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**ANGLER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

SECTION		NAME	CLUB	TOTAL(%)
<b>INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION</b>				
Men's	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jason Pember	Melville	267.16
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Glen Hillary	MAAC	199.14
Ladies	1 <sup>st</sup>	Caroline Benniman	OSAC Beach	229.72
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sharon Smith	Melville	189.82
Vets	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mick Burgin	Melville	244.63
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Peter Osbourne	Surfcasters	195.23
Juniors	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mitchel Bell	ORSSC	196.8
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tyla Gillespie	ORSSC	148.15
Minis	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ben Pullella	Fremantle	231.68
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael Pullella	Fremantle	158.93
Super Vets	1 <sup>st</sup>	Trevor Stam	Surfcasters	100
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jeffery Trew	Fremantle	100
<b>OVERALL ANGLER</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jason Pember	Melville	266.41
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Glen Hillary	MAAC	198.38
<b>CHAMPION CLUB</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Fremantle		239.25
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	ORSSC		235.11

**DELEGATES' MEETING**

**Held at Sports Association WA, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley  
Tuesday 20<sup>TH</sup> September 2011 at 7.30 pm**

**MINUTES**

**1. OPEN MEETING**

The meeting opened at 8.10 and John Curtis welcomed all delegates.

**2. PRESENT**

Don Cox, Melville Amateur Angling Club  
Peter Pekaar, Proxy Geraldton AC  
Marcia Pekaar, Proxy Northampton AC  
Joe Horvath – OSAC Perth Beach  
Kevin Murphy, Marmion Angling &  
Aquatic Club  
James Strong, Proxy – Denmark Angling  
& Boating Club

John Crompton, Proxy – Surfcasters  
Esperance  
Terry Fuller, SCAC  
George Holman, SCAC  
John Curtis, President  
Richard Siudak – Independent Delegate  
Jason Pember – Melville  
Pat Shinnick - LAAC  
Diane McDonough, Secretary/Treasurer

**1. APOLOGIES**

Paul Longo, Russell Bunce, Peter Stoeckel

**2. VISITORS**

Glen Hillary, MAAC

**3. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES**

Mark Hansen, Proxy - Beachcombers

#### 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Delegates Council and AGM Minutes have been circulated. It was moved by George Holman and seconded by James Strong that both sets of minute be accepted as an accurate record.

#### 5. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES

Terry Fuller referred to the Draft Management Plan referred to in the August minutes saying that the size of the marine parks quoted was incorrect and misleading, as there are a number of marine reserves in the area. This should be altered to read:

- *One major misunderstanding is the extent of the areas covered by the current proposals. Many people are unnecessarily concerned about fishing being affected in that whole area, but the reality is very different, at least for the Commonwealth proposals.*
- *It is correct that the Commonwealth South-west Marine **Region** covers from Kalbarri to Kangaroo Island, but not all of this is proposed for any Marine Protected Areas or restrictions.*
- *The actual areas proposed to be MPAs (by the Commonwealth Government proposals which were out for comment) and thus affecting fishing, are discrete areas covering only part of the area within those boundaries.*
- *And the ones that are proposed which restrict recreational fishing are mostly well away from access points used by recreational fishers, so the impact will be small.*
- *It is also true that the conservationists have campaigned strongly and asked for more areas to be closed, however the time for formal counter submissions has passed.  
<http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/south-west/index.html> has more info.*
- *The State-waters based Ngari/Capes Marine Park is a separate process and WILL have some effect on recreational angling both from shore and from boat. Boundaries there are still being decided, and information has been culled from the DEC website, with the Indicative Management Plan from 2006 the only "non-spin" info I can find, see  
[http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/pdf/national\\_parks/marine/capes/IMP\\_capes\\_20060822.pdf](http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/pdf/national_parks/marine/capes/IMP_capes_20060822.pdf)*

#### 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

#### 7. CORRESPONDENCE

##### INWARDS (BY MAIL)

Dept of Environment & Conservation	Barrow Group Nature Reserves Draft Management Plan 2011
Hillarys Yacht Club	Compass September 2011
WASF	SPORTS STAR AWARDS 2011 BROCHURES

##### INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

1. Pat Shinnick	State Boat Championships 2011-2012
2. Pat Shinnick	Reply from Offshore re State boats
3. Carmel LANGDON	2010/11 Review minutes
4. Paul Longo	RE: AAWA DELEGATES MEETING 16 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2011
5. General Manager	Mandurah Offshore Fishing Sailing Club – New Rear Commodore Fishing
6. John Curtis	DSR 2011 SSA Census
7. Ian Cook	RE: ansa?
8. Jenny Travis	Notice to Mariners
9. Jenny Travis	Media Releases
10. Lisa Hill	FW: Recfisher Wins Grand Prize for Assisting Fisheries Research

11. NW Marine Plan	Australia's Marine Bioregional Planning program – NW Marine Region
12. Pat Shinnick	RE: TROPHY STORAGE
13. Pember, Jason	Overall angler results for Sept presentation
14. John Curtis	Questions
15. Jenny Travis	Media Statement – WA Fisheries' research supported with new boats.
16. Pat Shinnick	AAAWA State Boat income
17. Cheryl Poustie	WA Sports Federation Achievement Award
18. Jenny Travis	Reel News Issue 34 – Recreational Fishing Small Grants Now Available
19. Terry Fuller	Winners and full results of Angler of the Year and Champion Club
20. Pat Shinnick	FW: AAWA State Boat Championships 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2012
21. Robert Smith B.M.	Fw: AAA Results are now up on NSWFCA website
22. John Curtis	Rhys Jones Record Claim
23. John Curtis	Re: INSURANCE DOCUMENTATION
24. Recfishwest	Recfishwest Preliminary Notice Nomination AGM 2011
25. John Curtis	Draft Management Plans
26. Medianet Operations	Marine Heatwave Prompts Significant Abalone Fishing Closure
27. Cheryl Poustie	Sportsview Alert – Issue 27
28. Graeme Dawber	NZACA Secretarial Jottings September 2011
29. Carmel LANGDON	AAA Boating Subcommittee minutes
30. Russell bunce	AAA Beach.docx subcommittee meeting 30 Aug 2011.docx
31. Jenny Travis	Media Release – Lobster fishers to pay \$7,500 each for bag limit breach
32. Jenny Travis	Notice to Mariners – Marine Cable Route Survey
33. Cheryl Poustie	Sportsview Alert – Issue 28
34. Water Based Activities	MOFSC Club Membership Information...
35. Jenny Travis	Recfishwest Reel News Issue 35 – Pink Fly Fishing Clinic Returns
36. Pember, Jason	Up dated Angler of the year results
37. AAWA	DELEGATES MEETING 20 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER
38. John Curtis	Re: ANGLER OF THE YEAR
39. Swan Yacht Club	RE: DELEGATES MEETING 20 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER
40. Jennie Stoeckel	Apology
41. Paul Longo	RE: DELEGATES MEETING 20 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

### OUTWARDS (BY MAIL)

All clubs	Minutes & Agendas
Card	Hal Harvey – Bluewater Tackle

### OUTWARDS (BY EMAIL)

To	Subject
1. Curtis, John	Mandurah Offshore Fishing Sailing Club – New Rear Commodore Fishing
2. Margaret Riddell	REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT
3. Con Costa	Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) Funding acquittal 2010 2011
4. Shinnick, Pat	TROPHY STORAGE
5. John Curtis	Re: Questions
6. P Shinnick; 'John Curtis'	Re: AAWA State Boat income
7. Terry Fuller	Re: Winners and full results of Angler of the Year and Champion Club
8. Terry Fuller	Re: Winners and full results of Angler of the Year and Champion Club
9. Terry Fuller	Re: Winners and full results of Angler of the Year and Champion Club
10. John Curtis	INSURANCE DOCUMENTATION
11. John Curtis	Re: INSURANCE DOCUMENTATION
12. ALL CLUBS	Draft Management Plans
13. John Curtis	STATE DRY CASTING REGISTRATION FORMS
14. Water Based Activities	Re: MOFSC Club Membership Information...
15. Curtis, John	ANGLER OF THE YEAR
16. Pember, Jason; Curtis, J	ANGLER OF THE YEAR
17. John Curtis	Re: ANGLER OF THE YEAR

18. Curtis, John	Fw: Apology
19. Pat Shinnick	Re: AAWA State Boat income

## 20. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

It was moved by George Holman and seconded by Joe Horvath that correspondence inwards and outwards by mail and email be accepted. Motion carried..

