



AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION, (WA DIVISION) INC.



DELEGATES' MEETING

**Held at Sports Association WA, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley
Tuesday 17TH August 2010 at 7.30 pm**

MINUTES

1. OPEN MEETING

Pat Shinnick opened the meeting.

2. PRESENT

Pat Shinnick, LAC
George Holman, SCAC
James Strong, Denmark AC & Patron
Jason Pember, Melville Angling Club
Terry Fuller, SCAC
Gary Evans, Mindarie & Districts Sea Sports Club
Ian Cook, SCAC
Chas Riegert, OSAC South Coastal

John Crompton, Esperance Surfcasters
Don Cox, Melville
Russell Bunce, FAAC
Marcia Pekaar, Northampton AC
Peter Pekaar, Geraldton AC
Peter Stoeckel, Beachcombers
Paul Frzop, Hillarys Yacht Club
Kevin Murphy, MAAC

3. APOLOGIES

Diane McDonough Secretary/Treasurer
Paul Longo, Perth Offshore Boating
Warren Usher, Mandurah Offshore Fishing Club

Des McClean, Mandurah Offshore Fishing Club
Joe Horvath, OSAC

4. VISITORS

John Palmer, Mandurah Offshore Fishing Club
Vi Palmer, Mandurah Offshore Fishing Club
John Curtis, SCAC
Laurie Birchall, OSAC
Carolyn Benniman, OSAC

John Benniman, OSAC
Martin Humbert, OSAC
Paul Greenway, Melville AC
Mark Hansen, Beachcombers
Greg Walker, Beachcombers

5. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES

Nil

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

7. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES

Nil. It was moved by James Strong and seconded by Don Cox that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Terry Fuller advised that a meeting had been held to finalise the financials from the Wallaroo Convention and there are amounts to be paid to individuals totalling \$712.59 which have been added to the accounts for payment. Individuals are also to be sent accounts for amounts totalling \$275.25 A copy of the minutes were made available to delegates at the meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS (BY MAIL)

Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA	Return of Champion of Champions Angling Club Perpetual Trophy
Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA	Reel Talk
Sam Crock	Application for Record Fish Capture (emailed to I Cook)

EMAILS RECEIVED

Terry Fuller Recfishwest report and Dry Casting Notice of Motion for minutes of July Delegates meeting
Terry Fuller Bob Henderson address
Pat Shinnick Correspondence out
Terry Fuller Updated Recfishwest report for minutes of July Delegates meeting
Kalbarri Signs Re: KALBARRI OFFSHORE & ANGLING CLUB INC - AFFILIATION WITH AAAWA
Terry Fuller In reply to your question:- NOTICE OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2010/11
Terry Fuller Ref your comments about the version of AAAWA Constitution on the AAA website
Pat Shinnick NEW CLUB DETAILS
Yvette Reel News No. 9 Request for recreational fishing opinions on demersal scalefish allocations
L BIRCHALL AAA Delegate
diana hawkins Accommodation
Terry Fuller Further update of Recfishwest report for minutes of July Delegates meeting
Pat Shinnick FW: beachcombers info
Medianet Operations Fremantle and Mandurah Meetings on Catch Allocations
Pat Shinnick RE: Trophies for club person of year
Jenny Travis Media Release - Catch Allocation Meetings
Pat Shinnick RE: LETTER TO BOB HENDERSON
Pat Shinnick FW: AAAWA Champion Angler of year trophies
Richard Siudak National Records Listings and Claim Forms
John Crompton AAA Proxy Delegates
Jennie Stoeckel Request for numbers
Pember, Jason RE: Request for numbers
Robert FW:
Con Costa DSR funding
Yvette Reel News No. 9 Request for recreational fishing opinions on demersal scalefish allocations
Terry Fuller Re: Reel News No. 9 Request for recreational fishing opinions on demersal scalefish allocations
Pat Shinnick Report from National Convention
Pat Shinnick FW: George Holman's report, as requested
Pat Shinnick Presidents report and Angler of Year presentation.
mark hansen notice of motion in the Reel Talk
Medianet Operations Extra metro meeting on demersal catch allocations
Pat Shinnick FW: ELECTION IMPERATIVE
Con Costa Media statement - Public to comment on new direction for management of State's fisheries
Pat Shinnick AGM Info

