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Newsletter

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Next Meeting

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 7:30 PM ON MONDAY 4 July, 2005 (even if it's a public holiday) at the Neighbourhood Centre, Mansfield Walk, Beenleigh (between the roundabout and Crete St). The venue can be accessed for off street parking via Kent Street (behind the Police station), or via James Street, just up from the Court House. Otherwise, park in James Street and walk behind the Gold Coast City Council branch office.

NOTE:- We have a Bar. Please remember the gear swap table at the meeting – bring your swaps or items for sale, especially fishing magazines.

MEMBERSHIP FEES– No increase in fees this year!
All members are expected to renew for 2005/6 at the July meeting please. Start saving NOW!

Single membership is \$55.00 p.a. - Family Membership is \$75.00 p.a. (Same as last year, thanks to the negotiating skills of the ANSA Committee in respect of the insurance premium for the 2005/6 year).

Guest Speakers:

Our first guest speaker for the July Meeting is Mark McLennan who is a Technical Officer in the Sustainable Fisheries Programme with the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries

Our second guest speaker for the July Meeting is Jeff Sorrell will attend to talk to about the FISHTAG2005 we will participate in for the July combined club trip

JULY is a big month with two great club trips planned:

TRIP 1: GOLD COAST FLATHEAD: From Friday 22 July to Sunday 24 July the club is participating like many other clubs in the FISHTAG 2005 + Special Research Trip to assist DPI - **Participants MUST register in advance with John Cumberland.** The club trip is chasing Flathead and Bream in the Jumpinpin area with overnight camping at Jacobs Well Tourist Park. We launch from Jacobs Well and fish the rivers or waters near Jumpinpin. **John Cumberland is the Trip Captain. The DPI want all flathead to be kept alive to research their survivability with differing hook types. The fish are to be delivered to their research vessel near Seaworld. Last minute details will be discussed at the July meeting (See flyer at the end of this newsletter).** Trip Sheet available at the 4 July meeting. For details, phone John on 3801 1110. Book your spot at Jacobs Well Tourist Park by phone: 5546 2016 or email: Jacobs@gctp.com.au . Powered tent sites are \$21.00 per night. John and Neil will be there from Friday night. I'm booking for Saturday. **Note at the last meeting we discussed basing out of Cooran Cove for this weekend however the marina there can only provide one secured boat site due to their large membership so this proved unworkable.**

TRIP 2: POTTSVILLE BLACKFISH: Want a steak knife with that order? Then this is the trip for you with many options.

Option 1- Week Long Trip: Lloyd Willmann and Ray Bricknell are going down on Monday morning 25 July, and we'll check out the Blackfish and other fishing in the general area during that week. There is beach and rock wall fishing as well as Luderick fishing at Pottsville. Brunswick Heads is just a little way North – well regarded as a Nigger fishing spot. Join them if you dare!

Option 2- Long Weekend Trip: Interested Members can come down for as many days as they wish however Friday 29 July till Sunday 31 July makes it a nice long weekend.

Option 3- Week Long Trip: Day trip on Sunday 31 July

Before setting out ring Ray or Lloyd to confirm details, where and so on.

No matter which option you want Pottsville is only about 1 ¼ hours from Beenleigh. But here's the rub: This is a very nice, and hence VERY popular caravan park all year round. Hence, it will pay to book your accommodation NOW, even if all you want is a tent site. Ask to be located close to van site 59, which we'll use as our base. There will be a Club Feast Saturday night at the van park – Choices Restaurant across the road does great take-aways! So at least book to stay Saturday night. (Those who prefer can BBQ, of course).

The number for Pottsville Beach Holiday Park South is (02) 6676 1050. They have cabins available at this time – en suite and no en suite, and plenty of tent sites – but if you leave it too late they'll all be gone.

Better to book and cancel than to miss out by booking too late!

FUTURE TRIPS WARNINGS!

24/25 September

From JC :

People should book a site at the Homestead Caravan Park, Chinderah, for the September 24/25 Tweed Trip ASAP as this weekend is the last of the QLD & the first weekend of the NSW school holidays. There are powered & un-powered river camp sites beside the river & boat ramp Rates are \$31 powered & \$27 un-powered per night. JC has booked powered site number 2 for the trip. Ross has booked number 3. Just let them know you are with the club and would like sites near ours.

Homestead Caravan Park Phone: 02 6674 1824,

Email holiday@homesteadcp.com.au

24 November till 2 December

From Ray:

This week long trip to Lake Monduran staying at the Lake Monduran Caravan Park needs to be booked ASAP. Ray and Ross have booked a cabin each. Each sleeps 4 comfortably. Don't leave it till the last minute as this spot is becoming increasingly popular. Note that bookings are from Friday to Friday. Barramundi fishing is great here. Ross and his brother Ian are looking forward to catching their first.

Lake Monduran Caravan Park
after lunch seems best.

Phone: (07) 4157 3881 – Only answered between 10 am and about 4 pm –

Fax: (07) 4157 3882

Booking deposit is 50% - Full refund available if cancellation is in writing 30 or more days before check in date. Can pay by credit card.

Acknowledgement: This Newsletter was kindly copied by Kay Elson's office at no charge to the club.

Hervey Bay Trip

At the last meeting the trip to Hervey Bay was discussed briefly. The weather heavily influenced the distance the club participants could roam out into the bay in their boats. However just look at some of the fish that were caught and fill in April for you diaries next year!



Big Bream Shootout Results

The big Bream Shootout took place in and around the Nerang River on Sunday 29 May, although the turnout of club members was VERY disappointing. Why does your Committee organise these day trips – just so they can be almost the only ones who attend?

At any rate, this was part of the ongoing Bait Vs Urban Myths (Soft Plastics) contest – and Soft Plastics won by a nose. Or did they?

We all know Chris Eldred has the magic touch when it comes to catching Bass and Bream (and Squire?). Likewise, your Editor has now twice seen ‘Deadly’ David Rawlins at work fishing the bottom with Yabbies. Awesome is the word that comes to mind.

On this occasion Ray Bricknell fished with Dave and his daughter Cassie in David’s big boat. Garth Dale accompanied them in his 4.2 metre tinnie, which seems to be able to handle any conditions. This group fished the Gold Coast Seaway, using Yabbies pumped that morning.

