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Maximising survival of released undersize west coast reef fish.

The final report to Fisheries Research and Development Corporation on Project 2000/194 on maximising the survival of released undersize west coast reef fish includes the results of research conducted several years ago. Topics include post-release mortality of demersal fish, the influence of depth, venting and hook type on catch and release angling mortality, effects of onboard handling techniques and methods of release on recapture rates, community education on the best methods to release demersal reef fishes.

<http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/frf/frf191/index.php?0401>

Concept plans for expansion of Ocean Reef Marina

The City of Joondalup has released preliminary details of its plans for a marina development accessible to all residents, first class boating facilities and infrastructure, quality marine recreation facilities, best practice environmental conservation and preservation. Council will consider the views of the community.

http://www.joondalup.wa.gov.au/cms/templates/coj2_business_grp.asp?id=391 and

<http://www.thewest.com.au/default.aspx?MenuId=77&ContentID=140196>

State of the Fisheries Report 2007/8

This latest publication released in May provides comprehensive historical information and discussion about WA fisheries, however does not have any significant data past 2006/2007 or year 2007 statistics for most of the State's fisheries. Minister advises the format of future reports is being reviewed to reduce the production cycle, to ensure this information on the status of the State's fisheries is provided in a more timely manner.

([http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/Hansard/hansard.nsf/0/9A3EB83AD26B14B3C82575B3001C1607/\\$File/C38%20S1%2020090507%20All.pdf](http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/Hansard/hansard.nsf/0/9A3EB83AD26B14B3C82575B3001C1607/$File/C38%20S1%2020090507%20All.pdf)) and <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/sof/2007/index.php?00>

Recreational fishing: cost or benefit to sustainable aquatic management?

Recreational fishing is arguably the largest 'invisible' industry in WA. With participation rates of around 650,000 per year and an industry worth between \$500 million and \$1 billion a year to the economy, it should be a major player in aquatic management debates. Some of the myths, fantasies and fables associated with recreational fishing will be examined by Frank Prokop, Executive Director, Recfishwest, with 20 years recreational fisheries management experience. Mathematics Building, University of WA, 4 pm 20 May.

<http://www.cwr.uwa.edu.au/news/seminarsandtalks.php?sid=164>

14 crab crooks fined in Mandurah court

Crab fishing offenders, who abused the sustainability rules protecting Mandurah's iconic fishery, have been punished with heavy fines between \$1094 and \$3354 for possession of large numbers of undersize crabs.

<http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/media/index.php?0000&mr=625>

Swan and Canning River dolphins to be monitored

The State Government and Swan River Guardian volunteers have launched a community Dolphin Watch Project to investigate dolphins as indicators of river health. All can help protect dolphins while out on the water by keeping a distance, never feeding them, fishing responsibly and watching out for resting pods.

www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/Results.aspx?ItemID=131619 and <http://www.riverguardians.com>

Lead sinkers and your health

People have been poisoned by manufacturing lead fishing sinkers in their homes. Melting lead produces a poisonous gas, which can be breathed in. Lead affects the body in many ways, depending on how much is taken up and how long someone has been exposed to it, and can remain in the body for many years. Safest option is not to make lead sinkers yourself, but article includes some ways to reduce lead exposure if you do.

http://www.fishvictoria.com/pnews/fish_fax/fishfax242.php

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