EMAILS SENT

jenspirit@bigpond.com APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION
Address book AAAWA DELEGATES MEETING
Address book NOTICE OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2010/11
Terry Fuller Procedures For Calculation Of Overall And Div Angler Of The Year, Etc
Pat Shinnick Re: KALBARRI OFFSHORE & ANGLING CLUB INC - AFFILIATION WITH AAAWA
Pat Shinnick Letter To Bob Henderson
Address book Aaawa Delegates Meeting 20th July=Minutes
Address book Agm, Angler Of The Year And August Delegates' Meeting
Terry Fuller Fw: National Records Listings and Claim Forms
Ian Cook APPLICATION FOR RECORD FISH CAPTURE
John Crompton Re: AAA Proxy Delegates
Pat Shinnick, Terry Fuller Fw: Reel News No. 9 Request for recreational fishing opinions on demersal scalefish allocations
Address book Request for recreational fishing opinions on demersal scalefish allocations
Con Costa Re: DSR funding
Pat Shinnick MINUTES OF THE 2009 AGM
Address book Fw: Media statement - Public to comment on new direction for management of State's fisheries

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Nil. It was proposed by Chas Riegert and seconded by Peter Stoeckel that the correspondence be accepted.

11. TREASURERS REPORT

General Account Balance \$ 20179.77	Carnival Account Balance \$1684.44
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Income for August 2010

Jeff Mouritz Gas & Air	Sponsorship State Boat Champs 2010	250.00
Total		250.00

Accounts for payment August 2010

Diane McDonough	Secretariat	\$500.00
Post Office	Stationery and stamps	66.50
Telstra	Phone Bill	58.06
Aylmore & Assoc	Annual Audit Fee	495.00
WA Sports Federation	Membership Fee	99.00
Graham S Knight & Assoc	Liability insurance	691.00
Paul Frzop	Reimbursement – gift	105.00
Bev Grigo	Refund of payment made for Wallaroo trip in 2009*	50.00
Mark & Wendy Hansen	Refund of payment made for Wallaroo trip in 2009*	43.59
Trevor Stam	Refund of payment made for Wallaroo trip in 2009*	10.46
Ian Cook	Refund of payment made for Wallaroo trip in 2009*	10.46
Peter & Marcia Pekaar	Refund of payment made for Wallaroo trip in 2009*	168.97
Peter Pekaar	Reimbursement of expenses for P Pekaar and G Holman to attend the mid Term meeting– South West Rocks NSW (air fares, accommodation, car hire, etc)	2,036.52
George Holman	Reimbursement of AAA Affiliation Fees paid in cash whilst at Mid Term Meeting	50.00
Sam Crock	Refund of Record Application	\$10.00
Total		\$4,394.56

* Other participants entitled to refunds (A Jones, G Holman, G Gildersleeves, M Head and B Henderson) have donated their refunds to the AAAWA Carnival Account).

It was moved by Ian Cook and seconded by James Strong that the Treasurers report be accepted and the accounts passed for payment.

12. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

President's Report

See AGM report

Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

Jason Pember is still waiting to get further information about the State Estuary Championships. They have had trouble getting organised but hopefully this will be resolved shortly.

Boating Report

A meeting to be held on Tuesday 24th August at the MAAC club.

Dry Casting Report

George Holman advised that Bob Henderson had gone through the trailer and listed the equipment needed, including six safety helmets and two reels for ropes. George sought delegate approval for these expenses and approval was granted unanimously. George will hold a meeting for the Casting group on Monday 6th September at 8 pm to finalise arrangements. Nomination forms will be available for distribution at that time for the Dry Casting event.

Recfishwest report for AAA Delegates Meeting 17 August 2010

West Coast Demersal Scalefish Public Consultation Meetings.

