROD	SHARON OSBORNE – 1.25kg BLACK BREAM, MURRAY RIVER
SECTION 9	BEST PINK SNAPPER	NONE
SECTION 10	BEST TARWHINE	NONE
SECTION 11	BEST MACKERAL	NONE
SECTION 12	BEST SKIPJACK TREVALLY (SOUTH)	MALCOLM HARRIS – 1.0kg SANDY POINT
SECTION 13	BEST TREVALLY (NORTH)	NONE
SECTION 14	BEST SNOOK/PIKE	NONE
SECTION 15	BEST BLACK BREAM	SHARON OSBORNE 1.25kg
SECTION 16	BEST SCALE FISH	NONE
SECTION 17	BEST FISH CAUGHT ON FLY	SPENCER KING 3.4kg GOLDEN TREVALLY EXMOUTH

2006/2007 Field Day Dates, Venues and Boundaries

The following is the list of Field Day dates, venues and boundaries.

Dates	Venue	Boundaries and more details
19/20 August 2006	Rottnest	All of Rottnest.
16/17 Sept 2006	Cervantes/Jurien	Southern boundary of Cervantes townsite to Sandy Cape north of Jurien.
30 Sep/1/2 Oct LWE	S - Bend	4 km south of Flat Rocks to Southgates.
11/12 Nov 2006	Cervantes to Hill River	Southern boundary of Cervantes townsite to 1 km north of the Hill River.
16/17 December 2006	Standard Local	Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers.
13/14 January 2007	Swan/Canning Rivers	Upstream of Fremantle Railway Bridge.
17/18 February 2007	Cervantes to Hill River	Southern boundary of Cervantes townsite to 1 km north of the Hill River.
3/4/5 March 2007 Long weekend	Bluff Creek	Reef Beach to Betty's Beach. AAA Rock and Beach Championships are on Saturday and Sunday of this long weekend.
14/15 April 2007	Capes (North)	Busselton jetty to Margaret River.

AAA Championships During Our 2006/7 Competition Year

Dry Casting Championships, Yokine Reserve, Sunday 29 October 2006
Estuary Championships, Swan River, Saturday and Sunday 25/26 November 2006
Rock and Beach Championships, HQ Cheynes Beach, Reef Beach to Betty's Beach, Sat/Sun 3/4 March 2007 – Note weigh in Sunday.
Boat Angling Championships, date to be advised in March 2007 at Whitfords

2006/2007 Dry Casting Dates. All are at Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting 8:30am.

Sunday 6 August 2006	Sunday 4 February 2007
Sunday 10 September 2006, (changed for Fathers' Day)	Sunday 11 March 2007, (changed for Field Day)
Sunday 8 October 2006, (changed for Field Day)	Sunday 1 April 2007
Sunday 29 October 2006, AAA State Dry Casting Championships	Sunday 4 February 2007
Sunday 5 November 2006	
Sunday 3 December 2006	

2006/2007 General Meeting Dates. All at Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, start 8:00pm.

Wednesday 9 August 2006	Wednesday 14 February 2007
Wednesday 13 September 2006	Wednesday 14 March 2007
Wednesday 11 October 2006	Wednesday 11 April 2007
Wednesday 8 November 2006	
Wednesday 13 December 2006	
Wednesday 10 January 2007	

New Member Acceptances

Nil.

New Member Applications

Nil.

Hot Smoked Fish

There is nothing like coming back from fishing trip and smoking up some fresh fish for an entrée.

You will need a fish smoker for this recipe. These items are available from most tackle stores. The collapsible type is more compact for transport. Unfortunately they all are made from very light duty material and are not as strong as the ones manufactured in the 1980's. A Weber barbecue can be used to smoke fish using slightly different procedures.

Note: Smoke fish outside the house. Ensure sawdust for smoking is free from oils, glues, resins or foreign contaminants. I suggest Mountain Ash, "Tassie Oak", Cedar, Sheoak, Jam or Hickory. Different timbers will give the fish a different flavour.

