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On 8 October Recfishwest mailed out the Ballots and information for the Annual General Meeting. Financial individual members are entitled to one vote and family members are entitled to two votes. If you have not received your information by Tuesday 14 October, please contact the Recfishwest office.

Minister announces decision on West Coast Fishing rules

Fisheries Minister Norman Moore has announced some fishing rules to protect “the vulnerable five” species proposed by the previous Government would now apply from January 2009, but has deferred the proposed closed season until an independent review is carried out on various research and management options.

<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/Results.aspx?ItemID=130719>

<http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/pub/WestCoastDemersal/management.php>

Fisheries Minister to attend Annual General Meeting.

Hon Norman Moore, Fisheries Minister has accepted an invitation to attend the Recfishwest Annual General Meeting on 24 October. Recfishwest members will have a choice from nine nominations for the Board.

<http://www.recfishwest.org.au/AGMNotice2008.htm>

Wife loses husband’s vehicle in shellfish plunder

A housewife had her husband’s \$70,000 Mercedes Benz station wagon forfeited and was fined almost \$1,000 after being caught with more than 14 times the daily limit of shellfish hidden in the vehicle.

<http://www.fish.govt.nz/en-nz/Press/Cockle+Plunder.htm>

WA’s lobster industry facing disaster as numbers fall

The \$300 million western rock lobster fishery is facing a crisis with monitoring revealing there are almost no baby lobsters in prime fishing locations for the first five months of 2008/9 season. Unless there was a dramatic turnaround in the numbers in the next four months, the 2011/12 season would be a total disaster.

<http://www.thewest.com.au/default.aspx?MenuID=77&ContentID=99338>

<http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/pub/PuerulusSettlement/index.php?0405>

Fraud leads to big fine, licence loss for South West commercial fisher

A commercial fisherman from Bunbury has been fined \$25,000 for two “gaining a benefit by fraud” offences, after applying for act of grace payments for the closure of the Geographe Bay Crab Fishery, and an application to enter the West Coast Demersal Scalefish Fishery. Defence claimed the offence was solely to persuade authorities in charge of Geographe Bay that the fishery could sustain a commercial catch. With earlier convictions for submitting false catch returns he is to be stripped of his commercial fishing licence.

<http://www.thewest.com.au/default.aspx?MenuID=146&ContentID=99552>

Recfishwest at the Mandurah Boat Show

Recfishwest will be at the Mandurah Boat Show outside the Marquee near the Aquatank from 9 to 12 Oct, displaying the Release Weight and other fishing videos. Have a talk with the Recfishwest people, ask them about West Coast rule changes, what Recfishwest does for recreational fishing, current and future issues since the change of Government, and anything else that interests or concerns you about WA recreational fishing.

<http://www.recfishwest.org.au/MandurahBoatShow2008.htm>

WA research and grains help feed the world’s farmed fish

Western Australian research is now helping to feed fish in aquaculture projects across the world and is providing another valuable market for the State’s grain farmers. A lupin-based fish feed from a renewable resource would replace traditional feed relying on fish oils and fishmeal from wild caught fish stocks.

<http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/media/index.php?0000&mr=573>

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