As advised in my report for July, the Department of Fisheries has released of a draft report on allocation of West Coast demersal fish species for the commercial and recreational sectors. The independent Integrated Fisheries Allocation Advisory Committee (IFAAC) has considered what proportion of the harvest



should be allocated to the commercial, recreational and customary fishing sectors. These allocations will underpin the future management of the demersal scalefish resource on the West Coast.

Recfishwest and IFAAC have held public meetings to provide information to the recreational fishing sector about these developments. These meetings presented an opportunity for the recreational sector to provide feedback to IFAAC before the process is finalised. A summary of some of the views and concerns of the recreational fishing community as gauged by Recfishwest at recent well attended public meetings on this topic is:-

General:

- Need to get this right as it is a very important fishery for the recreational sector.
- Social and economic aspects have been considered in the allocation process but have not been taken into account in the actual allocation.
- The 2005/06 data is deemed to be outdated and many attendees have questioned why more recent data has not been used. Many would like to know what proportions more recent data would indicate.
- Allocations are based on the assumption that the relative proportions of the catch between sectors will remain the same into the future.
- There is no provision or thought about changing value (social or economic) of particular species within the suite. This assumption would appear wrong based on examples in other fisheries where the catch of certain species is significantly influenced by demand.
- Social values and changes in recreational fisher behaviour are very difficult to predict.

Specific:

- It is not apparent how much of the commercial 2005/06 catch was taken by boats that did not receive any entitlement in the future fishery (i.e. 1250 boats had 'wetline' entitlement in 2005/06, 239 reported catch, currently 61 have this entitlement).
- The 119 tonnes of commercial catch taken in 2005/06 from the metropolitan area has not been taken into account in the allocation process. Many believe that the Minister at the time explicitly reallocated this resource to the recreational sector and as such this amount should be added to the recreational allocation in calculating shares.
- 2005/06 was the fifth consecutive year that the commercial wetline fleet were catching above the proposed target range of the fishery. The target catch of this fishery was set at 558 - 798 tonnes in 1999/00. Can the commercial allocation therefore be based on catch levels above this acceptable limit? Catches of all 3 indicator species (dhufish at 181 tonnes, pink snapper at 278 tonnes and baldchin groper at 34 tonnes) exceeded their target catch ranges in 2005/06.
- The Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery is included in the allocation process. This is a Commonwealth managed fishery which operates outside of the 200m isobath. The management of this fishery is outside the jurisdiction of the WA Dept of Fisheries. In 2005/06 this fishery caught 5.04t of scalefish, however in 2004/05 their catch was 67 t of scalefish (mixed species.) and in 2001/01 it was 243 t. One of the issues is that the Commonwealth does not release detailed catch information.

Ongoing Management:

- The capacity of the Dept of Fisheries to collect and publicise timely data with the level of accuracy needed to manage this suite of species with this type of management framework has been constantly questioned. For example, we are currently waiting on 07/08, 08/09, 09/10 creel survey data. Furthermore past creel surveys have been shown to be inaccurate such as in the case of the adjustments needed in the 2005/06 fish survey and in the Peel-Harvey Crab estimates.
- Mechanisms of reallocation under IFM have not been developed and remain unclear.
- There are far too many variables to undertake this form of management on such a large suite of species. For example, recruitment between species and within species between years varies greatly, this fishery is spread over a very large geographical area in which species are not uniformly distributed.
- Recreational sector's faith in IFM has been tested with Rock Lobster. Some of the guiding principles have been overlooked in relation to recreational restriction within this fishery.

The RFW Board has considered some distinct and easily understood options, with their pros and cons, coming from the public and the Board's opinions. Accepting the current allocation proposal is not considered acceptable, so was dismissed as an option.

1. IFM is suitable for West Coast Demersal Scalefish, and put forward a case for **greater allocation** of the resource to recreational fishermen.
2. IFM is **not suitable** for the **whole** suite of species and/or across the **whole** bioregion, so undertake IFM on **key species** only (i.e. Dhufish and Snapper) or in **specific region** only.
3. IFM is **not suitable** for the management of **any** West Coast Demersal Scalefish at the **current** time. Implies defer IFM not abandon.