Preparation

It is best to smoke whole fillets with the skin attached rather than whole fish. It is hard to smoke fillets over 20mm thick. The fillets must first be immersed in a brine solution for 30 minute or longer according to the thickness. I prefer 2 -3 hours. The brine recipe is simple enough:

Dissolve

4 tablespoons salt
2 tablespoons raw sugar
1 litre water

An alternative brine recipe solution is:

1 cup salt
2 cups brown sugar
1 cup honey
Add to 3 litres of water

The fish must be drained and dried after soaking in the brine, and you get the best results if you drain the fillets, lay them out on the wire rack and let them dry for at least 30 minutes. Tailor and other strong flavoured fish need to be filleted right down and red meat removed but should retain some moisture from the brine to prevent the fillets from becoming too dry during the smoking process.

Instructions with some smokers suggest that it is sufficient to drain the fillets and pat them dry on absorbent paper towel. I have found that this method is messy and does not sufficiently dry the fillets and too much moisture is left in the fish. The actual smoking takes far too long, and the fillets cook (broil) rather than smoke.

Smoking

Place the fillets skin side down on the wire rack/s which are supplied with the smoker. The flesh side can be sprayed or rubbed with a light coating of a good quality Olive Oil. Spread approx 3 table spoons of fine to medium dry saw dust of your choice over the bottom plate 6 – 12 mm thick in the centre. The edges can be thinner. Place the lighted methylated spirits burner under the centre of the base. Put the wire rack with fish in position and cover with lid. Do not remove lid whilst the fish is smoking. Fish should be cooked in 10 minutes and golden brown in 15 minutes. Times will vary with different smokers, burners and fillet thickness. One of the biggest bonuses of smoking is that you can use some of the species that are not normally regarded as prime eating fish but taste excellent when smoked. Salmon Herring and Rock Cod are good examples and both are surprisingly good. Fresh Shark Bay Sea Mullet which you can purchase for as low as \$7.00/kg is excellent smoked. This fish was used for the smoking demo in February. Anglers who catch herring regularly will enjoy them smoked fresh for supper. The smoked fish is best eaten immediately whilst hot. It does not keep as is the case with fish that have been smoked using the cold smoking process. Our family used to use the cold process with Black Bream, Skippy, KG Whiting at Nornalup in the Fifties and Sixties. Fish such as Mulloway and Mackerel as absolutely delicious smoked.

Think about taking a smoker to venues like Bluff Creek, Rotto or Emu Springs. Once the smell of fresh fish smoking wafts through camp you will have a lot of guests dropping over for a feed and a drink. Warning supply only the fish!!-

Happy Cooking

Cookie

Recorders Report

Open Competition 2006/7

These are the details of the Open Competition Sections up to mid June 2006. Entries close 30 days after capture.

Section	For	Minimum weight	Entry
Section 1	Most Meritorious Capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
Section 2	Best Shark	4.5 kg	No entry
Section 3	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	No entry
Section 4	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	3.70 kg, Paul Thompson, Swanborne.
Section 5	Best Dhufish	Legal size	No entry
Section 6	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	George Holman 4.0 kg False Entrance
Section 7	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	No entry
Section 8	Best Fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	3.41 kg, Paul Thompson, Swanborne
Section 9	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	George Holman 3.3 kg False Entrance
Section 10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	No entry
Section 11	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	George Holman 11.5 kg False Entrance
Section 12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	No entry
Section 13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	No entry
Section 14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	No entry
Section 15	Best Black or Yellow finned Bream	0.6 kg	Dave Maxted Yellow fin Bream 0.6 kg False Entrance
Section 16	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 - 15	2.0 kg	George Holman Bonefish 2.8 kg False Entrance
Section 17	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	No entry

Recorder, Ian Cook

Barron Lure Competition

Heaviest Tailor on Lure. 1.6 kg Dave Maxted

Heaviest Salmon on Lure.

Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure.

Recorder, Ian Cook

July Dry Casting Report 2006

The fog hung heavy in the valleys as we traveled to Perth but as we approached Karragullen the stench of thick smoke from a CALM burn-off made us to drop our speed right down. The sun broke through as we drove down Lesmurdie hill. Arriving at the oval the "new bloke" was well on his way to completing the set up for casting. Eager hands from "old Jim" and AJ made the job so easy.

The Vets were on the distance events and the weak breezes had no effect on casting, yet the amount of "out of bounds" was high. Even the "snap offs" put a couple back on their heels. Guess we could put it down to the excess sunlight in winter. With no assistance from any breeze, George's casts of nearly 160 metres were beauties and gave him top score for the 112 gram event for the day. Not satisfied with that effort, he had his eye well and truly in and trounced us all in the double handed event for the day with a score of 153 points. On the other side in the Seniors, Mal Harris's consistent casting won him the 56 gram and the artificial bait events on the day. It's funny how the giggles and laughter reverberate around the oval when a bull's eye is scored and Nic's efforts were heard by many. Scott had a look of discontent as he walked off the distance events, but will get it all together very soon.