## 21. TREASURERS REPORT

General Account Balance \$16,301.27	Carnival Account Balance \$805.70
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Income for Sept 2011

NSW FAC AAA Hosting A/c	Reimbursement of freight costs to NSW Convention	101.07
Dean De Chiera	Nomination for State Dry Casting Comp	7.50
Trevor Stam	Nomination for State Dry Casting Comp	15.00
MAAC/McWilliams Wines	Sponsorship State Boating Comp 2011	1000.00
Marcia Pekaar	Refund of funds – SW Rocks participants	512.29
John Curtis	Record Applications – Joe Pulella	14.00
Beachcombers	Nomination fees for Dry Casting Comp	97.50
Melville AAC	Nomination fees for Dry Casting comp	75.00
SCAC	Nomination fees for Dry Casting comp	277.50
OSAC	Nomination fees for Dry Casting Comp	30.00
Total		1123.57

Accounts for payment Sept 2011

Telstra	Account	41.18
Diane McDonough	Secretariat; card; Stamps, copy paper	576.66
Diane McDonough	Angler of the Year expenses	41.40
John Curtis	Angler of the Year expenses	36.98
Total		696.22

It was moved by Peter Pekaar and seconded by Richard Siudak that the Treasurer's report be accepted and the accounts passed for payment. Motion carried.

## 22. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

### President's Report

Re Liability Insurance - John Curtis advised that the current policy expired on 30<sup>th</sup> August, however the broker Graham S Knight & Assoc. assures AAWA that cover is still maintained whilst new policies are being determined.

John has been quoted by Sports Underwriting Australia on both accident and public liability insurance on the basis of 2000 members @ \$4 per head. The insurance will cover all registered members of AAWA affiliated clubs whilst traveling to and from club meetings, as well as at club and state events, with the exception of rock fishing. The policy has some death cover (\$15,000). Comments and discussion followed:

- Many clubs have public liability but no accident insurance and \$4 per head is reasonable
- Big clubs such as MAAC could include their darts and pool teams. In Queensland QAFC have members of other sporting clubs affiliating just to get the insurance.
- It could be hard to get 2000 people, AAWA would rely on the big clubs to support the proposal.
- Many clubs are experiencing low memberships
- Collection of the fees could be onerous

<b>John Curtis will write to all clubs outlining the policy and requesting information on members who are interested in taking up the cover.</b>
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## **Estuary, Rock and Beach Report**

Subcommittee meeting was held on 30<sup>th</sup> August and the minutes have been distributed. It has been proposed that competition fees be increased to assist with the cost of running events, these being: Men's & Ladies' – from \$12.00 to \$15.00; Supervets, Vets, Juniors and Mini Juniors from \$7.00 to \$10.00. It was moved by Jason Pember and seconded by George Holman that the above fee rates be approved. Motion carried. As nomination forms have already been issued and are on the website for coming events, prices will remain as advertised for those events.

Pat Shinnick queried whether subcommittees need to put a notice of motion to the AAAWA delegates meeting to seek approval to raise fees as he had the understanding that subcommittees could set their own fees without seeking approval from the delegates council. John Curtis believed that subcommittees are autonomous in most situations but in financial matters need to seek approval from the Delegates Council. John will check this and it will be an agenda item for the October minutes.

## **Boating Report**

Pat Shinnick reported that planning is progressing well for the 2012 Boating Championships at Jurien. He has received support from the Sea Rescue group, football club, Lions club, chamber of commerce and local council. The local tackle store has offered a \$3000 charter boat prize for 12 people.

Pat has been asked if non boating subgroups can fish in the boating competitions. Most boats have dedicated crews and Pat offered his dinghy for use at Jurien (users would need to have Recreational Skippers' Ticket). Affiliate clubs will be invited to attend a meeting at MAAC to encourage non-boating fisherpersons to participate. The secretary will forward club contact details to Pat.

John Curtis commended the work done by Pat Shinnick and Carmel Langdon on the boating subcommittee. Other clubs should get together and support Pat as much as possible. Succession planning should also be considered in running events to ensure ongoing success. Marmion Angling & Aquatic Club also need to be commended on their efforts at the last Boating competition.

## **Dry Casting Report**

The State Dry Casting Championships to be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Nominations are down on other years and more volunteers would be welcome. Magic Nissan has sponsored trophies once again and these are all ready to go. A BBQ is to be held after the event.

## **Recfishwest report for AAAWA Delegates Meeting September 2011**



### **Proposed standardisation and simplification of fishing rules**

Further to my previous reports, RFW's comments have been passed to the Department of Fisheries and some significant changes will be made. A further version will be supplied to RFW. Recfishwest will organise public comments on the version proposed by the Department of Fisheries and the Minister. RFW will be free to make public comments as it sees fit and will not necessarily be supporting or recommending acceptance of all the details of those proposals.