A likely position is a merging of options 2 and 3. That is, IFM later on a limited range of species, in less than the full West Coast region, when more recent recreational catch data is published and when consideration of the outstanding points above can be included.

Recfishwest will prepare a draft of its submission and will publish that by the end of August for recreational fishers' comments to help develop the final submission.

This is a very complicated topic, with some very important principles which must be used properly.

The West Coast demersal allocation will have a significant effect on the most important recreational fishery for many Western Australian fishers over a big area, and will very likely set precedents for many other important fisheries in all parts of WA.

Final submissions to IFAAC close **30 September 2010**. An extended deadline has been arranged but some documents don't show that.

Publications:-

- (1) Integrated Fisheries Management Draft Allocation Report - West Coast Demersal Scalefish
<http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/mp/mp237/index.php?0602> and
- (2) Integrated Fisheries Management Report West Coast Demersal Scalefish Resource
<http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/mp/mp247/index.php?0706>

This report has been prepared by Terry Fuller, your Recfishwest Board Member for the Australian Anglers Association working voluntarily on your behalf. Contact Terry on 9447 4545 or email terryfuller@inet.net.au with any questions or comments.

Business Arising from RFW Report

Nil

Records Officer Report

- Last month Ian Cook processed an application for a new record (Bald Chin Groper) but has since discovered a previous record which was approved in 2003 which is bigger (7.125 kg) than that recently processed. As a result he will apologise in writing to the applicant and the Secretary will refund the application fee of \$10.00.
- Ian will provide information regarding the 2003 record to Terry Fuller for updating the AAAWA website. He will also go through every single record on file to ensure that accurate and up to date records are published on the website.
- Ian is missing a records folder and would like to make contact with Adam Eastman. Pat Shinnick will provide Ian with this information.

AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS' ASSOCIATION MID-TERM MEETING REPORT George Holman- Senior Vice-President AAAWA

The mid-term meeting of the Australian Anglers' Association was held on 26 July 2010 at South West Rocks Country Club in NSW. Our two representatives attending were George Holman and Peter Pekaar. Peter's wife, Marcia, also attended as an observer. All five States had two delegates present, and Graeme Dawber, Delegate for New Zealand, attended along with his wife, Anne.

The NSW Division had just completed its bi-annual State Convention at this location over the previous week in all four divisions – boat, beach, estuary, and casting. Good fish were caught for example tailor 5.02 kg, bream 1.32 kg, mulloway 12.12 kg, and a bar cod of 20.41 kg. The casting was well attended at the local private airstrip and nine State Records were bettered – Sub-Junior 172 DH Accuracy; 114.24m Art Bait, and 119.78m 112g distance; Ladies 131.47m 112g distance, and 108.18m Art Bait; Super Vet 136.68m 112g Art Bait; and 153.2m 112g Distance; and Veterans 182.34m 112g distance. Ian Cameron cast 208.48m 112g distance, which will be submitted for a National record. This was also used as a trial run for next year's National Convention.

Robert Smith (Federal President) chaired proceedings and tabled his report which concluded with:

- Where does our future head?
- Is our fishing as "AAA or State Divisions" a sport?
- Do you want it to continue?
- Do we need to change our outlook or expectations?

- Should we become an NSO – National Sporting Organisation, which has many benefits but no independence and plenty of down sides?

A lot of debate was had and it was pointed out that only three States – NSW, Queensland, and possibly SA – were able to conduct National Conventions which meant they were now expected to run a convention every six years instead of ten because WA and Victoria were not in a position to run them. Queensland pointed out they worked on a budget of \$100,000 which included their State Liability insurance of \$23,000. Sponsors were becoming very hard to find as firms like Alvey were under pressure and Schneider Glass rods have just shut their doors.

