



recfishwest

REEL NEWS

Issue 13 September 2010

Mobile Patrols boost WA's recreational compliance presence

A lack of Fisheries compliance presence and the capacity to talk to responsible fishers while they fish has been a regular concern voiced by recreational fishers to Recfishwest.

In a significant boost to Fisheries compliance resources, the Minister for Fisheries yesterday launched six new land-based mobile patrol units, increasing this unit to eight strong.

These new mobile patrols will have a strong emphasis on education messages as well as enforcement. This new 4WD fleet will help reach remote locations along WA's coast and inland fisheries to check on recreational fishing activity.

When the Recreational Fishing from Boat Licence was launched in March this year it came with an additional \$2 million of government funding. This enabled Fisheries to employ a further 13 Compliance Officers throughout the state via these highly visible vehicles. These new Compliance Officers will be working as part the eight dedicated mobile patrols that will operate across WA, from Kununurra to Esperance.



This additional government funding will allow more of the recreational licence money to be directed towards important recreational fisheries initiatives such as research and habitat and stock enhancement.

Recfishwest is interested to hear feedback from recreational fishers coming into contact with these new patrols at boat ramps this summer.

Fish today for tomorrow

www.recfishwest.org.au