"Jovial Geoff" beamed with pride at his clanger in the single-handed event and that sly grin his his glee as he knew he had won that event for the day. Well done, old fella.

Old Trev had a day he wanted to forget but still smiled and stated "there's always next month". Gary had an off day and dragged me down to that level also (that's my version anyway).

Congratulations to "young Andrew" for achieving his first case over 100 metres and we were all happy to give him a pat on the back. His willingness to take a dash of advice and his eagerness to improve make him a good casting companion. Even his snag cooking is getting better.

Well done to all the winners and those who assisted in the scoring. A big thank you to the helpers at the end of the day.

Dry Casting Organiser, Bob Henderson

Dry Casting Winners for July 2006

Event	Seniors Winner		Veterans Winner	
56 gram Score	22	Rhys Jones	22	Bob Henderson
56 gram Distance	115m	Rhys Jones	128m	George Holman
Artificial Bait Score	22	Rhys Jones	22	Bob Henderson, Gary Gildersleeves
Artificial Bait Distance	118m	Malcolm Harris	117m	George Holman
112 gram Score	28	Malcolm Harris	26	Bob Henderson
112 gram Distance	147m	Malcolm Harris	130m	Bob Henderson
Double Handed Acc.	123	Rhys Jones	162	Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.	31	Malcolm Harris	26	Terry Fuller
Section Highest Points	225	Rhys Jones	251	Bob Henderson

Event	Ladies Winner	
56 gram Score	17	Vix Alexander
56 gram Distance	87	Vix Alexander
Artificial Bait Score	15	Vix Alexander
Artificial Bait Distance	74	Vix Alexander
112 gram Score	16	Vix Alexander
112 gram Distance	88	Vix Alexander
Double Handed Acc.	51	Vix Alexander
Single Handed Acc.	14	Vix Alexander
Section Highest Points	123	Vix Alexander

Event	Overall Winner		Year's best up to June	
56 gram Score	22	Rhys Jones, Bob Henderson	25	George Holman
56 gram Distance	128m	George Holman	133m	Malcolm Harris
Artificial Bait Score	22	Rhys Jones, Bob Henderson, Gary Gildersleeves	22	Malcolm Harris, Rhys Jones, Bob Henderson, Gary Gildersleeves
Artificial Bait Distance	118m	Malcolm Harris	120m	George Holman
112 gram Score	28	Malcolm Harris	29	Nick Allsworth
112 gram Distance	147m	Malcolm Harris	158m	George Holman
Double Handed Acc.	162	Gary Gildersleeves	162	George Holman, Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.	31	Malcolm Harris	32	Nick Allsworth
Day's High Points	251	Bob Henderson	269	Bob Henderson

Dry Casting Results, 2 July 2006

Results for the day	56 gram			Artificial Bait			112 gram			Double Handed Accuracy								Single Handed Accuracy					Day Total	Attendance		Total Points	
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	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																									D C	G M	
Nick Allsworth	129	121	25	0	0	0	143	154	30	16	0	24	25	19	0	16	17	117	7	6	0	10	23	195	10	0	205
Malcolm Harris	128	132	26	117	120	24	151	0	15	17	10	23	21	19	6	17	0	113	4	0	1	6	11	189	10	0	199
Rhys Jones	116	120	24	118	115	23	137	146	28	13	6	24	14	0	2	16	18	93	0	0	8	2	10	178	10	0	188
Eric Parker	115	111	23	100	0	10	127	122	25	4	18	14	20	0	12	0	22	90	7	9	6	3	25	173	10	0	183
Peter Stoeckel	83	84	17	97	95	19	113	112	23	8	22	6	0	13	0	6	0	55	0	7	0	9	16	130	10	0	140
Mark Hansen	86	92	18	100	95	20	121	120	24	0	12	0	20	0	15	0	0	47	4	4	0	9	17	126	10	0	136
Scott Maloney	0	0	0	0	118	12	0	0	0	14	0	14	15	0	0	20	10	73	0	4	0	4	8	93	10	0	103

