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# *Casting Around the Internet with Recfishwest*

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## **Part time work opportunity with Recfishwest**

Do you want or need to work during school hours and are looking for a great place to refresh your skills in a small, dynamic office? Recfishwest has placed an advertisement for an Administrative Assistant, working approximately 25 hours per week, with times to suit school hours. Applications close on 2 October.

<http://www.recfishwest.org.au/AdminAssistantAdvertisement2009.htm>

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

The 2009 Recfishwest AGM and election of Board members will be held at 7:30pm on Friday 30 October. Nominations, closing 8 October, are called for 3 Public members, 5 Association members, and 4 new bio-regional representatives for the Pilbara/Kimberley, Gascoyne, West Coast, and South Coast regions. A Special General Meeting to make a minor Constitution amendment will also be held before the AGM.

<http://www.recfishwest.org.au/AGMPreliminaryNotice2009.htm>

## **Crab fishery in the Peel-Harvey Estuary requires more thorough consideration**

Based on the information provided in the preliminary report, Recfishwest sees little evidence that a change to the current Sept-Oct closure to include Nov to 15 Dec would make a significant contribution to the long term sustainability of this important fishery. Consideration should be given to a complete closure of the crab fishery during winter to protect females. Catch of undersize crabs should be managed by education and compliance.

<http://www.recfishwest.org.au/PeelHarveyCrab2009.htm>

## **Minster confirms 5% share for recreational lobsters**

Minister Moore has announced management arrangements for the commercial western rock lobster fishery, setting a catch target of 5,500 tonnes to protect the sustainability of the fishery, smooth the catch and reduce the economic impact of the record low puerulus count in the past three years. Reductions to recreational rock lobster bag, boat and possession limits were introduced in December 2008. The 2009-10 season would be the first time that the Integrated Fisheries Management shares of 95% commercial and 5% recreational would be implemented for the fishery. The catch will be monitored weekly, with a formal review in January 2010.

<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx?ItemId=132527> and

<http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/sec/com/fisheries/WCRockLobster.php?0206>

## **Rockingham's Cape Peron marina one step closer**

The development of a modern marina precinct at Cape Peron is a step closer after the Premier announced the State Government will proceed to the next phase of the project. This involves detailed environmental investigations and a formal public environmental assessment by the Environmental Protection Authority.

<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx?ItemId=132533> and

<http://internet.landcorp.com.au/portal/page/portal/rkdo/projects/project9>

## **Whale carcass sends tiger sharks into feeding frenzy**

Tiger sharks have been enjoying a feeding frenzy in Bundegi Sanctuary zone in the Ningaloo Marine Park following the death of a humpback whale. Keen fisherman Adam Gallash witnessed the first hours of the attack and took video footage. There were 10 to 12 tiger sharks of between 6 to 13 feet just feasting on the whale.

<http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/a/-/breaking/6101647/whale-carcass-sends-tiger-sharks-into-feeding-frenzy/>

## **New SMS service for recreational fishers**

Anglers will now have access to the latest fishing information via their mobile phones, to ensure they are conforming to current regulations. A new text messaging service, to be known as SMSFish, will provide fishers with more rapid and convenient access to fishing information with an immediate return message.

<http://www.premier.sa.gov.au/news.php?id=5384>

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