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Exemptions removed for Shark Bay Inner Gulf Pink Snapper

Exemptions have expired which allowed recreational fishers to land pink snapper in Denham/Shark Bay in accordance with rules for the oceanic stock. An initial reason for the exemption several years ago was to shift some fishing to the oceanic pink snapper stock but this has since been found to be significantly depleted.

<http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/pub/SharkBaySnapperExemptions/index.php?0103>

Computer software to assist management plans for key WA fish species

An FRDC funded project will develop computer software to assist fisheries researchers and managers test the effectiveness of alternative management plans for important species such as WA Dhufish and Pink Snapper. After evaluating the level of risk of overfishing or stock collapse, it will be possible to choose the best options.

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

Computer games hit fisheries management.

Visual, game-like computer software is being developed to help fisheries scientists and managers show recreational fishers the results of detailed fish stock assessments. The FRDC funded project will enable fishers to explore visually, in a computer gaming-type environment, the types of impacts that fishing will have on the abundance of fish with variable recruitment (young fish joining older fish) in a particular area.

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

\$1.7million for improved boating facilities

Transport Minister Simon O'Brien announced grants to 14 projects in the 14th round of the Recreational Boating Facilities Scheme (RBFS), more than double the 2008 allocation. Includes \$450,000 for Woodman Point trailer parking and \$254,000 for Point Peron ramp. RBFS is funded directly from boat registration fees.

<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx?ItemId=132056>

Exploring WA's unique marine environment

WA's marine environment is vast and unknown with many unique species. Professor Meeuwig explains how to pull back the blue curtain to understand the impact of human activities on the sustainability of our oceans.

<http://www.recfishwest.org.au/PublicLecture25June2009.jpg>

Hatchery bred tuna a world first

The first southern bluefin tuna ever bred in captivity are growing rapidly as the company gears up to go into commercial production later this year. Fish from the first spawning are up to 35 grams and 10 to 15 cms.

<http://www.growfish.com.au/content.asp?ContentId=13551>

Fishing tournament assessment scheme potential for marine park fishing

The NEATFish assessment scheme was presented to organizations including Pew Charitable Trusts following the 5th World Recreational Fishing Conference. Department of Environmental Protection is interested in the potential use of the NEATFish system to set a minimum standard for tournament activities in marine parks.

<http://www.neatfish.com/news/item/us-study-tour> and <http://www.neatfish.com/news/item/world-stage> and http://www.igfa.org/wrfc07/schedule/abstracts_details.asp?id=112

Fishers to get greater say on spending fishing licence funds

A new working group is being set up to advise on the best way to spend recreational fishing licence funds. One of the first tasks will be a survey of fishing licence holders' priorities for improved recreational fishing.

<http://www.fishvictoria.com/pnews/govt/090609licencefunds.php>

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