Veterans

George Holman	0	127	13	135	0	14	158	159	32	21	5	23	18	23	21	20	22	153	8	2	5	9	24	236	10	0	246
Gary Gildersleeves	117	109	23	109	116	23	131	135	27	13	18	21	21	13	15	13	15	129	4	9	1	4	18	220	10	0	230
Bob Henderson	118	119	24	106	113	22	0	135	14	19	13	14	17	19	13	14	16	125	4	5	7	5	21	206	10	0	216
Malcolm Head	106	99	21	93	94	19	117	117	23	12	19	20	23	4	13	7	20	118	8	2	3	4	17	198	10	0	208
Allan Jones	0	110	11	108	112	22	130	132	26	1	23	0	19	7	25	18	19	112	8	5	0	3	16	187	10	0	197
Terry Fuller	89	99	19	0	77	8	98	104	20	20	21	13	22	3	0	22	8	109	7	7	8	4	26	182	10	0	192
Geoff Raftis	101	0	10	0	85	9	0	127	13	2	13	21	15	0	17	23	3	94	8	5	10	9	32	158	10	0	168
Jim Strong	0	0	0	0	74	7	0	88	9	4	22	1	19	0	19	19	19	103	0	7	6	3	16	135	10	0	145
Trevor Stam	61	0	6	0	0	0	0	59	6	0	0	24	15	0	16	24	24	103	0	0	2	9	11	126	10	0	136
John Crompton	0	70	7	68	0	7	0	0	0	12	9	15	23	0	0	15	20	94	1	4	0	7	12	120	10	0	130

Ladies

Vix Alexander	86	86	17	71	82	15	91	85	18	0	9	19	22	0	6	0	0	56	4	5	0	0	9	115	10	0	125
Wendy Hansen	0	62	6	52	19	7	35	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	5					22	10	0	32	

Juniors

Andrew Stoeckel	67	71	14	81	77	16	103	0	10	0	0	0	21	0	0	5	0	26	0	0	0	2	2	68	10	0	78
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Mini Juniors

Kaitlin Stoeckel										2	1	1	1	3	2			10						10	10	0	20
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Dry Casting Top Ten

Total scores up to and including July casting – not including July GM attendance. Only the best 11 months out of 12 count at the end of the year.

1	Bob Henderson	736	6	Terry Fuller	591
2	Gary Gildersleeves	713	7	Malcolm Harris	554
3	George Holman	671	8	Rhys Jones	539
4	Malcolm Head	666	9	Jim Strong	497
5	Allan Jones	605	10	Trevor Stam	431

2005/2006 DRY CASTING RESULTS

56 GRAM

1 st	Malcolm Harris	225 points
2 nd	Gary Gildersleeve	207 points

ARTIFICIAL BAIT

1 st	Tony D'Alonzo	218 points
2 nd	George Holman	211 points

112 GRAM

1 st	Malcolm Harris	266 points
2 nd	Tony D'Alonzo	260 points

D/Handed Accuracy

1 st	Tony D'Alonzo	1444 points
2 nd	Terry Fuller	1408 points

S/Handed Accuracy

1 st	Tony D'Alonzo	287 points
2 nd	Terry Fuller	259 points

CHAMPION VETERAN CASTER

Tony D'Alonzo 2613 points

Runner-up

Terry Fuller 2443 points

CHAMPION OPEN CASTER

Gary Gildersleeve 2163 points

Runner-up

George Holman 2289 points

CHAMPION LADIES CASTER

Filomena D'Alonzo 1941 points

Runner-up

Vix Alexander 1743 points

CHAMPION JUNIOR CASTER

Rhys Jones 1202 points

Runner-up

Andrew Stoeckel 398 points

CHAMPION MINI-JUNIOR CASTER

Kaitlan Stoeckel 111 points

MOST BULL'S EYES

Gary Gildersleeve 12

WINNER 112 GRAM OPEN George Holman

WINNER S/HANDED OPEN George Holman

MOST IMPROVED CASTER Terry Fuller
CASTER OF THE YEAR Tony D'Alonzo

State Dry Casting Meeting August 2006

The meeting of the State Dry Casting Group was held at 89 Clontarf Street, Sorrento on Monday, 7 August 2006, commencing at 8.15pm. There were 12 in attendance: Trevor Stam, Jim Strong, Terry Fuller, Scott Maloney, Bob Henderson, Allan Jones, Malcolm Head, Vix Alexander, Sam Cook, Malcolm Harris, Mark Hansen, and George Holman. Apologies were received from Nick Allsworth, Gary Gildersleeves, Wendy Hansen, Nova Maloney, Joe Pulella, and Keith Heaney.