The challenges include keeping the end result simple, easily understood and supported by fishermen, yet ensuring sustainability which is in every fisherman's long term interests.

### **Commonwealth North West marine plans and proposals**

The draft Commonwealth North-west Marine Bioregional Plan was released on 23 August 2011. The public comment period closes on Monday 28 November 2011. RFW's draft response to the plans and proposals will be posted on the Recfishwest website for recreational fishers to use if they wish. Links are posted on the AAAWA website

<http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/MarineParks.htm>

### **Commonwealth South West marine plans and proposals**

As expected, conservationists have maintained and stepped up their campaigns and are demanding that many more areas be closed to fishing, and are applying considerable political pressure on the Minister.

### **Small grants scheme**

A small grants scheme is now available for local recreational fishing projects, with an allocation from recreational fishing licensing revenue. Details and application form

[http://www.recfishwest.org.au/data/client/files/1425\\_application\\_for\\_small\\_grants.pdf](http://www.recfishwest.org.au/data/client/files/1425_application_for_small_grants.pdf)

### **Mulloway restocking project**

Recfishwest has identified the need to restock mulloway in the metropolitan area as a priority. The West Australian Fish Foundation will hold a Mulloway Pilot Restocking Workshop on 23 September to finalise the details of the project.

## **West Coast Seasonal closures coming up**

Pink Snapper spawning season closure Cockburn and Warnbro Sounds from 1 October to 31 January. West Coast seasonal demersal fishing closure from 15 October to 15 December inclusive.

## **RFW Annual General Meeting and election of Board members.**

A request has been made for nominations for election to the RFW Board. There are vacancies for 3 public Board members, 3 representatives of associations and 4 regional Board members, all for two year terms. Nominations close on 30 September, and details of the nominees and postal / email voting papers will be issued to RFW members after that. The AGM will be held at 7:30pm on Friday 21 October at Fremantle Sailing Club, Marine Terrace South Fremantle.

## **Fishing clinics instructors required**

Recfishwest runs numerous fishing clinics with schools and community groups and this requires instructors to run them. At times clinics have been cancelled or postponed when instructors are not available, so RFW wishes to increase the pool of instructors. Instructors receive payment for running the 2 hour clinics. Please contact Yvette Guy 9246 3366 for more details.

## **Western Fisheries magazine**

Some of the articles by the Fisheries Research Division in the magazine "Western Fisheries" have been controversial at times, with some strongly criticized by Recfishwest. Other articles have been interesting and informative, however the magazine had to be purchased, so access to the articles was limited. The magazine has now ceased publication. 21 previous editions are now available online at <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/wf/index.php?0000>

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](mailto:terryfuller@inet.net.au) with any questions or comments.

## **Mulloway restocking pilot project**

As reported in the Recfishwest report, a Mulloway stakeholder workshop discussion was held by the West Australian Fish Foundation on 23 September. Some important background information was supplied as electronic copies or summarised.

- Why mulloway? Dr Andrew Roland, Principal Policy Officer, Recfishwest
- WA restocking background. Greg Jenkins, Director, Australian Centre of Applied Aquaculture Research, (ACCR), Challenger Institute of Technology.
- East Coast mulloway experiences; Dr Matt Taylor, visiting Fellow, School of Biological Earth & Environmental Sciences, University of NSW.
- Presentation of Bryn Farmer's PHD work "*Comparisons of the biological and genetic characteristics of Mulloway in different regions of Western Australia.*" Speaker Dr Alex Hesp, Centre for Fish and Fisheries Research, School of Biological Sciences, Murdoch University.

**Objects:-** to develop a pilot restocking plan that will restock enough fish to provide measurable outcomes in the lower West Coast to enable details for any future restocking program to be determined. The pilot project would use broodstock from the lower West Coast.

The workshop will set out to determine guidelines for this pilot study, which will enable the required information to be obtained from the project, while at the same time identify any key areas of management protocols required to be provided to ensure the success of the project.

Main questions posed to the workshop were:-

1. Based upon using broodstock taken from the release area, what level of genetic assessment of broodstock and progeny is appropriate to confirm appropriate hatchery genetic transfer?
2. What would be the most effective size, numbers of fish and release strategies to achieve, measurable project outcomes?
3. What are the most appropriate monitoring methods? (genetic, population, fishery?)
4. What fisheries management issues may arise, and how can they be addressed?
5. Quantitative (or qualitative) targets against which to measure success?
6. How can community involvement in the project be optimised?
7. What educational/training opportunities can the project provide?

