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GFAA Annual Conference 8th & 9th October 2010

The conference was very successful and productive with all States being represented by their State delegates and State Executive Officer.

Reports that were presented to this meeting have been included in this Newsletter edition, could you please send a copy to each of your Clubs. The Newsletter will as well be available to download from the GFAA website—www.gfaa.asn.au

On the Saturday evening of the Conference the 2009/10 GFAA Trophy Winners were announced, the list is contained in this Newsletter.



Measure & Release

At the GFAA AGM, State Members voted to introduce "Measure & Release" for certain species. Following is the GFAA Rule, Eligible Species & Guidelines.

Please Note: It is up to each State Member to select from the GFAA approved list what species (if any) are eligible for pointscore/trophies in that particular State.

RULES FOR TAG & RELEASE – (page 51 of 2010 GFAA Journal)

Rule 1 (b):

"Measure & Release" is allowed for species that have been determined by GFAA from time to time.

- Note:
- (i) All GFAA Angling & Equipment regulations shall apply.
 - (ii) All applicable tag & release rules shall apply i.e. items 1,2 & 3 of the acts that disqualify a tag & release.
 - (iii) No fish can be released after measurement unless it is in a healthy and vigorous state.
 - (iv) The GFAA "Measure & Release" card is to be used to record species release information.

GFAA eligible gamefish for Measure & Release.

Black Jewfish , Chinaman , Kingfish Yellowtail (under 70cm) , Mulloway (under 60cm) , Queenfish (under 60cm) , Rainbow Runner , Salmon Australian (under 40cm), Salmon Threadfin , Snapper (under 40cm), Spangled Emperor, Tailor , Trevally, Big Eye , Giant, Gold spot, Golden & Silver (under 60cm) , Barramundi, Mangrove Jack, Trout Brown & Rainbow.

Note: any species that is larger than the minimum sizes noted above will not count in any measure & release competition.

Guidelines for Measure & Release

1. Only gamefish species as listed for measure & release are to be considered by this guideline.
 2. All GFAA Angling Rules & Equipment Regulations & Codes of Practice to apply until fish is caught, measured and released in a healthy and vigorous state.
 3. The use of knotless, rubber coated nets or similarly designed nets that minimize slime and scale removal are to be used, **the use of gaffs (other than release/jaw gaff) is prohibited.**
 4. The fish is to be measured using an approved or recognized measuring mat, measurements between centimetre increments shall be measured at the lower of the two increments i.e. 45 – 46 cm will be recorded as 45 cm.
 5. Once measured the fish is to be returned to the water as quickly as possible & supported until it is able to swim away in a healthy & vigorous state. If the fish dies during this process it is the skipper & anglers responsibility to disqualify the catch.
 6. All measurements & data must be recorded on the approved GFAA Measure & Release card that is to be returned to the anglers club for processing.
- Fish caught & released under these guidelines may be eligible for club or state points. (Check with your club or state for this.)

Measure & Release Card

The “measure & release” card is currently being printed and will be distributed to all States in the very near future.


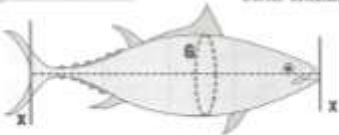

At this stage, Clubs are asked to record the “measure & release” information and file “measure & release card” in the same way that capture certificates are.

This information needs to be kept available if GFAA or the State Association needs access to it in the future. It is important that Anglers complete the card with all required information.

Copy of “Measure & Release” Card.