The conditions were quite rough – made worse by the ‘peak hour’ (fishing) traffic at the Seaway, probably because the King of the Pin was on that weekend. Dave was chasing the \$1,500 prize for the biggest Bream on offer in the King of the Pin, and cleverly combined this with the club outing.

His haul was five quite decent Bream, with probably another five ‘barely legals’ returned to the water to fight another day. All caught on Yabbies, of course.

Brickers got distracted from the Bream fishing. Someone hauled a decent Jewfish out a few boat lengths away, so Ray spent quite a while jigging a large, white, fish-like Soft Plastic up and down near the bottom – the same type as had scored four Barra hookups at Lake Monduran in February. Sadly, the Jew weren’t interested, not even on the slack (low) tide. Likewise, neither the Bream nor the Flathead (David & Cassie got one each, about 45 cm long) showed any interest at all in Ray’s Yabbies at the Seaway.

David’s biggest Bream was 32 cms. Sadly, Garth’s Yabbies got the same treatment as Ray’s. No

interest at all. One Bream for the morning, fishing quite close to Dave’s boat.

Ross Williamson launched at 7am and had a quiet morning pedalling around the islands without much success on plastics before running ashore and buying some prawns at 11am. He had little success with this either. At least he did better than another kayak which was swamped by some of the large boats around the area. He only got a couple of bites for the day but a nice morning’s outing. This was the first time he had visited the area but certainly will be back next year.

Back at the BBQ venue for lunch it was revealed that neither Lloyd Willmann nor John Cumberland, fishing together, had caught anything worth mentioning. And they had covered a LOT of territory! They were using Soft Plastics, so Yabbies looked like clear winners – AGAIN.

Then ‘The Master’ Chris Eldred pulled in for lunch, and spoiled the fun completely. He had caught ‘about a dozen’ Bream, all but one legal, fishing with a new (expensive - \$10.99 a pack of fifteen) wriggly tailed Soft Plastic that smelt like old sweaty jock strap found in the bottom of a sports bag. His biggest was 35 cm, and he caught another almost the same size. These fish had been coaxed out from under the jetties in the river not far from Budds Beach.

Greg Mifsud fished with Chris Eldred – or should I say watched Chris fish? Using the same SPs, and exactly the same technique, Greg had only one serious run all morning. How often have you seen that happen?

Incidentally, Chris Eldred did NOT use the ‘swim the lure diagonally across the jetty’ technique he described to us at a recent club meeting. This time – for the first time, he says – he was just gently plopping his Urban Myths in the water near the jetties, using a very light Jig Head, and letting them sink, with lots of slack line out. When the slack line started to disappear, he leaned back on his rod and – Whammo! Another Bream!

Coincidentally, Brickers used exactly the same ‘slack line’ technique – remember the article in last month’s Newsletter? – to catch four Bream with five baits, anchored just back from the Seaway on the northern side, out of the rough water. His baits

were tiny cubes of frozen (salted) chicken breast – old faithful – disguised in a cloud of very potent Berley. Seems to work whenever there are Bream around the boat.

So you be the judge. Did SPs win the day? Or Yabbies? Or does it really all depend on the skill – I dare not even mention luck – of the fisher on the day?

It is worth mentioning that self-pumped Yabbies, and Chicken Breast, cost a lot less than your assorted Urban Myths, for those whose minds are still open. Maybe the jury is STILL out?

June Meeting Talk

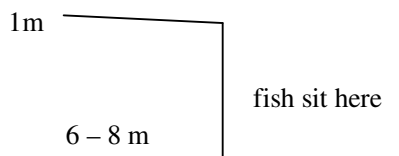
Schnapper on Plastics by Duncan from Redland Bay Tackle Shop

The following are my notes from the meeting. My apologies if in haste I got brands or other facts wrong but I hope these notes will help those who missed the meeting to get some ideas.

Duncan gave us a great little talk on his experiences catching schnapper. It was especially intriguing as discussed his tackle. He uses Loomis rods with his light rig a 7 ft rod with a new Diawa no maintenance fully enclosed spinning reel with a 5 year warranty for a cool \$700. For those of you who wondered my birthdays is coming up.....

Duncan's recipe for schnappers:

- Daytime 9 am -12 noon
- Fish the shallow reefs around the islands and along the shoreline
- Look for a rock/rubble reef in 1-30 metres of water
- For example along the shoreline at Wellington Point:



- The fish are chasing hardyheads and cruising the scum-lines. They also sit in ambush points such as coral bollards.

- In summer he uses ¼ oz bullet shaped jigheads with 8 lb Fireline braid line with a 12lb flurocarbon leader. During winter when the fish get spooked more easily he drops to an 1/8 oz bullet. For the plastics he uses a sparkly green over white (rainbow trout or baby bass) with strait or flute tails (Atomics or Zoom brand?).
- Duncan recommends drifting the shallow reefs by starting where the tide hits first and then using the electric trolling motor to stand off. Electric motors definitely improve your catch rate.
- Cast to have the plastic flutter down the edge of the drop-off
- Let the plastic sink to the bottom and let it sit for 10-15 second. Then lift off bottom and wind up the slack and let it drop again. Repeat till back at boat.
- In deeper waters cast up current, feed out till you hit bottom. You may need a heavier bullethead (up to 1 oz) to hit bottom. Lift and let drop again rather than wind up and then repeat 6 times.
- Another deadly weapon at times is to use a snap-back so the buoyancy causes the tail to rise up and wag off the bottom.

SPECIAL DEALS

If any member comes across any special deals on goods or services which you think might be of interest to other members, please let your Editor know, and I'll include them in the Newsletter. Even good sales will do, if they extend across the last week of the month.

GEAR FOR SALE & WANTED

As a service to members, future editions of the Newsletter will contain a small section of For Sale & Wanted Ads. Only paid up members may use this facility. Ads should generally be restricted to fishing and boating related gear – but no value limits apply.

To place an ad, simply e-mail or give the ad contents to your Editor.

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News from Other Clubs & Newsletters

Brisbane Sports Fishing Club:

Date: 20 July AGM plus snapper fishing talk

Meets at: Brisbane Sixteen Foot Skiff Sailing Club, VIC Lucas Park, Quay St, Bulimba. Doors open 7.30 pm for 8pm start.

BSFC Future Trips

August 19-21 Houseboat at Jumpinpin

Do we want to join this trip?

