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FRDC funds new research into fish survival

As part of the national strategy for the survival of released line caught fish the FRDC has agreed to fund 2 new projects from 2003/04. A copy of the updated national strategy is available from the website.

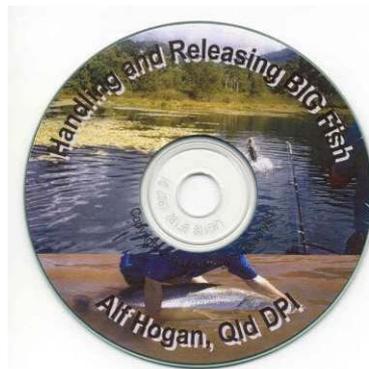
The CRC Reef Research Centre, in conjunction with the Queensland Department of Primary Industries, will undertake research on the survival of key reef species including red emperor, coral trout and other popular reef species. For more information contact Ina Brown at ian.brown@dpi.qld.gov.au.

The Marine and Freshwater Resources Institute in Victoria will undertake research into the survival of snapper and bream in sheltered coastal temperate ecosystems. For more information contact Sandy.Morison@nre.vic.gov.au.



Handling and Releasing Big Fish

Some species are considered to be iconic fish by recreational fishers. Species that can rightly claim that label include barramundi and Murray cod. One of the results of gaining that label is that more and more dedicated fishers are voluntarily releasing the larger fish of these species.



Handling and releasing smaller fish of these species does not pose the same problems as dealing with larger fish. Alf Hogan, a north Queensland researcher with the Department of Primary Industries, has undertaken some research into the effects of catching and releasing large barramundi. Alf has produced a CD of his findings and also provides good advice on how to handle big barramundi correctly. For more information contact Alf at alf.hogan@dpi.qld.gov.au.

A copy of the CD can be obtained by sending an email to Infofish@zbc.com.net.

This email bulletin is to keep stakeholders up to date with what is happening in the National Strategy. Anyone with an interest in the subject can subscribe just by sending an email with "subscribe to Released Fish Survival News" to infofish@zbc.com.net or subscribe through the website at www.info-fish.net/releasefish.