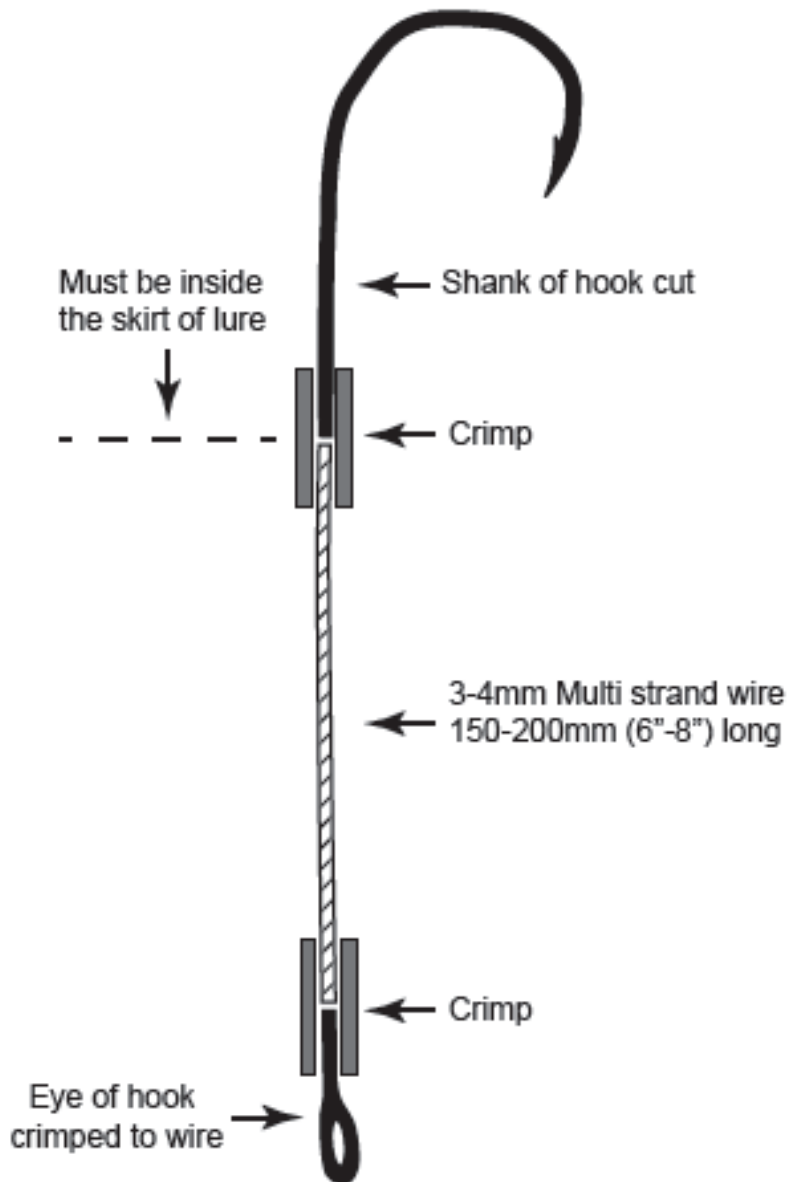
THE GAME FISHING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.
MEASURE & RELEASE CARD No. MR 0001
Please complete & return to your Club Secretary or Recorder

Date..... Boat Name.....
Angler's Name & ID No.....
Club..... State.....
Location.....
Species.....
Measured X – X Length.....
Est. Weight..... Line Class.....



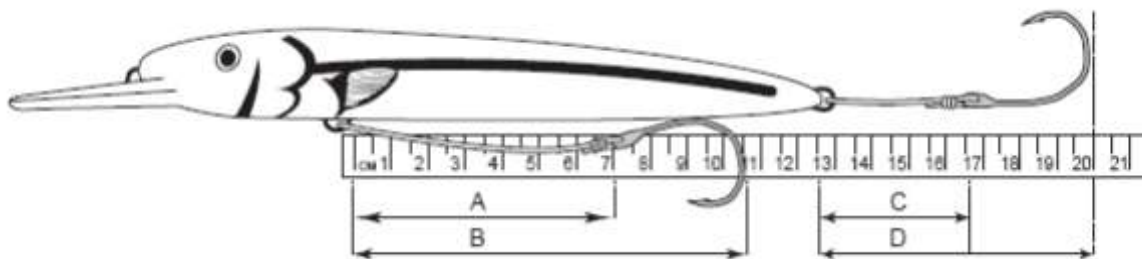
Clarification—Hook Rig

“If a hook is cut then the length of the hook will be deemed to be to the cut anything beyond the cut will be deemed as leader”.