October 1-2 ANSA Summer State Championships

October 22-29 1770 trip

November 5-6 Golden Lure Comp

North Brisbane Sportfishing Club Inc

Date: 29 July General Meeting

Meets at: Strathpine community hall, Nicol St Strathpine

Oceans Portal Tender Awarded (Australia)

Source: www.oceans.gov.au/Oceans_action_bulletin.jsp
27 May 2005

An Oceans Portal for Australia is a step closer, with the awarding of a contract for development of software to support the project.

The Portal project is designed to help enhance national marine data management and public access to marine data. It is comprised of three parts. The first is the establishment of a marine community committed to sharing data and services via the Internet. This may include government agencies, museums and private organisations. The second component is a Marine Catalogue, through which information will be provided by members of the marine community, and accessed by others. The final component is the Oceans Portal application, which is a tool that allows access to information through the Marine Catalogue.

The contract awarded this week is for the development of software to help build the Oceans Portal application and the Marine Catalogue. It has been awarded to a consortium of Sydney-based Social Change Online and Lisa Soft Pty Ltd.

When complete, the Oceans Portal will allow users to research a topic in one online location and pull together information from a number of participating organisations. The Portal will also provide an online tool

to allow users to create a product, such as a map, drawing on this information.

This is the first time information from such a wide range of agencies will be made available in one location. The information will not be stored at the National Oceans Office, but will be accessed from agency databases through the Portal, ensuring that users have access to the most current information housed within each participating agency.

Importantly, this project is one of the first steps towards developing true on-line interoperability between government agencies. In this regard the marine community is leading the way.

Government Says Reef Marine Park Zonings Remain (Great Barrier Reef)

Source:

www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/200505/s1378384.htm
27 May 2005

The Federal Government has ruled out changes to Great Barrier Reef marine park zonings in a planned review.

Environment Minister Ian Campbell told a Senate committee hearing the terms for the review had still to be set.

He told north Queensland Senator Jan McLucas the zonings set in last year's representative area program review would stay.

"You said you'd review the boundaries, I said the boundaries stay - forever - I had the guts to stand up there look them in the eye with all those people that you are dog whistling to - you said you were going to review the boundaries, I said I wasn't and there's the difference," he said.

No Marine Park Decision Creates Biodiversity Concerns (NSW)

Source:

www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/200505/s1377297.htm
26 May 2005

The NSW Department of Primary Industries says no decision has been made to create a marine park in the Manning Shelf bio-region, which stretches from Port Stephens to Forster on the NSW mid-north coast.

However, there is forward planning funding of \$400,000 for the Manning Shelf bio-region in the current state Budget.

Last year's Budget had a similar allocation which was not touched.

The department says that until the zoning plans for the Cape Byron Marine Park are complete, no decision will be made on any future marine parks.

The executive director of the state's national parks association, Andrew Cox, says marine biodiversity will suffer from the Government's inaction.

"We were expecting that more than a year ago...meanwhile, the marine life in the area continues to decline. Fishing pressure increases and we still don't

have any marine sanctuaries," he said. "This is particularly important with the coming of the whale and dolphin season that we need to make sure that we have well managed marine protected areas covering the Port Stephens to Forster area and other areas of high conservation value."

Government Doing what it can to Stop Whaling: Truss (Australia)

Source:

www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/200505/s1380477.htm

30 May 2005

The Federal Government says it is doing all it can to protect whales from being hunted in Antarctic waters, but there are legal issues that make it difficult to take the matter to court.

The Opposition has asked why the Government supported court action against Japanese companies fishing for blue fin tuna in 1999, but intervened to stop a case against Japanese whalers in the Federal Court last week.

The Federal Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Warren Truss, says Australia is lobbying to stop Japan expanding its whaling program, and there are issues, which make it difficult to pursue the matter in court.

"There are a range of complex legal issues in relation to jurisdiction concerning particularly the Antarctic territories, which make it difficult for Australia to be able to respond as comprehensively as we might wish to in some of those areas," he said. "But this Government's commitment to protecting Australia's whales is resolute and determined and we have taken significant action over many years."

See also: Campbell Takes Whaling Fight to Europe, Pacific

www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/200505/s1379351.htm

Brown Urges Port Closure to Prevent Whaling

www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/200505/s1379232.htm

Scientists Oppose Japanese 'Scientific' Whaling

www.stuff.co.nz/stuff/0,2106,3293513a7693,00.html

High-Tech Ship Sets Course for Green Ocean Transport (International)

Source:

www.planetark.com/dailynewsstory.cfm/newsid/31011/story.htm

30 May 2005

Will technological advances, fuel costs and environmental concerns bring back commercial sailing for cargo ships?

Shipping firm Wallenius Wilhelmsen (WW) has designed a high-tech "back to the future" freighter powered solely by wind and waves in the expectation that increasing regulation and shipping costs over the next 20 years will force the industry to come up with greener vessels.

"In part it is legislation, in part that we want to be seen as innovators," said Lena Blomqvist, WW's vice president with responsibility for the environment. "We realise that we are part of the problem and we want to be part of the solution."

The Orcelle will have emission levels near zero and WW hopes the design would allow such a ship to carry up 10,000 cars and trucks and set the pattern for the future transport of cargo.

Propulsion for the five-hulled ship, named after an endangered species of dolphin, would come from high-tech sails and a set of pods below the water line that would trap the energy of the waves. Additionally, solar cells in the sails would charge fuel cells to power electric motors.

"When we are on the ocean we have almost limitless access to energy, but a modern vessel fights the elements," said Per Brinchmann, the naval architect who designed the ship to turn the power of mother nature into motion on the ocean.

"The albatross gets 98 percent of its energy for flight from the wind and two percent from its wings."

Concern for the bottom line has already pushed WW to cut the fuel use of its existing fleet by 10 percent over the last few years and reduce nitrogen and sulphur dioxide emissions. Sulphur dioxide causes acid rain and nitrogen emissions upset the balance of nutrients in the ocean, both big problems in the Baltic Sea where WW is based.

Elders to Discuss Environmental Planning (Queensland)

Source:

www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/200505/s1379900.htm

30 May 2005

Traditional owners from one third of Queensland will meet today in an effort to increase their involvement in environmental planning in remote regions.

Desert Channels Queensland is conducting a forum in Longreach, in the state's central west, involving elders and Aboriginal representatives.

Regional planner Steve Wilson says it aims to encourage Indigenous people to help manage the region's natural resources.

