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Anglers' Legacy shares the recreational fishing experience.

Do you remember your very first fishing trip and who took you? The odds are pretty good that experience is directly responsible for why you're still fishing today. Anglers pledge to introduce at least one acquaintance to fishing each year, in a quality introductory experience, sharing patience, skills, knowledge and equipment. Please contact Recfishwest if you are interested in a similar scheme for Western Australia.

<http://www.anglerslegacy.org/>

The public's right to fish faces constant erosion.

Recreational fishers by nature are not concerned with politics even when their own fishing and access rights are being eroded by plethora of rules and regulations, commercial fishing effort and marine protected areas. One of the key problems faced by all representative organisations is getting feedback on issues.

http://www.recfish.co.nz/index.cfm/Editorials/The_publics_right_to_fish_faces_constant_erosion

Catch and release:- fish survival maximised by simple changes to fishing practices.

An estimated 47 million fish are released by anglers throughout Australia. Research shows relatively few fish die. Simply cutting the line for bream and mulloway increased short-term survival from 12% to more than 85%. Up to 76% of released line-cut, gut-hooked bream shed the hooks over an average of three weeks.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2007/06/070601101117.htm>

http://www.fisheries.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/90427/Catch-and-Release-Poster.pdf

\$42 million to enhance recreational fishing opportunities for Victorians

Minister Joe Helper announced a \$42 million package that will enhance fishing opportunities, creating a new recreational fishing haven, increase fish stocking and improvements to recreational fishing facilities. The importance of a \$400 million a year recreational fishing industry to the State's economy has been recognised.

http://www.fishvictoria.com/pnews/fish_fax/fishfax196.php

Funds sought to develop lifebuoy technology

Nathan Drew Memorial Trust, pushing for lifesaving buoys with early warning systems to be placed at fishing spots around Western Australia, hopes to secure \$100,000 State Government funding for the project.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2007/07/20/1983653.htm>

TAFEWA aquaculture technology breeds success

Challenger TAFE is pioneering a new style of aquaculture at the South Mole in Fremantle. Using the Semi Intensive Floating Tank System technology can produce fish up to 10 times the density of traditional farms.

<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/media/media.nsf/0c079b992e7e607a48256a5a0016e16b/37d0d714e41a5cc5c825730200171f04?OpenDocument>

China says its food not safe to eat

Australia imports more than \$100 million of Chinese seafood, including prawns and fish fillets. An alarming admission that China's food industry is so unhygienic that consumers risked disease has sparked calls for tougher testing of produce eaten each year by Australians.

<http://www.thewest.com.au/default.aspx?MenuID=28&ContentID=33978>

New grants program to support regional volunteering

Volunteering Minister Sue Ellery said grants of up to \$5,000 aimed to increase involvement in volunteering and develop better volunteer education, training and management practices in rural and regional areas.

<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/media/media.nsf/0c079b992e7e607a48256a5a0016e16b/5545b2e7c7e9da24c825731b002f4796?OpenDocument>

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