Clarification—Assist Hooks

“Assist hooks or other such single hooks that are attached to a lure with a lead constructed of monofilament, multifilament, wire or other such material must conform to the following: When using assist hooks on any artificial lure, **other than a skirted lure**, the lead cannot be more than 1½ hook’s length and the bend of the hook must not be more than 4 inches (101 mm), whichever is less from the closest point of attachment on the lure. **Double and treble hooks may not be used as assist hooks**”.



2011 GFAA Annual Conference

The 2011 GFAA AGM & Annual Dinner will be held in Darwin for the very first time on the weekend of 21st & 22nd October.

The venue for both the Conference & Annual Dinner will be The Crowne Plaza Hotel—Darwin.

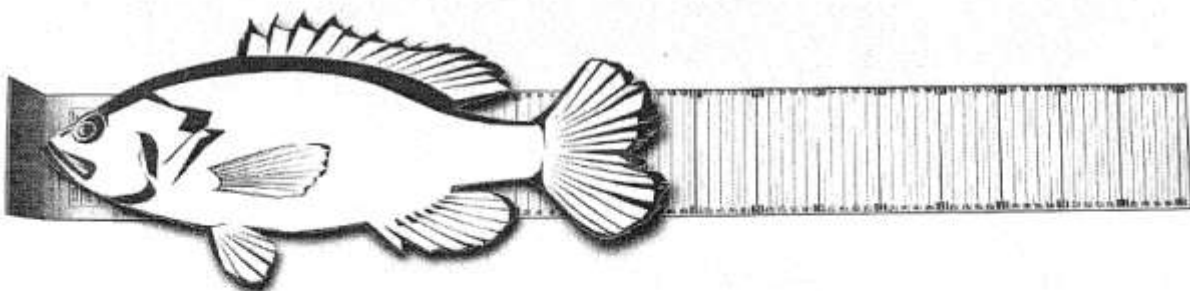
Further information regarding the Conference will be sent out to all States in June.

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Please Note: Fish caught measured & released in Australia under the GFAA Rules & Guidelines will not qualify for IGFA length records unless the Angler meets all the specific requirements imposed by IGFA as per the following section.

INTERNATIONAL GAME FISH ASSOCIATION

RULES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL-TACKLE LENGTH RECORDS



The International Game Fish Association is a not-for-profit organization committed to the conservation of game fish and the promotion of responsible, ethical angling practices through science, education, rule making and record keeping.

RULES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL-TACKLE LENGTH RECORDS

General Information

All fish entered for Length Records must be measured by anglers at the site of capture and released so that it swims away on their own and in good condition. Fish should be revived by moving it forward in the water to ensure a healthy release. **Fish caught and entered for length records are not eligible for weighing and submission for other record categories.**

Rules and Equipment Regulations

All IGFA rules and equipment regulations stipulated for fishing with conventional and fly tackle in fresh and salt-water shall apply with the exceptions below. All angling and equipment regulations shall apply until the fish is measured and released alive.

A. GAFFS & NETS

1. The use of gaffs to land fish is prohibited.
2. Nets used to boat or land a fish must not exceed 8 feet (2.44 meters) in over all length. (When fishing from a bridge, pier or other high stationary structure, this length limitation does not apply.)
3. The use of knotless, rubber coated nets or other similarly designed nets that minimize slime and scale removal is strongly recommended.

B. MEASURING DEVICE

1. All fish must be measured using an official IGFA measuring device.
2. The measuring device mat may be shortened by cutting it, but it may not be rejoined after it has been shortened.

Angling Regulations

The following acts will disqualify a catch:

1. Failure to comply with IGFA equipment or angling rules.
2. If the fish dies during the documentation process, or does not swim away on its accord after release

Length Record Requirements

All fish entered for Length Records are subject to the same requirements stipulated for other record categories with following additions and exceptions.