"We're 33 per cent of the state and obviously our Indigenous community is scattered everywhere, we've got about 14 language groups in our patch, so...wherever possible what we're trying to do is to bring those groups into the actual decision-making process, so if we've got a big project involving managing country somewhere, well, we'd like them to be part of the planning team," he said.

Weather Blamed for Poor Northern Prawn Season

Source: www.abc.net.au/rural/content/2005/s1374854

23 May 2005

The failure of the monsoon in northern Australia has been blamed for a poor banana prawn season across the Top End. The season closed on Saturday for the fishery between the tip of Cape York in Queensland and Cape Londonderry in Western Australia.

Tiger Prawns On The Agenda At Normac Meeting

The next Northern Prawn Fishery Management Advisory Committee (NORMAC) meeting will be held at the Virginia Palms International Hotel in Brisbane on 21 - 22 June. The Resource Assessment Group, NPRAG, will be meeting on 2 June in Brisbane to mainly discuss the tiger prawn assessment, which will be reported to NORMAC. For further details about the MAC meeting, please contact Manager Northern Prawn Fishery, Wade Whitelaw, on (02) 6272 5039 or Wade.Whitelaw@afma.gov.au.

Call for National Planning for Coastal Councils

Source: The Times (Victor Harbor), 19 May 2005,

www.victorharbor.yourguide.com.au/detail.asp?class=news&subclass=local&category=general%20news&story_id=394760&y=2005&m=5

Coastal councils throughout Australia have called for a national planning framework to save Australia's coastline.

In a letter to the federal Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, the chairman of the National Sea Change Taskforce, Cr Joe Natoli, has called for a more uniform approach to planning in high growth coastal areas and a commitment for a collaborative approach from local, state and federal governments. The letter, sent following last week's National Sea Change Conference in Victor Harbor, says the future of the nation's most highly valued natural asset, its coastline, is at stake. "The movement of population to the coast will continue for at least the next 15 years and is creating unprecedented demand for essential infrastructure ... Coastal councils are struggling to meet this growth in demand," Mr Natoli said in the letter. "It (the Sea Change phenomenon) can only be addressed through a commitment on the part of local, state and federal governments to work collaboratively to ensure that coastal development occurs in a sustainable way." He said the conference had supported research by the Planning Research Centre at the University of Sydney that recommended a national planning framework be established to lead coastal policy and to establish strategic responses to the population growth.

New international water centre announced for Brisbane

Source: Coastal CRC Flotsam & Jetsam Newsletter May 2005

The State Government is providing \$2.4 million over four years to the newly established International Water Centre to help address the world's water crisis. The centre, which began as a \$2.4 million partnership between four universities, will look at issues such as drought, salinity and safe water supplies for growing populations. The partnership involves the University of Queensland, Griffith University, Melbourne's Monish University and the University of Western Australia.

For further information visit: <http://statements.cabinet.qld.gov.au/portfolio-display/tmp/1112317146.html>.

Link between coastal farming and algal blooms

Source: Coastal CRC Flotsam & Jetsam Newsletter May 2005

A new study by Stanford University scientists presents direct evidence linking large-scale coastal farming to massive algal blooms in the sea, capable of disrupting ocean ecosystems and even producing "dead zones". In an article published in the March 10 issue of the journal Nature, the authors conclude that some highly productive regions of the ocean are much more vulnerable to agricultural runoff than was previously assumed.

For further information visit: <http://news-service.stanford.edu/news/2005/march16/gulf-030905.html>

Queensland East Coast Fisheries Web brochure

CRC Reef has launched a new 'web brochure' about the Fisheries of the east coast of Queensland.

The web brochure includes almost 30 pages of information about the reef line, trawl, inshore, crab and harvest fisheries along Queensland's east coast. Maps from the Department of Primary Industries are also included. The Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and the Australian Government Department of Environment and Heritage helped compile the information and review the contents.

http://www.reef.crc.org.au/research/fishing_fisheries/statusfisheries/index.htm

\$2.4 m for Environment in South East Queensland (Australia)

Source: www.mffc.gov.au/releases/2005/05103mj.html
3 June 2005

South East Queensland community NRM groups will begin implementing their natural resource management plan with \$2.4 million funding from the Australian Government's Natural Heritage Trust.

The funding was announced today by Australian Government Ministers for the Environment and Heritage, Ian Campbell, Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Warren Truss and Fisheries, Forestry and

Conservation, Ian Macdonald and the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Stephen Robertson.

The South East Queensland Plan - which was developed by the local community, and accredited and approved by the Australian and Queensland Governments - sets out strategies for retaining important environmental values, weed and pest animal control, and addressing coastal issues.

Work will also begin on the fight against the toxic marine algae *lyngbya*, in Moreton Bay. Senator Campbell said the plan's focus on identifying key regional landscape areas for targeted on-ground works to be undertaken with community and industry groups was important. "Of the \$2.4 million, \$1.2 million will go toward identifying key on-ground works, ranging from maintaining corridors of remnant vegetation to identifying ecotourism opportunities," Mr Campbell said.

Senator Campbell added that, because the majority of remnant vegetation is on private land, partnerships with land managers are a priority under the plan...

Millennium Ecosystem Assessment Biodiversity Synthesis Report Out (International)

Source: SeaSpan, from the Pew Institute for Ocean Science

<http://www.pewoceanscience.org>

1 June 2005

The second U.N. Millennium Ecosystem Assessment report affirms that the world's biodiversity is declining at an alarming rate. The report--"Ecosystems and Human Well-being: Biodiversity Synthesis"—notes that while efforts have helped reduce the loss of biodiversity, more action is needed as little progress is foreseen in the short term.

Direct drivers of biodiversity loss are projected to either remain constant or increase in the near future, the report says.

The report blames biodiversity change on a number of factors including habitat conversion, climate change, pollution and overexploitation of resources. This report is unusual in focusing on solutions instead of only on the problems. The authors of the Summary Version say in the Preface, "Our final report...is an action plan, and the task force...is committed to seeing that the plan's recommendations are endorsed by heads of state, and implemented by all sectors, from government ministries to private business to civil society." The Pew Institute's Director Ellen Pikitch is a member of the international Task Force that helped create the report.

For more information about the report, go to:

<http://www.enn.com/today.html?id=7782>

To download the report, go to:

<http://www.millenniumassessment.org/en/products.aspx>

Barramundi Pros Put Up Fight over ALP's Licence Plan (NT)

Source:

www.abc.net.au/rural/content/2005/s1386407.htm

7 June 2005

Commercial barramundi fishermen in the Northern Territory have reacted angrily to a Labor election policy to buy back licences.

