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# *Casting Around the Internet with Recfishwest*

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## **Mandurah Professional Fishermen's Association stakeholder workshop**

A workshop to identify social and environmental hazards and impacts of the commercial fishery will be used to develop recommendations for minimising the risks and impacts, and the development of an Environmental Management System and industry code of practice. Held at Mandurah Yacht Club, Mary St. Old Halls Head, 6:30 pm Tuesday 3 June 2008. Please advise attendance to Carl Bevilacqua 9492 8811. Online survey at:-

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=9rZM62DeYwrzmI6s2wzV4g\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=9rZM62DeYwrzmI6s2wzV4g_3d_3d)

## **Voluntary Fisheries Adjustment Scheme offers compensation for commercial wetline fishers**

A fisheries adjustment scheme, the "Wetline and Related Fisheries Voluntary Fisheries Adjustment Scheme 2008" is aimed at reducing the size of the commercial wetline fishery by reducing the number of persons authorised to fish and the number of boats that may be used for fishing. Compensation will be paid as agreed between the Minister and the holder of a licence. Scheme to operate until March 2010. Page 2015 of:-

[www.slp.wa.gov.au/gazette/GAZETTE.NSF/gazlist/BB42EBFBC0F31FFCC8257451002C235A/\\$file/gg078.pdf](http://www.slp.wa.gov.au/gazette/GAZETTE.NSF/gazlist/BB42EBFBC0F31FFCC8257451002C235A/$file/gg078.pdf)

## **Reef shark capture leads researchers to better understanding**

A 1.4 m female black tip shark caught by a fisherman at Gnarlaloo had been tagged and fitted with an acoustic transmitter last November 80km away in a sanctuary zone of the Ningaloo Marine Park. The capture has shown that reef sharks do travel long distances. At present, the movements of around 20 Ningaloo reef sharks are being monitored, to become 100 in October. A distinctive bright yellow tag is fitted to the dorsal fin.

<http://www.aims.gov.au/docs/media/news2008/20080417.html>

## **Contaminants in stormwater discharge at Perth's marine beaches**

Stormwater and associated sediments at Perth's marine beaches are contaminated with microbes and heavy metals. Nutrients, petroleum hydrocarbons, organic chemical compounds and suspended solids are also present. Diverting stormwater to groundwater without first controlling and treating the sources of contaminants is not recommended as a means to reduce the impacts of contaminants on recreational activities and the environment.

<http://portal.water.wa.gov.au/portal/page/portal/WaterManagement/Stormwater/Quality/>

## **Calls for help with "slender sunfish" sightings**

Department of Fisheries researchers have called on the public to report any sightings of an unusual offshore oceanic fish, called a slender sunfish. During the past three weeks, about 200 slender sunfish have washed up along a 100km stretch of coast from Cable Beach, near The Gap to Cheyne Beach, almost 70km east of Albany. Samples collected from about 60 specimens will give more information about the species.

[www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/media/index.php?0000&mr=549](http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/media/index.php?0000&mr=549) and [www.recfishwest.org.au/SlenderSunfish.jpg](http://www.recfishwest.org.au/SlenderSunfish.jpg)

## **Murray cod secrets revealed in research supported by recreational anglers fees**

A three-year study to learn more about Murray cod catches and fishing techniques showed that the vast majority of Murray cod were shallow hooked in the mouth, lip or jaw, or externally. Only a few were hooked deep in the mouth. Anglers reported no observed injuries, other than the hook wound itself, for 90 per cent of all the cod caught. 90 per cent of the more than 83,000 caught fish were released. With experimental data on post-release survival of Murray cod, results will help estimate how many released cod survive, and what factors contribute to their survival. Catches over 750 km of rivers were between 2 and 21 fish per hectare.

(<http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/DPI/nrenfaq.nsf/LinkView/34E002E875349D92CA2574470020C31B0E16C002A0FF8C1CCA257428001AA846> )