A. MEASURING REQUIREMENTS

1. Fish must be measured using an official IGFA measuring device.
2. The fish's snout must be touching the nose stop with the mouth closed and free of lures or lifting devices.
3. With the fish lying on top of the measuring device, measurements will be taken from the most forward part of the fish's snout with the mouth closed to the rear center edge of the tail.
4. All measurements will be made in centimeters.
5. Fish that measure between centimeter increments shall be recorded at the lower of the two increments. For example, a fish that measures between 45 and 46 centimeters will have a recorded length of 45 centimeters.

B. MINIMUM LENGTH REQUIREMENTS FOR VACANT RECORDS

Fish entered for vacant record categories must measure within the top half of that species maximum recorded length, as shown in the eligible species list.

MINIMUM LENGTH REQUIREMENTS NEEDED TO DEFEAT OR TIE EXISTING RECORDS

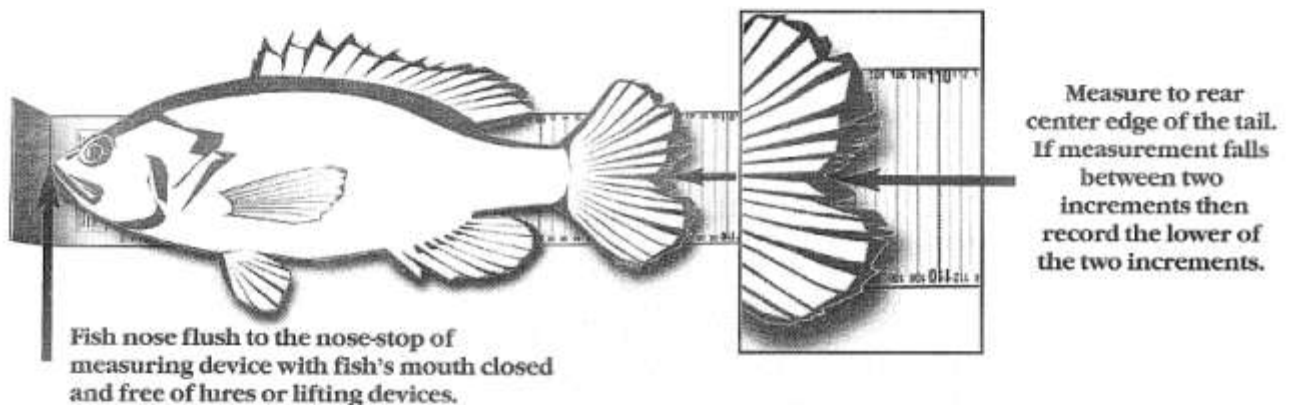
1. To defeat an existing record, the fish must measure at least two (2) centimeters longer than the existing record
2. A catch which matches the length of an existing record or exceeds the length by less than 2 centimeters will be considered a tie. In the case of a tie claim involving more than two catches, length must be compared with the original record (first fish to be caught). Nothing measuring less than the original record (first fish to be caught) will be considered.

D. PHOTOGRAPHIC REQUIREMENTS

Photographs included with applications must contain the following information.

1. The full length of the fish on the measuring device clearly showing the position of the mouth and tail. The fish may be held in position, but must be done in a manner that does not obscure the view of the fish on the tape.
2. A close up showing the position of the fish's nose and tail on the measuring device.
3. The angler with the fish.
4. The rod and reel used to make the catch.

MEASURING REQUIREMENTS



GENERAL BEST HANDLING PRACTICES

To remove your fish from the water to document it for record purposes, anglers should use either hands or a knotless, rubberized landing net to minimize slime and scale loss. Lip gripping devices may be used to help subdue fish. However, large fish should not be hoisted vertically out of the water, as this can cause damage to jaw muscle and bone as well as to internal organs. The best method for removing fish from the water by hand is to grip the fish or the lower jaw and support the fish's underside. Again, the point is always to hold fish horizontally and not vertically.

Documentation

IGFA records require pictures, measurement and/or weighing of the catch. All of this takes time, so you should have the necessary equipment ready before landing the fish. If the documentation process takes longer than several minutes, periodically place the fish back in the water or place in a live well to allow it to breath.