Labor will spend more than \$1 million buying back a barramundi licence and coastal net licences, if re-elected on June 8, to help sustain the commercial and recreational catch. But Zico Ilich from the Barramundi Association, says restrictions should be introduced on recreational anglers. "Who is going to be responsible now, when jewfish are in great danger in the Northern Territory to be extinguished," he said. "And we would like the public to know that 1 million kilos is caught by anglers. "One million goes to five million portions. This is a twenty-five to thirty million dollars (of) fish that (they) are taking out of our waters (and), who is benefiting? Government?"

Pacific Fisheries Agency Plans Resource Reforms (International)

Source:

www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/200506/s1386071.htm

7 June 2005

Pacific fisheries agency plans resource reforms Pacific islands fisheries officials opened their annual meeting with a call for political and financial support to carry out numerous changes in fisheries management that bring greater benefits to the island nations.

Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) director Feleti Teo said he expects the regional fisheries ministers to adopt a new strategic plan at the meeting.

"For the (FFA) secretariat to support its members to achieve their aspirations under the plan, it must be provided with the necessary resources and capacity," Mr Teo said. The FFA, which represents all independent island nations as well as Australia and New Zealand, is regarded as the "OPEC of the Pacific" because of the power it wields over the region's primary resource.

It coordinates registers of approved foreign fishing vessels, supports surveillance and enforcement, and coordinates negotiating positions in dealing with distant nations over lucrative tuna resources.

An estimated \$US2 billion worth of tuna is fished out of the Pacific annually, but more than 90 per cent of that is netted by foreign fishing nations.

Europe's Cod and Eels Doomed if Overfishing Continues (Belgium)

Source:

www.planetark.com/dailynewsstory.cfm/newsid/31132/story.htm

7 June 2005

Europe's fishermen must cut back on trawling for cod if the species is to have a chance of survival and must stop altogether in some areas so stocks can recover after years of overfishing, scientists warned on Monday.

This year, the first time, they also called for the EU to ban fishing for eels, whose numbers have sunk to the lowest since 1980 -- and could take another 20 years to rise again.

"... while herring stocks are currently doing well, the outlook for some cod stocks is not so optimistic," said the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES).

"Baltic cod is at low levels and being harvested unsustainably," the Copenhagen-based body said. Cod was worst off in the Kattegat, waters between Denmark, Sweden and Norway where ICES called for a complete fishing ban in 2006.

ICES scientists, whose advice is used by the European Commission to propose annual fishing quotas, have repeatedly warned that fish numbers for species such as cod, hake and sole are so low in some areas that the only solution is to ban fishing.

The Commission has usually rejected this idea for fear of wrecking communities that depend on fishing for a livelihood.

But for some years now, it has managed to persuade EU ministers to accept quota cuts for cod in several vulnerable areas where stocks are seriously depleted due to overfishing.

Cod was not faring much better outside EU waters: the main Faroese stock was the lowest since 1990 and at a record low along Norway's coast.

But eels were the species most at risk of extinction, ICES said -- both the younger fish, known as glass eels that are born in the sea but then move to river estuaries as they search for fresh water, and the older yellow and brown eels.

"We have recommended that fishing ... should be reduced to as close to zero as possible until an international recovery plan can be developed," ICES General Secretary David Griffith said. "But there are no quick solutions and because of the length of the eel life cycle, it is likely to be five to 20 years before an improvement can be expected," he said in a statement.

EU fisheries ministers will discuss the 2006 catches to be allocated to the bloc's member states at a meeting in December, traditionally a marathon discussion that lasts at least one night.

This could be our future if foreign fishing boats continue to enter the economic zone.

Australia Signs International Convention Targeting Marine Hitchhikers (International)

Source: www.maff.gov.au/releases/05/05154wt.html

1 June 2005

Australia's marine industries and the environment will have greater protection from introduced pests now that Australia has signed an international agreement on ships' ballast water, the Australian Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Minister Warren Truss said today. Mr Truss said the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments is an initiative of the London-based United Nations International Maritime Organisation.

"Australia was a world leader in this area, being the first country to introduce guidelines for ballast water management for international ships. The shipping industry particularly will benefit from this new agreement, as it will provide greater international consistency regarding ballast water requirements."

Mr Truss said that ballast water management was a serious issue.

"When it is taken up into a ship's ballast tanks, marine pests such as mussels or seastar larvae may inadvertently hitch a ride and then be released into a new environment - an environment that is often free of their major predators. It's been estimated that, at any given moment, 10,000 different species are being moved between various regions around the world in ballast water tanks. The northern Pacific seastar, for example, is a major pest that may have been introduced into Australia via ballast water. This pest is now causing serious problems for our marine environment and industries. Under the new agreement, we will be working closely with the International Maritime Organisation to help further strengthen our ballast water management strategies. The States and Territories and peak shipping industry groups have been consulted every step of the way and are very supportive of the Convention."

Mr Truss said that ballast water management is also a key focus of Australia's National System for the Prevention and Management of Marine Pest Incursions.

"The next step for Australia will be to consider ratifying the Convention, a move many other countries will make as they recognise the seriousness of this growing problem," he said.

More information on the National System is at:

www.daff.gov.au/invasivemarinespecies

Fact sheet available at

www.maff.gov.au/releases/05/ballastfactsheet.doc

Dolphin Mums Teach Daughters to Sponge (Australia)

Source:

www.abc.net.au/science/news/stories/s1385091.htm

7 June 2005

Researchers have seen dolphins using tools for the first time, and they say the practice seems to be passed down

from mother to daughter. Dolphins use a piece of sponge to coax fish out from under the sea floor, the first time material culture, or the use of tools, has been seen in cetaceans.

The international research is published today in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences www.pnas.org.

"It seems highly likely that sponging is culturally transmitted mainly within a matriline, i.e., daughters learn this behaviour from their mothers," reports lead author Dr Michael Krützen, who did the work while studying for his PhD at Australia's University of New South Wales www.unsw.edu.au.

Male dolphins have the same opportunity as their sisters to learn the trick, but apparently have better things to do, he suggests.

Krützen, who is now based at the University of Zurich www.unizh.ch/index.en.html, and colleagues, observed sponging among a group of wild bottlenose dolphins at Shark Bay, off the West Australian coast, between 1988 and 2002.

