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Special General Meeting to amend Recfishwest Constitution

A SGM will be held 5.00 pm Monday 24 August at the Watermans Bay Marine Centre, West Coast Drive to amend the Recfishwest Constitution. Changes include modifying the objects to reflect the current and future challenges facing Recfishwest; clarifying membership criteria for Associations; reducing the Public and Association members by 1 each and adding 4 regional representatives to the Board, one each from Pilbara/Kimberley, Gascoyne, West Coast and South Coast; appointing Association members to a two year term voted on by all members of Recfishwest; and allowing for electronic attendance at Board Meetings.

<http://www.recfishwest.org.au/SGMNotice2009.htm>

Many marine ecosystems can recover under appropriate fisheries management

A study by 21 leading fisheries scientists and ecologists shows that steps taken to curb overfishing are beginning to succeed in five of the ten large marine ecosystems examined. A combination of catch quotas, community management, strategically placed fishing closures, ocean zoning, selective fishing gear and economic incentives set the stage for ecological and economic recovery. Pew Environment Group has commented that fishing targets must be more conservative than in the past, and if fishery managers worldwide heed these important scientific findings, then there is an extraordinary opportunity to restore ocean fisheries.

http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2009-07/cpfs-nhf072409.php and

http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2009-07/peg-sft073009.php

Fisheries get green light for management efforts

The high-profile scientific research paper, "Rebuilding Global Fisheries" published in the journal, Science, recognised efforts to put fisheries management interventions in place before other drastic measures are needed to conserve, restore and rebuild marine resources. Contrary to the negative press that world fisheries have been receiving recently, fisheries management success stories are becoming increasingly common.

<http://www.fish.govt.nz/en-nz/Press/NZ+FISHERIES+GET+GREEN+LIGHT.htm>

Humans "damaging the oceans"

Evidence is mounting that man made carbon dioxide emissions are changing the world's oceans in profound and damaging ways, including changes in the areas fish and other sea species can inhabit, invasions, extinctions and major shifts in marine ecosystems. In the face of such changes, even large scale interventions such as the establishment of very large networks of Marine Protected Areas are unlikely to be effective.

http://www.coralcoe.org.au/news_stories/seachange.html

Fishers to have say in new research

A review will look at regional concerns including fair access to fisheries resources for both commercial and recreational fishers. A good proportion of the community support commercial fishing, but some recreational fishers are concerned net fishing reduces their available catch. These issues to be dealt with through consultation with local communities to work out how commercial and recreational fishing can coexist.

<http://statements.cabinet.qld.gov.au/MMS/StatementDisplaySingle.aspx?id=65485>

Feral fish common in South West waterways

A research project aimed at identifying and eradicating feral fish incursions in WA's waterways is struggling to gain financial backing despite growing evidence of the harmful and long-term impacts the fish are having on the State's aquatic environments. More than 500 giant goldfish were discovered in the Warren River, weighing an average of 2kg each, and believed to have been in the waters for up to three years.

http://www.sciencewa.net.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2682:one-fish-two-fish-feral-goldfish&catid=195:News&Itemid=200077

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