Releasing

Considerable time and care should be exercised when releasing fish. Fish should be placed in the water and held by the base of the tail. If the fish does not swim away from your grasp on its own, gently move it forward in the water to get water flowing over the gills. For best results, move the fish in the forward direction only instead of back in forth. A fish's gills somewhat resemble the pages of a book and are designed for water flow in only one direction. Moving the fish in a slow circle or gently towing it behind the boat will accomplish this.

ELIGIBLE SPECIES AND MINIMUM LENGTHS FOR ALL-TACKLE LENGTH RECORDS

SALTWATER

Albacore	<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>	61 cm
Amberjack, greater	<i>Seriola dumerili</i>	92 cm
Bass, black sea	<i>Centropristis striata</i>	33 cm
Bass, European	<i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i>	46 cm
Bass, kelp (calico)	<i>Paralabrax clathratus</i>	33 cm
Bass, striped	<i>Morone saxatilis</i>	67 cm
Bluefish	<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	59 cm
Bonefish	<i>Albula spp.</i>	50 cm
Bonito, Atlantic	<i>Sarda sard</i>	42 cm
Bonito, Pacific	<i>Sarda spp.</i>	49 cm
Cobia	<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	85 cm
Corbina, California	<i>Minticirrhus undulatus</i>	33 cm
Drum, black	<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	67 cm
Drum, red	<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	72 cm
Grouper, gag	<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	66 cm
Grouper, red	<i>Epinephelus morio</i>	42 cm
Halibut, California	<i>Paralichthys californicus</i>	66 cm
Jack, almoco	<i>Seriola rivoliana</i>	80 cm
Jack, crevalle	<i>Caranx hippos</i>	57 cm
Jack, horse-eye	<i>Caranx latus</i>	50 cm
Jack, Pacific crevalle	<i>Caranx caninus</i>	50 cm
Kahawai (Australian salmon)	<i>Arripis trutta</i>	41 cm
Kawakawa	<i>Euthynnus affinis</i>	47 cm
Ladyfish	<i>Elops spp.</i>	39 cm
Leerfish (Garrick)	<i>Lichia amia</i>	61 cm
Mackerel, narrowbarred	<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>	100 cm
Mackerel, Pacific sierra	<i>Scomberomorus sierra</i>	49 cm
Mackerel, Spanish	<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	39 cm
Meagre	<i>Argyrosomus spp.</i>	30 cm
Permit	<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	52 cm
Pollock	<i>Pollachius virens</i>	56 cm
Pompano, African	<i>Alectis ciliaris</i>	58 cm
Queenfish, talang	<i>Scomberoides commersonianus</i>	60 cm
Rockfish, black/blue	<i>Sebastes melanops</i>	31 cm
Roosterfish	<i>Nematistius pectoralis</i>	81 cm
Samson fish	<i>Seriola hippos</i>	75 cm
Seabass, blackfin	<i>Lateolabrax latus</i>	47 cm
Seabass, Japanese (suzuki)	<i>Lateolabrax japonicus</i>	63 cm
Seabass, white	<i>Atractoscion nobilis</i>	83 cm
Seatrou, spotted	<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	50 cm
Shark, bonnethead	<i>Sphyrna tiburo</i>	50 cm
Skipjack, black	<i>Euthynnus lineatus</i>	42 cm
Snapper (squirefish)	<i>Pagrus auratus</i>	47 cm
Snapper, cubera	<i>Lutjanus cyanopterus</i>	69 cm
Snapper, Guinean	<i>Lutjanus agennes</i>	69 cm
Snapper, mullet	<i>Lutjanus aratus</i>	58 cm
Snapper, muton	<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	45 cm
Snapper, Pacific cubera	<i>Lutjanus novemfasciatus</i>	67 cm
Snapper, red	<i>Lutjanus campechanus</i>	48 cm
Snapper, yellowtail	<i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i>	34 cm
Snook, Atlantic	<i>Centropomus spp.</i>	25 cm
Snook, Pacific	<i>Centropomus spp.</i>	25 cm
Tarpon, oxeye	<i>Megalops cyprinoides</i>	75 cm
Threadfin, giant African	<i>Polydactylus quadrifilis</i>	100 cm
Threadfin, king	<i>Polydactylus macrochir</i>	83 cm
Trevally, bigeye	<i>Caranx sexfasciatus</i>	44 cm
Trevally, bluefin	<i>Caranx melampygus</i>	58 cm
Trevally, giant	<i>Caranx ignobilis</i>	76 cm
Trevally, golden	<i>Gnathanodon speciosus</i>	48 cm
Tripletail	<i>Lobotes surinamensis</i>	48 cm
Tuna, blackfin	<i>Thunnus atlanticus</i>	52 cm
Tuna, longtail	<i>Thunnus tonggol</i>	72 cm
Tuna, skipjack	<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>	49 cm
Tunny, little	<i>Euthynnus alletteratus</i>	53 cm
Weakfish	<i>Cynoscion regalis</i>	48 cm
Yellowtail, California	<i>Seriola lalandi dorsalis</i>	80 cm
Yellowtail, southern	<i>Seriola lalandi lalandi</i>	78 cm