Some 500 of Shark Bay's 3000 dolphins are well known to researchers, and many of them have devised ingenious ways of catching fish, such as chasing them ashore.

Researchers have seen about 25 dolphins sponging, which involves breaking off a cup-shaped piece of sea sponge and putting it over their rostrum, or nose, while they forage for food.

The team studied 13 spongers, all apparently related, which included only one male...

No Point to Test Tube Sharks if Not Protected in Wild (NSW)

Source: <http://hsi.org.au/>

3 June 2005

The NSW Government's announcement today of a test tube breeding program for the critically endangered grey nurse shark has baffled Humane Society International (HSI) when we have been waiting in vain for the Government to announce sanctuaries for the shark's 13 critical habitat sites in NSW waters.

With less than 500 individuals remaining, scientists say the grey nurse shark could be extinct* on Australia's East Coast within 6 years, which could be before this radical and ambitious breeding program achieves a live birth. The best chance to avoid extinction it is to immediately protect a 1,500m radius around the key aggregation sites from all forms of fishing. HSI has been pleading for this for over five years.

Recreational and commercial fishing and capture in shark control nets are causing, on average, 1 grey nurse death per month.

"There is absolutely no point breeding sharks in test tubes without securing a safe place to release them in the wild. That would be a waste of precious conservation resources", said HSI's Wildlife and Habitat Program Manager, Nicola Beynon.

The NSW Government has listed in law recreational and commercial line fishing in critical habitats as a Key Threatening Process for the grey nurse, but recreational line fishing is still allowed at the sites. The NSW Government has also listed the shark nets on ocean beaches as a Key Threatening Process for the grey nurse, but has not removed them. Two breeding females were killed in the nets on the first day the nets were put in the water for last year's summer season...

Calm Conditions Assist Wave Energy Plant Installation (NSW)

Source:

www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/200506/s1385254.htm

6 June 2005

A wave energy plant has been successfully moved into place off the breakwater at Port Kembla on the New South Wales south coast.

Calm conditions assisted the installation yesterday, four days after the first attempt failed when a tow rope snapped in the large swell.

Energetech Australia founder and executive director Tom Denniss says it is hoped the plant will start generating electricity into the grid within the next week.

"Over the next day or so they will be 'tensioning up' the mooring chains just so the thing is absolutely rock solid in its position, and hopefully Tuesday we'll have had the electrical cable connected and then there's a bit of fine tuning and testing and so on," Dr Denniss said.

Soil Tests to Improve Barrier Reef Waters (Australia)

Source:

www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/200506/s1388058.htm

9 June 2005

Soil quality tests devised by state researchers are expected to improve water quality along the Great Barrier Reef.

Scientists from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines have created two tests to identify the types of soil most likely to leach damaging phosphates into water run-off.

Natural Resources Minister Stephen Robertson has told State Parliament the tests show soils used for horticulture are more likely to lose phosphorous, than soils used for cane farming.

"There's mounting evidence that the most intensively cropped soils in reef catchments are being over fertilised with phosphorous," Mr Robertson said.

"In fact recent estimates show over 85 per cent of cane lands, 75 per cent of vegetable and 35 per cent of fruit tree cropping areas are over fertilized with phosphorous.

"The information being produced by these tests will be of vital importance to landholders and scientists looking at ways to minimise the damaging impact of nutrient-rich sediment on our waterways and the reef," he said.

Australia Caves in to Iceland, Japan and Norway on Marine Protection (Australia/International)

Source: <http://hsi.org.au/>

14 June 2005

In a bad sign for whales, turtles and other marine life, Australia has caved into Iceland, Japan and Norway at an important United Nations meeting to address the management crisis threatening the world's oceans. At UN headquarters in New York on the weekend, governments finalized negotiations over an annual resolution on oceans management to go the UN General Assembly for ratification later this year. The negotiations come at a time when scientists and conservationists are calling for moratoriums on destructive fishing practices jeopardising fish stocks and pushing species like the leatherback turtle and the wandering albatross to the brink of extinction. Humane Society International's delegate at the meeting, Jeff Canin, told the assembled governments that if they want to silence conservationists' calls for moratoriums on destructive fishing practices on the high seas, such as deep sea trawling and long line fishing, the United Nations must facilitate the immediate establishment of marine protected areas to save endangered marine wildlife and their habitats.

In their 2001 election policy, the Coalition Government made a commitment to achieve marine protected areas on the high seas. The Government has been at the forefront of painstaking United Nations negotiations crawling towards this goal.

Early in the New York meeting Australia joined with New Zealand and other countries to propose language that would have seen the United Nations finally call for "area based spatial and temporal measures to protect vulnerable marine ecosystems as a matter of urgency". Predictably, pro-whaling countries Iceland, Japan and Norway opposed the language.

By the end of the meeting Australia was first in line, along with Norway, Iceland and Japan, to propose the deletion of language that noted concerns over destructive fishing practices and helping to water down its own language on marine protected areas. All references to destructive fishing practices, the need for marine protected areas and a sense of urgency were removed from the final resolution.

Century up in the Fight against Illegal Fishing (Australia)

Source: www.mffc.gov.au/releases/2005/05111m.html

12 June 2005

The crackdown on illegal fishing in Australia's northern waters has reached a major milestone with a century of arrests recorded this calendar year.

Australian Fisheries and Conservation Minister Senator Ian Macdonald said an Indonesian vessel was apprehended by HMAS Geraldton on Thursday afternoon north of Mornington Island.

"Reaching the century is a credit to the constant and professional work undertaken by Customs Coastwatch, the Navy and Fisheries officers in patrolling Australia's northern waters," Senator Macdonald said.

"While I would love to be in a position where there are no boats to arrest, the reality is, while Indonesian fishermen are prepared to run the gauntlet and target our well managed fisheries, we have a duty to intercept them.

"This is not just an issue of protecting our fish stocks and our environment, but our borders as well."

The 100 vessels have been captured across Australia's top end off the coast of Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory, while authorities have also seized the gear of 80 other vessels.

The 100 apprehensions have been bolstered by Operation Clearwater last month which saw the arrest of 29 boats over an 11 day period.

Humans Heat the Oceans, Study Finds (International)

Source:

www.abc.net.au/science/news/stories/s1387368.htm

8 June 2005

Human-caused global warming is measurably heating up the oceans, say US and UK researchers.

