



Released Fish SURVIVAL

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National Strategy Communications

Welcome to the first bulletin on the development of the National Strategy for Released Line Caught Fish Survival. Future bulletins will be forwarded when there is information on significant developments or when we believe there is something of interest to you.

The bulletin will always be brief and one page. If you want to know more there will be contact details for the appropriate person or where more information can be located. We do not want to unnecessarily clog up your email inbox or burden you with too much detail. This way you can control how much you get.

To add someone to the list just send an email to infofish@zbcom.net and ask to be included.

Also an email interest group is being established. This group will be managed to ensure that there is a useful exchange of ideas and debate on issues that need to be addressed by the national strategy in the future or to discuss the merits of various approaches to the issue. To be included on that group again just send an email to Infofish and request to be included.



Workshop decides future direction

A high level workshop was conducted in Sydney on March 20 to progress the National Strategy for the Survival of Released Line Caught Fish.

The 24 attendees at the workshop included representatives of state and commonwealth fisheries management and research agencies, national and state recreational peak bodies and the tackle industry.

The workshop focused on dealing with recreationally line caught fish while recognising that future work would be required on discards from commercial line fisheries.

The agreed outcomes of the workshop were:

Completion of the SARDI project led by Keith Jones which summarises the status of current knowledge and research and provides recommendations on future priorities for research by the end of May.

An initial communication project by the Australian

National Sportfishing Association that centres around a national TV campaign promoting best practices for releasing fish by the recreational sector to be submitted to FRDC by August.

Research projects which focus on specific species groups and mortality issues can be developed after research priorities are finalised and submitted to FRDC later in the year.

A steering committee for the National Strategy and the communications project was proposed. Members of the steering committee are:

Ross Winstanley (independent chair) Vic
Steve Kennelly (research) NSW
Richard Sellers (management) NT
Doug Joyner (tackle industry) NSW
Bill Sawynok (communications) Qld
Frank Prokop (recreational) WA
Julian Pepperell (media) Qld
ASIC representative (commercial)
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