All Delegates present are aware of the need for efficient fisheries management due to dwindling fish stocks. However, there is a general fear amongst fishers that the actions of over zealous conservationists could influence an upward trend in the number of marine parks which in turn will lower the opportunity for recreational fishing in the future.

The decision will be made at the convention meeting at the convention next year, but in the meantime the States and New Zealand are to look at what they want, where they want to go, and if there are alternatives.

For the convention competition next year, NSW pointed out they can cover people from WA for a fee of around \$11 under their policy. We received a receipt for our \$50 affiliation fee for the last 12 months and I paid for the next 12 months whilst at the meeting.

WA Division (Richard Siudak) was given the job of National Records Authority even though there was a member from Queensland wishing to take the job over.

It was pointed out that record applications must be accompanied by the appropriate fee or they will not be processed. They must also be tabled through their State Division and then passed on so the relevant State knows and authorises the processing of records through their State Records to be kept up-to-date on the WA web site. A further \$200 was granted to the records authority to help meet their costs.

It was also confirmed that fish may be caught anywhere in Australian Territorial Waters.

The Notice of Motion from SA saw the number of conventions to qualify under “Criteria for Certificates” an applicant has to have participated in at least five (5) Conventions. The need to have contributed to the hosting of a Convention was dropped as it was pointed out that there are now two States and New Zealand which would not be able to qualify. The need to have provided service in their own State Division stands. This is for the achievement of a Certificate of Honour or a Certificate of Appreciation or the like. The wording of each certificate will be decided at the meeting granting the award.

The Notice of Motion to qualify for a National Casting record that WA put was lost. A caster can only receive a national casting record by competing in a State or National Casting Championship. It was pointed out that a fish record can be caught anywhere any time!!

The motion “To be eligible to compete as a Junior participant shall be under the age of SEVENTEEN (17) years on the first day scheduled for competition” was carried.

The motion to standardise the casting weights “56g light blue, 84g white, and 112g black” was carried.

The wording was altered for the sending of minutes to each State to read: Two (2) copies of all minutes, at least one (1) to be hard copy on A4 paper, shall be forwarded to each State Division.

WA Division delegates to be reimbursed part of their air fares which are worked out on the lowest air fares available at the time of the convention.

NSW presented the proposed 2011 Championship Programme and Venue which will be held at South West Rocks from 26 July to 11 August 2011. The boat launching for both ocean and estuary is close to the main centre and I know Peter and Marcia couldn't believe the size and quality of their estuaries, not to mention the beaches which were available to be fished presenting both good beach and rock areas. Their coastline is completely different to ours with great estuaries everywhere and foliage nearly to the water on some of their beaches.

The headquarters venue at the Country Club at South West Rocks is first class.

The problem we have for our casters is they haven't decided on the casting location as yet, as it could be at Port Macquarie near the airport or a private air strip near Smokey Cape (where the NSW State event was cast), several kilometres from South West Rocks, or at the Kempsey air strip, about 35 kilometres from South West Rocks.

The other hurdle is that the casting is on the Monday and Tuesday before the Thursday night Presentation Dinner and convention meeting earlier that day. This will require a good deal of organising and co-operation in the lead up to this event.

Robert Hawes made available Edition 3 of the AAA Archives on disc to each State. His wife, Rosemary, is not enjoying good health at the moment and best wishes were sent by the Delegates to her because both have been major contributors to AAA Nationals for many years.

I would like to thank Peter and Marcia Pekaar for their involvement, attendance and company for this convention representing our State, and I hope they enjoyed the experience as I did their company.

Trophy Officer

No report

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

Proposed changes to AAAWA State Dry Casting Rules.

At the July meeting it was proposed by Terry Fuller that the following changes be made to the AAAWA State Dry Casting Rules (seconded by Ian Cook)

These proposed changes are to specify and clarify the requirement for plastic tube, leaders and pompoms to align them (as far as possible) with the corresponding Dry Casting Rules in the March 2009 version of National AAA General Competition Rules.

The wording and section changes proposed here are to integrate these provisions into the AAAWA rules and remove duplications or inconsistencies as far as possible, but see notes.