Calling on more than 7 million temperature readings from different depths in every ocean, the international team compared the realities over the past 40 years to predictions by computer climate models.

They discovered that the only way they could get the models to act like the real oceans was to add a human-induced greenhouse effect.

"I think this is the most compelling [data] yet," says Dr Tim Barnett of Scripps Institution of <http://sio.ucsd.edu/> Oceanography at the University of California <http://www.ucsd.edu/>, San Diego.

Barnett is lead author of the paper, published in the current issue of the journal Science

<http://www.sciencemag.org>

Barnett and his colleagues played devil's advocate with eight different computer climate models, tweaking them to try and see if they could make the warming trend appear in the oceans without a greenhouse effect. But nothing worked.

"This present work is different in that it does not attempt to quantify this imbalance, but to attribute it to a specific cause," says Tim Boyer, oceanographer with the Ocean Climate Laboratory at the National Oceanographic Data Centre. <http://www.nodc.noaa.gov/>

Previous studies have looked at ocean warming with more of an eye towards measuring it, says Boyer.

In fact, the oceans have been delaying the rapid increases in air temperatures from the greenhouse effect by absorbing a lot of heat, Boyer says.

The greenhouse effect is what happens when the atmosphere becomes richer in carbon dioxide and other

gases that hold on to heat instead of letting it dissipate into space.

The danger of warming oceans is their unpredictability. Oceans operate as a heat sink; water retains heat longer than air, and oceans can also move heat into the depths, only to bring it back up decades or centuries later.

In the deep ocean, water may not return to the surface for thousands of years, says Boyer.

"If it returns to the surface in an area where the water is warmer than the air, heat will be released from the ocean to the atmosphere," he says.

For this reason, and others, it's hard to predict the exact climatic consequences of ocean heating, says Boyer.

What is certain, says Barnett, is that there will be consequences.

Barrier Reef Fish Survey Set for Expansion (Great Barrier Reef)

Source:

www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/200506/s1395158.htm

18 June 2005

A survey into fish numbers in the Great Barrier Reef is to be expanded. The Queensland Fisheries Minister Henry Palaszczuk says surveys of coral reef fin fish have already been completed off Lizard Island and Bowen. New monitoring will start this month between Gladstone and the Swain Reefs off Central Queensland, and Cooktown in the far north. Mr Palaszczuk says the surveys will collect important information.

"What our scientists are trying to do is collect information on things like catch rates, sizes, age, and also the composition of the species of all the fish targeted by the fishery," he said.

"This information will be invaluable in determining the ecologically sustainable levels of these fish species for future generations of Queensland."

Japan Loses Whaling Bid (International)

Source:

www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/200506/s1397268.htm

21 June 2005

Japan has failed in its bid to resume commercial whaling during a vote at the International Whaling Commission (IWC) meeting in Ulsan, South Korea. Twenty-nine countries voted against, with 23 supporting the plan. Japan had presented a proposal to the IWC for an eventual return to commercial catches. The whaling lobby yesterday failed to garner a simple majority to introduce secret ballots, which conservationists feared would favour the pro-whaling countries. The Japanese plan had hinged on a so-called revised management scheme, on which the commission has been trying to agree for more than a decade.

It outlines how whaling should be managed, if a 19-year ban is lifted. Japan kills around 650 whales annually under its so-called scientific program, which is allowed despite the moratorium on commercial catches. Federal Environment Minister Senator Ian Campbell has

welcomed the Commission's decision. He has told ABC Radio he plans to use the momentum from today's decision to move a motion at the Commission tomorrow to stop Japan from commercial whaling under the guise of science.

"To basically say to Japan in very clear terms that blowing up whales, destroying them with explosives and slicing them up and selling them in Japanese whale restaurants, is not science," he said...

Hi-Tech Military Sonar Systems 'are Killing Britain's Whales and Dolphins' (UK)

Source:

<http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/environment/story.jsp?story=648011>

19 June 2005

As mass strandings of whales increase around the world, new evidence shows naval equipment may be to blame. Whales and dolphins are being killed around Britain's coasts by military sonar equipment, new research suggests. The research on corpses of stranded whales, at the Zoological Society of London, indicates that they have suffered a kind of decompression sickness after surfacing too fast when the sonar interferes with their navigation systems. Tomorrow an alliance of more than 30 conservation and animal welfare groups, including the WWF and the RSPCA, will hand in a petition to the Secretary of State for Defence, John Reid, demanding an inquiry.

Mass strandings of whales have been increasing around the world, and there is growing evidence that modern military sonar, designed to detect the latest ultra-quiet submarines, is responsible. Two years ago a judge ordered the US Navy to suspend trials of a low-frequency sonar system amid fears that it was causing the beaching of whales in the Bahamas. And the Spanish government introduced a sonar exclusion zone around the Canary Islands after whales were stranded during Nato naval exercises in 2002...

Recreational Fishing Community Grants Program (Australia)

www.daff.gov.au/recfishinggrants

During the 2004 election campaign, the Government announced a \$15 million Recreational Fishing Community Grants Programme. The funding of \$5 million per year over three years is to support local initiatives to enhance the fishing experience, increase participation and capture the flow-on benefits to the economy, particularly smaller local economies.

Beneficiaries of these grants will be recreational fishers and families, regional and local communities, tourism operators and the general public.

The program is to have a stand-alone identity, with its own panel, eligibility criteria, assessment and reporting arrangements. Grants of up to \$100,000 will be available

to community groups for a range of purposes, including, but not limited to: for improvements to infrastructure such as artificial reefs to attract fish and improving tracks/paths used by recreational fishers to access fishing spots; to support local initiatives to enhance recreational fishing, such as restocking fish in inland waterways; to protect the environment at the water's edge by, for example, protecting sensitive habitats; to establish and upgrade volunteer marine rescue groups and associated infrastructure; and for education and awareness raising projects such as biofouling, aquatic pest translocation, increasing survival rates of released fish, and sensitive species.

Objectives

The program will seek to: enhance sustainable resource use and fishing practices by recreational fishers; develop a sense of ownership, awareness and responsibility amongst recreational fishers for the sustainable use of fish resources and fish habitats; maintain or enhance fish habitats for present and future generations; and develop partnerships between governments, the recreational fishing community, and associated industries to conserve, restore and enhance the values of recreational fisheries throughout Australia.

The programme is to be consistent with, support and build on the 'National Code of Practice for Recreational and Sport Fishing 2001' and the 'Recreational Fishing in Australia - A National Policy 1994'.