These questions lead to many important points which need investigation and resolution. Suffice to say it is not as simple as breeding some mulloway (currently well within the capabilities of ACCR in Fremantle and others), and putting them into the water somewhere.

## **Business Arising from RFW Report**

Nil



## Recording Officer Report

John Curtis advised that three records were not in the record charts. At the 2005/2006 State Dry Casting competition:

1. *Joe Pullella set a new distance record in the 56 gram event with a cast of 174.9 metres.*
2. *Joe Pullella broke the State record in the Individual artificial bait event with a cast of 167.5 metres*
3. *Rhys Jones set a new junior state record with a distance of 138.5 metres*

If required Joe Pullella will sign a statutory declaration to say that he submitted the paperwork. The record casts had been noted in the Drycasting Officer report for the 2005/06 State Title. John Curtis requested that the delegates ratify these records. It was moved by Terry Fuller and seconded by George Holman that the records be ratified.

## Competitions Officer Report

Don Cox advised that all trophies have been organised and going in for engraving.

## 23. GENERAL BUSINESS

John Curtis raised the subject of the Super Vets category which was not allowed at the recent National Convention. John recommended that in line with national protocols, the Super Vets division be deleted. Moved Mark Hansen, seconded George Holman that the Super Vets division be removed from all AAAWA events, to be effective immediately. Motion carried

John Curtis is planning another meeting for subcommittees, date to be advised

At the recent National Convention in NSW WA was asked to consider running the event in 2015 or 2017. Other states are having difficulties, e.g. Victoria is down to 50 members and no longer viable, SA has money in a bank account but no-one to run events, leaving WA and Queensland. John is looking at locations but stressed that AAAWA cannot run such an event without support. The event location would need to be able to accommodate rock, beach, estuary and boating events, as well as facilities including pubs, clubs, accommodation, restaurants, etc. Places such as Esperance, Bunbury, Busselton, Albany, and Geraldton could be considered. John is required to provide an answer to AAA by 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012 so delegates need to seek feedback from clubs as to possible concepts and locations which will accommodate up to 300 participants.

**John Curtis will prepare some documentation on the above for distribution to clubs**

Terry Fuller pointed out that a motion should have been voted on at the August meeting and this did not occur. As outlined in the July 2011 minutes:

It was moved by Terry Fuller, seconded by Marcia Pekaar, that: "The third paragraph in Dry Casting Rules Section 3.1.1, Protests, be amended to read:-

*A Disputes Committee of each Club Captain from the participating clubs or their nominated representative from that club, not including the Officer of the Day, to be responsible to settle any protest lodged. Should any Club not nominate a person for the committee, or if the person cannot be found at the venue for notification of the meeting or does not attend the Committee meeting, the remaining members of the Disputes Committee shall decide any protests, provided at least three are present.*

Currently this paragraph in Section 3.1.1 reads:- *A Disputes Committee of three participants, not including the Officer of the Day, shall be selected from separate participating clubs to be responsible to settle any protest lodged.* "

Reason for the motion. To increase the number of clubs represented on the Disputes Committee. This means the Disputes Committee for the Dry Casting event will have a similar composition to the Disputes Committee for the Boating event. The second paragraph is to permit the Committee to operate if for any reason not all clubs are represented when the Committee must meet to decide a question.

**Delegates agreed to vote on the motion without further discussion and the motion was carried unanimously.**

## CLOSE MEETING

The next Delegates meeting will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011-2012

<b>2011</b>	
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dry Casting Competition Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September</li></ul>
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Estuary event 26<sup>th</sup> &amp; 27<sup>th</sup> at Walpole</li></ul>
<b>2012</b>	
March	State boat champs Jurien Bay. Beach & Rock event Long weekend March 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> at Jurien Bay
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Estuary Event – Swan / Cockburn Sound</li></ul>
<b>2013</b>	
June	Rock & Beach event – S Bend (long weekend)
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Estuary Event – Blackwood River Augusta</li></ul>
<b>2014</b>	
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rock and Beach Event – Cape to Cape</li></ul>
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Estuary Event – Walpole</li></ul>
<b>2015</b>	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rock and Beach event – Cheynes Beach – long weekend</li></ul>

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

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