FRESHWATER

Arawana	<i>Osteoglossum bicirrhosum</i>	41 cm
Barramundi	<i>Lates calcarifer</i>	62 cm
Bass, Australian	<i>Macquaria novemaculeata</i>	27 cm
Bass, largemouth	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	48 cm
Bass, smallmouth	<i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>	34 cm
Bass, striped (landlocked)	<i>Morone saxatilis</i>	65 cm
Bass, white	<i>Morone chrysops</i>	24 cm
Bass, whiterock	<i>Morone saxatilis M. chrysops</i>	44 cm
Bluegill	<i>Lepomis macrochirus l</i>	19 cm
Bowfin	<i>Amia calva</i>	45 cm
Carp, common	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	55 cm
Carp, grass	<i>Ctenopharyngodon idella</i>	66 cm
Catfish, blue	<i>Ictalurus furcatus</i>	73 cm
Catfish, channel	<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	60 cm
Catfish, redbell (pirarara)	<i>Phractocephalus hemiliopterus</i>	69 cm
Catfish, sharpnose	<i>Clarias gariepinus</i>	85 cm
Char, Arctic	<i>Salvelinus alpinus</i>	51 cm
Crappie, black	<i>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</i>	24 cm
Crappie, white	<i>Pomoxis annularis</i>	24 cm
Dolly varden	<i>Salvelinus malma</i>	50 cm
Dorado	<i>Salminus maxillosus</i>	55 cm
Gar, Florida	<i>Lepisosteus platyrhincus</i>	42 cm
Gar, shortnose	<i>Lepisosteus platostomus</i>	38 cm
Grayling	<i>Thymallus thymallus</i>	25 cm
Grayling, Arctic	<i>Thymallus arcticus</i>	37 cm
Kokanee	<i>Oncorhynchus nerka</i>	32 cm
Muskellunge	<i>Esax masquinongy</i>	76 cm
Nembwe	<i>Serranochromis robustus</i>	27 cm
Oscar	<i>Astronotus ocellatus</i>	19 cm
Payara	<i>Hydrolicus scomberoides</i>	53 cm
Peacock, blackstriped	<i>Cichla intermedia</i>	26 cm
Peacock, butterfly	<i>Cichla ocellaris</i>	33 cm
Peacock, speckled	<i>Cichla temensis</i>	45 cm
Perch, white	<i>Morone americana</i>	21 cm
Perch, yellow	<i>Perca flavescens</i>	18 cm
Pickereel, chain	<i>Esax niger</i>	39 cm
Pike, northern	<i>Esax lucius</i>	68 cm
Salmon, Atlantic	<i>Salmo salar</i>	64 cm
Salmon, Atlantic (landlocked)	<i>Salmo salar</i>	46 cm
Salmon, chinook	<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>	53 cm
Salmon, chum	<i>Oncorhynchus keta</i>	48 cm
Salmon, coho	<i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i>	53 cm
Salmon, pink	<i>Oncorhynchus gorbuscha</i>	39 cm
Salmon, sockeye	<i>Oncorhynchus nerka</i>	35 cm
Shad, American	<i>Alosa sapidissima</i>	35 cm
Snakehead	<i>Channa spp.</i>	29 cm
Sorubim	<i>Pseudoplatystoma spp.</i>	52 cm
Taimen	<i>Hucho taimen</i>	78 cm
Tigerfish	<i>Hydrocynus vittatus</i>	43 cm
Tigerfish, giant	<i>Hydrocynus goliath</i>	64 cm
Trahira, giant	<i>Hoplias macrophthalmus</i>	26 cm
Trout, brook	<i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>	34 cm
Trout, brown	<i>Salmo trutta</i>	51 cm
Trout, bull	<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>	51 cm
Trout, cutthroat	<i>Oncorhynchus clarki</i>	44 cm
Trout, golden	<i>Oncorhynchus gwaibanita</i>	35 cm
Trout, lake	<i>Salvelinus namaycush</i>	74 cm
Trout, rainbow	<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	54 cm
Walleye	<i>Stizostedion vitreum</i>	52 cm
Zander	<i>Stizostedion lucioperca</i>	43 cm