Note 1. National rules do **NOT** permit leaders for 56 gram and 112 gram events, and leaders are allowed but optional in Double handed accuracy. Leaders are inherently required in Artificial bait rigs.

Note 2. WA previously made a decision that leaders are required in 56 gram, 112 gram and naturally in Artificial bait, and leaders are allowed but optional in Double handed accuracy. This version does not change that.

Note 3. National rules require plastic tubing for 56 gram, 112 gram and Artificial bait. Requirement for tubing for Artificial bait has been added to WA rules in this version. It is understood plastic tubing has been used in recent years' AAAWA events.

Note 4. National rules C12 says "*providing the total weight, including pompom, does not exceed 112 grams.*" This provision has not been included in these proposed changes.

Replace three sections in the current (October 2007) version numbered and headed

3.5.4 Artificial Bait Rigs,

3.3.5 Double Handed Accuracy Rigs and

3.5.6 56 gram and 112 gram Level Line Distance Rigs

with the following five proposed sections.

3.5.4 Breaking strain of leaders

Breaking strain of all leaders must be no more than 50 kg, must be of monofilament line, with only one clip, one loop, and/or one swivel to be used.

3.5.5 Plastic tubing

Plastic tubing must be used for 112 gram, 56 gram and Artificial bait level line distance events. The plastic tubing shall be of a soft flexible material, of minimum length of 200 mm and maximum length of 250 mm. The diameter shall be minimum 2.5 mm inside diameter to 4.5 mm maximum outside diameter. Colour must be flouro pink.

3.5.6 Artificial Bait rigs

Plastic tubing must be used for Artificial bait level line distance events. The Artificial bait shall be made of wooden doweling 90.0 mm long and 13.0 mm in diameter. It shall be attached to a swivel, ring or dropper loop

by a line of minimum length of 230 mm. The length of the leader to the weight must be less than 1000 mm. The weight must hang completely under the dowel. Weights may be up to 112 grams. No modifications are allowed to the dowel other than painting or identification. No other modifications are allowed to the artificial bait rig, for example rings to control the bait.

3.5.7 56 gram and 112 gram level line distance rigs

Plastic tubing must be used for 112 gram and 56 gram level line distance events. Leaders are required in level line distance events and may be up to a maximum of 350 mm long. 56 or 84 gram weights may also be used for 112 gram events.

3.5.8 Double handed accuracy rigs.

A visual aid in the form of a pompom must be used for double handed accuracy events. Pompoms shall be dark in colour with a maximum overall length of 100 mm and a minimum overall length of 50 mm and consist of a minimum of thirty (30) strands of 8-ply wool or equivalent. Pompoms may be securely attached to the casting weight with any method of fastening such as a clip, a swivel/clip combination, a solid or a split ring, monofilament line, thread or wire. Any such item used for fastening which does not form an inline or weight bearing part of the leader shall not count for the application of rule 3.5.4. Leaders are permitted in Double handed accuracy events and may be a maximum of 250 mm long. Weights may be up to 112 grams.

Delegates discussed the motion and will vote on it at the September 2010 meeting.

14. CLOSE MEETING

Meeting closed at 9.06 pm and was followed immediately by the AGM.

15. NEXT MEETING: 21st September 2010 at 7.30 pm.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010-2012

2010	
October	• Dry Casting Competition Sunday 31 st October 2010 at Yokine Reserve
November	• Estuary event 27 th / 28 th November. Swan & Canning Rivers/Cockburn Sound.
2011	
March	• State Boating Championships. To be held at Hillarys, hosted by Marmion Angling & Aquatic Club.
March	• 5 th , 6 th & 7 th March. Beach and Rock event at Cheynes Beach Caravan Park, boundaries Bremer Bay river mouth to Albany Harbour Jetty. • State Boating Championships hosted by Marmion Aquatic and Angling Club on the 26 th March 2011.
October	• Beach & Rock event at Port Gregory. Boundaries Kalbarri to Bowes River Mouth.

Events can be added to this Calender by contacting the Secretary:

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