Discussion was held on how to deal with potential problems which may arise at any future State event, such as a person who is intoxicated, under the influence of drugs, behaving badly and any similar situation. It was decided to tackle this by putting a motion forward to deal with it at the point of nomination and a second motion was put to alleviate any similar situation with State team selection. The group agreed unanimously to put these motions forward, the motion to be added to the AAA WA State Dry Casting Rules as follows:

NOTICES OF MOTION

Two proposed amendments to the AAA WA State Dry Casting Rules.

Approved by the Dry Casting Group meeting on 7 August 2006 for moving at the August AAA WA Delegates Meeting.

Notice of Motion 1

Add Section:

3.1.3 Decline or Cancellation of Nominations

The Australian Anglers Association reserves the right to decline to accept or to cancel the acceptance of the nomination of any person for participation in any dry casting events run by the Association.

Any club captain may propose at any time that a nomination be declined or the acceptance be cancelled.

The decision to decline or cancel a nomination shall be made by the majority of votes of a group made up of the State Dry Casting Officer and club captains present at a meeting called to decide that question. The meeting may be held at any time prior to or during the running of an event. The person may present a statement to be considered in making the decision.

Notice of Motion 2

Add Section:

3.10 Selection of Members for National Teams

The selection of members for teams to attend the AAA National Championships shall be based on merit.

The teams shall be decided by the members of the dry casting group at a meeting advertised to decide arrangements for National Championships.

Merit shall take into consideration all aspects of a person's abilities and personal attributes such as casting skills, ability to work as part of the team to obtain the best possible results, to represent the State Association, and any other matters which the team members consider relevant.

The Australian Anglers Association WA Division reserves the right to select partial teams and decline to select some nominees.

Keith Heaney was on holiday in the Eastern States and said he was 90% available to go to Phillip Island, the only problem being if his work prevented him at that time. The criteria was set for selection of the State Casting Team and it was agreed that the best two scores of any State nominated casting event during the period 1 September to 31 December would be the method used. Any person who attends Phillip Island will be a member of a team and so nominated, even if there is only one or two extra nominees. For example, if seven veterans nominate, there will be five for the first team (four plus one reserve) and the other two will form the nucleus of the second team so they cast in all events.

Nick Allsworth will look at air fares and the method of transport from the airport to Phillip Island.

Scott Maloney will investigate transport of rods to Melbourne and Phillip Island.

Thanks were expressed to Bob Henderson for his efforts in obtaining the State T Shirts and having them embossed and available at the meeting.

George Holman offered to spigget any long rod to two-piece if required for ease of transport.

The meeting closed at 10.30pm.

The next meeting will be held at the aforementioned address on Monday, 6 November commencing at 8pm.

Recfishwest Report

These are some of the main points from the July 2006 Recfishwest Board Meeting, and some other recent activities.

Rottnest No Fishing Areas. A great deal of work has been done on this recently by a number of Recfishwest people, because it is so important for recreational fishermen that this is done properly, and not by using the ideology that closed, no take, sanctuary zones are the cure for every "problem". Recfishwest considers that it is vital that poorly supported and poorly constructed proposals for closing areas and restricting fishing must be challenged at every opportunity, because a win by ideology over reason and science sets precedents for even more closures.

Comments closed on 15 July, 2006. It seems that apathy has taken over most recreational anglers because there have been only a few responses to all the information provided about Rottnest. Thanks to those who did act. (See also the AAA and SCAC submission about Rottnest)

Shoalwater Islands Point Peron No Fishing areas

The draft Shoalwater Islands Marine Park and no fishing areas proposal is out for public comment until 27 October. See http://www.naturebase.net/national_parks/marine/shoalwater for the details.

Point Peron no fishing zone. Extract from the "Have your say" brochure:- "Additional protection for the Point Peron area. The Point Peron area is popular for shore-based snorkelling and swimming and a snorkel trail has been installed. The area has significant value for tourism and recreation. The area is also important for education and scientific uses, being an ideal 'outdoor classroom' for students of all ages to learn about the marine and coastal environment.