IGFA Record Application

FORM FOR RECORDING FRESHWATER AND SALTWATER GAME FISH CATCHES

Read all IGFA angling rules and world record requirements before completing and signing this application. The angler's signature on the completed form must be witnessed by a notary. This application must be accompanied by line or tippet samples and photographs as specified in the World Records Requirements. Hybrids and other species that may pose a problem of identity should be examined by an ichthyologist or qualified fishery biologist. IGFA reserves the right to employ verification procedures such as polygraph tests to determine the authenticity of record claims. **Materials submitted with application become property of IGFA and can be used at IGFA's discretion.**

I AM SUBMITTING THIS ENTRY FOR:

- An all-tackle world record.
 - An all-tackle length record
 - A world record in the following line class:
_____ lb / _____ kg
 - A fly rod world record in the following tippet class:
_____ lb / _____ kg
 - A state freshwater record in the following line class:
_____ lb / _____ kg
 - A state freshwater fly rod record in the following tippet class:
_____ lb / _____ kg
- Junior Angler
 - M-Smallfly (to 10)
 - M-Junior (11-16)
 - State Freshwater Junior Angler
 - F-Smallfly (to 10)
 - F-Junior (11-16)

SPECIES

Common name: _____
 Scientific name: _____

WEIGHT: (Not applicable for length records)

Fish was weighed in: lbs kgs.
 lbs: _____ oz: _____ kg: _____
 Digital weight (if weighed on electronic scales, give weight exactly as shown): _____

DATE OF CATCH (MM/DD/YY): _____

PLACE OF CATCH: _____

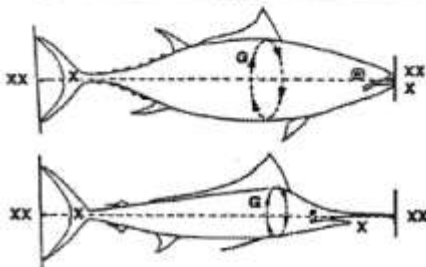
Was the fish released alive? Yes No

LENGTH (see measurement diagrams)

inches: x to x _____ xx to xx _____
 cm: x to x _____ xx to xx _____

GIRTH (Not applicable for length records)

(measured completely around fish at thickest point)
 inches: _____ cm: _____



METHOD OF CATCH (trolling, casting, fly fishing, etc.): _____

FIGHTING TIME: _____

Was this catch recorded on video? Yes No

ANGLER (Print name as you wish it to appear on your record certificate): _____

Daytime phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Permanent address- required for certificate mailing (include country and address code): _____

Age/birthdate if 16 or under: _____

EQUIPMENT

Rod
 Make: _____

Tip length (center of reel to end of tip): _____

Butt length (center of reel to lower end of butt): _____

Reel
 Make: _____ Size: _____

Line or tippet
 Fly rod applications must include the entire leader still attached to the fly. **All other records** must include 50 feet of line **still attached to the double line and/or leader** (if used)

Make: _____ Size stated on label: _____

Make of fly line: _____

- I am an IGFA member, enclosed is \$40 (US) application fee. Includes all-tackle, fly rod, state freshwater line class, state freshwater fly rod, and length records.
 - I am not an IGFA member, enclosed is \$65 (US) for membership and record application fees.
 - I am an IGFA Junior member, enclosed is \$35 (US) application fee. (includes regular and State Freshwater Junior records)
 - I am not an IGFA Junior member, enclosed is \$50 (US) for membership and record application fees.
- Enclosed is \$ _____ check or money order for the World Record application processing fee.