It is expected that the first round of the programme will be launched in July 2005.

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Newsletter Editor – July Newsletter

Please join me in welcoming back Ray for next months newsletter. I can now honestly say it really does take an amount of work to put it together – but I'm happy to do it again.

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FISHTAG 2005



TARGET: 2005 FISH TAGGED IN 53 HOURS

DATES: Friday (Noon) 22 July 2005 till Sunday (5.00pm) 24 July 2005.

PURPOSE: To provide ANSA Qld. Inc. members the opportunity to assist current research projects by catching, tagging and releasing a large number of fish over a short period within pre determined areas. Information gained from Catch Effort and Hooking as well as tagging will support research conducted under the Suntag program and the Released Fish Survival Project.

ANSA Queensland Inc. has received funding under the Recreational Fisheries Grants Program for this event. An amount of \$3000 has been provided to cover the cost of tags, 70% of which will be for gun tags and the remainder for spear tags. There should be an ample supply of tags for all clubs wishing to participate this year.

TARGET SPECIES

PRIMARY: Yellowfin bream, dusky flathead, snapper, sand whiting, largemouth nannygai, small mouth nannygai, red emperor, redthroat emperor, spangled emperor, grass emperor, barcheck coral trout and common coral trout.

SECONDARY: All other species on the tagging priority lists. A new species list applies for 2005/06 and is available from www.info-fish.net.

NOTICE: It is very important that all participants complete full Fishing trip sheets using form **QF0026** to ensure maximum information is provided for research purposes in connection with the Released Fish Survival Projects. Electronic and paper versions of the form are available. Need to record the following information:

- Water depth
- Bleeding
- Injury
- Hook location
- Hook left in fish
- Hook type
- Hook size
- Barbed or barbless
- Number of hooks
- Lure/Bait size
- Lure/Bait Description
- Line Type
- Line Class

LOCATIONS: All Queensland waters.
Clubs are encouraged to select specific locations within their areas to target numbers of the selected species.

BRISBANE:

DPI&F research staff from the Southern Fisheries Centre, Deception Bay, are particularly hopeful that Fishtag 2005 will succeed in catching good numbers of dusky flathead and secondary target species. Dr Ian Brown (Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries) is collaborating with Dr Jeremy Lyle (Tasmanian Aquaculture and Fisheries Institute) in a project to determine how hook damage affects the survival rates of flathead. Jeremy's group of researchers and volunteer anglers has already conducted survival experiments on captive sand flathead, and Ian is hoping that anglers participating in Fishtag 2005 will provide sufficient duskies for a similar experiment in Queensland.

This operation will focus on the Jumpinpin area, with captured and tagged dusky flathead being transported to seawater tanks at Sea World for observation over a period of 3-4 days. After the experimental period, surviving fish (with tags in place) will be released into the Southport Broadwater. It is most important that the appropriate capture details (hook type, point of lodgement, and extent/type of hook damage) are recorded accurately to make these experiments statistically reliable.

A similar project, also funded by the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation, is targeting the secondary (tropical reef) species listed above. Headed up by Dr Ian Brown, this project involves collaboration with the Reef CRC and also comes under the umbrella of the National Strategy for the Survival of Released Line-Caught Fish. Any tagged fish of these species that are released will contribute to the growing pool of fish whose catch and treatment histories are known, and will help to identify the effects of different levels of hook damage and types of barotrauma treatment on their survival. For further information on the National Strategy, visit the Released Fish Survival website (www.info-fish.net/releasefish/). Details of the reef fish survival and Tasmanian flathead projects can be found on www.dpi.qld.gov.au/far/13522.html and www.utas.edu.au/tafi respectively.

PARTICIPANTS: All members of ANSA Queensland Inc.

Clubs are encouraged to make this weekend an organised club event. Members may wish to travel to one of the target locations to allow maximum time on the water during this period. This event could be utilised as a social occasion also, and allow members and their families to participate together in an ANSA activity. Some clubs may wish to utilise the same camp ground or general area so that they can increase their involvement and enjoyment during this weekend.

This weekend has been picked to increase the likelihood of maximum numbers of fish being located at this time of the year (in South-east Queensland). Yellowfin bream will be schooled up in the target locations at this time of the year and night time fishing under the full moon mean big numbers of fish could be tagged. Afternoon low tides will give members good opportunity to target flathead in the creeks and estuaries and snapper will be on the offshore reefs at this time of the year in South East Queensland.

As an added incentive, a small number of prizes will be available for participants in this event. These prizes will be drawn by "Lucky Draw" after all results are forwarded to Infofish Services. Everyone member who tags a fish in this event will stand an equal chance of being a lucky winner from their participation.

Club Tagging Officers should ensure their club has an ample tag supply prior to this weekend to ensure all members who wish to participate have enough tags to do so.

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Month	Dates	Species	Water Body	Nearest Town	Trip Captain	Trip Captain Contact Number	Remarks
July	Sat/Sun 23-24	Flathead Bream	Jumpinpin	Jacobs Well	John Cumberland	3801 1110	<i>FISHTAG 2005 + Special Research Trip to assist DPI - Participants MUST register in advance with John Cumberland.</i>
July	29-30- 31	Luderick	Pottsville	Pottsville	Ray Bricknell	3287 2668	<i>Special week long trip for those interested, culminating on the weekend.</i>
August	26-27- 28th	Bass	Bjelke Petersen Dam	Murgon	John Cumberland	3801 1110	
September	24-25	Flathead Bream	Tweed River	Chinderah	John Cumberland	3801 1110	
October	14-15- 16	Bass	Somerset Dam	Kilcoy	Chris Eldred	3344 2605	<i>Dates to be confirmed.</i>
October	Late Oct	Murray Cod	Severn River	Stanthorpe	John Cumberland	3801 1110	<i>Depends on member support - may possibly be cancelled.</i>
November	11th - 18th	Bass	Maroon or Moogarah Dam	TBC	John Eldred	3344 2605	
November - December	25 Nov to 2 Dec	Barramundi & Bass	Lake Monduran	Gin Gin	Ray Bricknell	3287 2668	Need to book cabin or holiday house accommodation ASAP.
December	9-10- 11th	Barra & Bass	Lenthall's Dam	Maryborough	Chris Eldred	3344 2605	
Christmas Function	17-Dec	With Partners	TBA				