



# recfishwest

## REEL NEWS

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### Request for Recreational fishing opinions on Demersal Scalefish Allocations

The Department of Fisheries recently released a draft report on allocation of West Coast demersal fish species for the commercial and recreational sectors (Fisheries Management Paper 237). This allocation has been developed under the State Government's Integrated Fisheries Management policy.



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 will be holding public meetings to provide information to the recreational fishing sector about these developments. These meetings are IFAAC meetings to present their recommendations for allocation that will ultimately be incorporated into recreational fisheries management in the West Coast bioregion. The meetings will be chaired by, and discussion co-ordinated by Recfishwest. Recfishwest and all members of the community have the right to express their views on the proposal.

These meetings present an opportunity for our sector to provide feedback to IFAAC before the process is finalised. Recfishwest has not yet formalised a position on this issue, our role at the meeting is to listen to the concerns of local recreational fishers and gauge the thoughts and feelings of the community.

WEST COAST DEMERSAL SCALEFISH PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETINGS  
JULY – AUGUST 2010

*Geraldton*

Wednesday 21 July  
6.30 pm - 8.30 pm  
Casa Blanca Dance Centre  
230 Eighth Avenue  
Wonthella

*Metropolitan Area*

Wednesday 28 July  
6.30 pm - 8.30 pm  
Fremantle Sailing Club  
Marine Terrace  
Fremantle

*Mandurah*

Thursday 29 July  
6.30 pm - 8.30 pm  
RAAFA Estate Meadow Springs  
41 Portrush Parade  
Meadow Springs



*Busselton*

Wednesday 4 August  
6.30 pm - 8.30 pm  
Royal Palms Hotel  
2 Albert Street  
Busselton

*Bunbury*

Thursday 5 August  
6.30 -m - 8.30 pm  
The Sanctuary Golf Club  
Lot 100 Old Coast Road  
Pelican Point



IFAAC's draft Allocation Report on the West Coast Demersal Scalefish Resource (FMP 237) can be downloaded here:

<http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/mp/mp237/index.php?0706>

Based upon Recfishwest raising concerns about the time needed for getting an understanding of the issues – the closing date for comments has been extended to **30 September 2010**.

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