The area is also popular for recreational fishing, as well as other beach and boat based recreational activities. Commercial rock lobster fishing occurs further offshore. Some extractive activities in this area may be incompatible with the snorkel trail's aim of providing an accessible nature appreciation experience and also with the tourism, educational and scientific study values of the general Point Peron area. Separation of these potentially conflicting uses may be desirable and the creation of a sanctuary zone is one possible mechanism to achieve this.

The location and design of a sanctuary zone could provide for a level of shorebased fishing to continue given Point Peron's popularity for recreational fishing. From a conservation perspective, the establishment of additional sanctuary zones to more fully represent the range of habitats found within the marine park would be beneficial. Consequently, the Government is seeking your feedback on the possible future establishment of a sanctuary zone in the general Point Peron area."

Interesting that the Point Peron proposal/possibility is clearly identified as a reallocation from current shared use (which allows fishing) to exclusive use for snorkellers/divers/research/education.

That's covered part of the issues with some other proposals that they are misleading about the reasons for proposing closed/no fishing areas. And these current proposals do at least acknowledge that recreational fishing from the shore is important.

They say "sanctuary zone is one possible mechanism to achieve this" - but there is no discussion of options for any alternative ways of separating activities or allocating areas. This makes it easy for people to just say - "yes, put in a sanctuary zone" instead of really thinking and commenting on other possibilities. This approach is still using sanctuary (no fishing) zones as the only tool instead of considering a range of possible tools/methods.

Recfishwest Constitution. Proposed changes have been put to a special General Meeting on 5 July to be voted on by RFW financial members, including AAA. These changes were passed by an overwhelming majority of the votes.

These provide for two more Board members on Recfishwest, one from either the Australian Fishing Tackle Association (Western Australia) and Charter Boat Owners Association of Western Australia. These two groups have an important role to play in the education of anglers and the capacity to reach anglers who use tackle stores or charter boats.

This position will be nominated by the Association but voted on by all RFW members for a two year term. The unsuccessful candidate will be appointed to a committee of Recfishwest so that they will have a direct involvement in the organisation but not at Board level. The Board did not want to increase the size of the Board to a point where it became unwieldy but recognised the need to broaden its expertise.

After two years, the same process will be followed and the position will be contested and the best candidate from either organisation elected. This arrangement will be formally assessed after three years of operation (half-way through the second term of this position) to determine if further reforms are warranted.

The other extra Board member will be one Public Board Member who may also be a member of a fishing club or association. That is in addition to the formal Board representation which is held by the major angling associations such as AAA. This position will be for a standard two year term and will be voted on by all financial members of Recfishwest. This position will also be formally assessed after three years and a report made to members. Details <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/SGMbackgroundInfoJul2006.htm>

Wetline Fishing Management Proposals. RFW has received a reply from the Minister for the Fisheries advising that a decision will be made on the recommendations and publicised during June 2006. Up until today, 18 July, that decision has not been announced.

It is understood that Ministerial reshuffles following the former Police Ministers' dismissal, greatly increased foreign fishing and all the ramifications with the Commonwealth and northern states have added to the Minister's work and delayed this announcement.

It seems recreational anglers have the most to gain from these. These changes will impact heavily on some other groups. Many commercial fishermen's activities will be restricted, and the Department of Fisheries will have a lot of work to implement and manage the changes.

Geographe Bay Fishing decisions. The Minister for the Fisheries advised that a decision will be made on the arrangements for commercial fishing in Geographe Bay and will be made public during June 2006. These also have not been made, possibly for the same reasons as above.

Freshwater Fishing. Recfishwest will be making a presentation at a community consultation about State's water catchment management issues (including the future use of Logue Brook Dam for recreational fishing) to be held on Saturday 22 July 2006 in Harvey. Details are outlined on the Department of Water website at <http://drinkingwater.water.wa.gov.au> under Logue Brook Dam. The full RFW presentation is at <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/LogueBrookPresentation2006.html>.

Capes Marine Park. It is understood the proposals for the Capes Marine Park and no fishing zones there are with the Ministers at present prior to the release for a public consultation period. This is expected within about one month.

Marine Parks and Reserves Authority. Environment Minister Mark McGowan announced Dr Trevor Ward and Christopher Doepel had been appointed to the Marine Parks and Reserves Authority. Dr Ward has extensive expertise in strategic policy and planning for marine environmental management and the design of marine protected areas. Mr Doepel is registrar of the National Native Title Tribunal in WA and has extensive experience in native title claims. He will be deputy chairman of the Authority.

Eric Streitberg, a member of the MPRA since August 1999, had been appointed chair, following the resignation of Dr Barry Wilson. Two existing members, Professor Diana Walker and Angus Horwood, had been reappointed for further two-year terms. The Government was preparing plans to merge the Conservation Commission and Marine Parks and Reserves Authority to create a new Biodiversity Commission, in line with a 2005 election commitment.

Recreational Fisheries Advisory Committee held a meeting in Perth on Monday 19 June. Information had been withheld from RFW and presented to the people present at the RFAC meeting without any briefing papers or advance notice and expecting very important decisions to be made in a most unsatisfactory way. Ross Winstanley, the consultant who is carrying out the review of consultative arrangements by RFW and the Recreational Fishing Advisory Committees (RFAC) was an observer at the meeting and saw the problems.

Ross Winstanley and Recfishwest representative Mark Pagano have travelled to some country areas for meetings with the Regional Recreational Fisheries Advisory Committees (RRFAC). Over time these meetings will cover the RRFAC branches from Kununurra to Esperance.

South West Commonwealth Marine Parks. Department of Environment and Heritage is fast tracking the preparation of Commonwealth Marine Protected Areas. The next area is the "South West" Australia region, which covers from the WA/SA border to the mid West Coast. Plans are to have the no take, no fishing zones in place by 2010, just over 3 years away. These will be from the State 3 nautical mile boundary to the Commonwealth 200 nautical mile boundary.

One concern is the possible leapfrogging and piggy backing interaction which could occur with State Marine Parks/no fishing zones, where State and Commonwealth will select areas separately and then say that the State and Commonwealth areas will have to match, so each will ADD more no take areas so that each State and Commonwealth area join up. For info on the extent of South East Australia Marine Parks, see <http://www.deh.gov.au/coasts/mpa/> This says "Since taking office, the Howard Government has added some 249,000 square kilometres to the national system of MPAs. With the South-east, that figure rises to almost 500,000 square kilometres of new marine protected areas established by the Howard Government." How much extra will the "South West" includes Perth Metro add?

Metro Abalone. RFW will write to the Dept of Fisheries objecting most strongly to proposals to increase the commercial allocation of metro abalone and adjust the recreational fishing times. Lower recreational catches in 2005 were entirely due to poor weather and rough seas on the allocated days/times. This reduced catch should be "banked" for recreationals and not be allowed to be taken by commercial fishermen. Insufficient justification had been supplied for the proposed changes to recreational times and would significantly reduce the social and amenity value of the fishery to recreationals.

Salmon Designated Fishing Zones. RFW and AAA have been advised that all the misleading signs saying the areas were reserved for commercial fishing have been removed from the South and South West coasts. These signs have misled a generation of recreational salmon fishermen about their rights on these beaches and fishing areas. AAA's (no, Terry Fuller's) letters and strong support and pressure from Recfishwest have resulted in this activity after representations to the Minister for Fisheries following obvious stalling and obstruction tactics by some people in the Department of Fisheries. New signs have been designed which supplement proposed new brochures about the rights of recreational and commercial salmon fishermen and other beach users in these Designated Fishing Zones. My last email to RFW said:-

"The proposed DFZ signs say "Please take care not to disturb fishing activities in this area between xxxx and xxxx" I would prefer "Please take care not to disturb recreational or commercial salmon fishing activities in this area between xxxx and xxxx" These signs and the brochures make up the package and all must be finished and in use well before the next salmon fishing season. (Dept of Fisheries contact person) Jason Froud's comments "Given the sensitive nature of DFZs, I expect that finalising the wording of the brochures might take a while" is interesting and warns of some possible difficulties and resistance to the reality of equal rights for recreational and commercial fishermen.

The recent performance of the Dept of Fisheries in getting new brochures finalised and then distributed in time doesn't give confidence, so the preparation of the brochures needs to start very soon, so that there is enough time to go through the x iterations to get acceptable wording, get copies printed and distributed so that the community is properly informed well before the next salmon season. The clock started a long time ago on proper information about these DFZ's and the Department has been stalling so far..... So other really important questions issues are:- what information which will be contained in the brochures, and when will that draft be available for comments?"

Report by Terry Fuller, Recfishwest Board Member for Australian Anglers Association