Or please charge to my: _____
 ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ American Express ___ Discover

Account No. _____

Exp. date: ____ / ____ Signature: _____
 Please send _____ extra copies of my record certificate at \$5 (US) each.

Length of double line: _____
Make of backing (if used): _____ Size: _____

OTHER EQUIPMENT:

Type of gaff: _____ Length: _____
Length of trace or leader: _____
Number and type of hooks: _____
Name of lure, fly or bait: _____

BOAT (if used)

Name: _____
Make: _____ Length: _____
Captain's name: _____
Signature: _____
Address: _____
Phone #: _____
Mate's name: _____
Address: _____
Phone #: _____

SCALES (note: IGFA can certify portable scales for members for \$15, including return shipping charges)

Location of scale: _____
Type/Manufacturer: _____
MM/DD/YY certified: _____
IGFA Certification #: _____

Person and/or agency that certified scales:

Weighmaster: _____
Signature: _____
Address: _____
Phone#: _____

WITNESSES:

Witness to weighing (other than angler, captain or weighmaster):

Address: _____

Witnesses to catch (other than captain). List two names and addresses if possible.

1. _____

Phone #: _____

2. _____

Phone #: _____

Number of persons witnessing the catch: _____

VERIFICATION OF SPECIES IDENTITY

(See world record requirements.)

Signature of examining ichthyologist:

Title, degree or qualifications: _____

Address: _____

Anglers are encouraged to write a detailed description of the catch. In some cases this may be required. The description may be used in a future IGFA publication.

AFFIDAVIT

I, the undersigned, hereby take oath and attest that the fish described in this application was hooked, fought, and brought to gaff by me without assistance from anyone, except as specifically provided in the regulations; and that it was caught in accordance with IGFA angling rules; and that the line submitted with this application is the actual line used to catch the fish on the stated date. If applying for an all-tackle length record, I declare that the fish I caught was released back into the water alive and in good health. I further declare that all information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that IGFA reserves the right to employ verification procedures such as polygraph tests. I agree to be bound by any ruling of the IGFA relative to this application. **Materials submitted with application become property of IGFA and can be used at IGFA's discretion.**

Signature of angler: _____

Sworn before me this _____ day of _____ the year _____

Notary signature and seal: _____

When completely filled out and signed, mail this application with photos and line sample by quickest means to:

IGFA FISHING HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM, 300 Gulf Stream Way, Dania Beach, FL 33004 USA

PHONE: (954) 927-2628 WEBSITE: www.igfa.org EMAIL: HQ@igfa.org FAX: (954) 924-4299

(This application may be reproduced)

Fees good through 12/31/10

Note: All items must be filled in. If an item does not apply, write "none used". Do not leave any spaces blank.



OFFICE BEARERS—2010/2011

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GFAA Annual General Meeting 8th & 9th October, 2010—Adelaide, SA

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President's Report

2010 AGM—October
Adelaide, SA



The amount of time spent dealing with Government Departments, Minister's Advisers, Shadow Minister's Advisors, bureaucrats, Government Fisheries Committees is now nearly a full time job. This past year has seen me spending at least 2 days a week, sometimes 3 keeping up with it due to the Mako issue, C/W MPA's, Fisheries Ministerial Round Table, Coral Sea and East Bio-region. I mention all these as it is getting harder each year as the Greens and Environment Groups put the pressure on.

The Mako issue turned out to be a great success for us, I thank all those people and general anglers for supporting the cause.

One of the most frustrating things for me is that what I am doing on all these matters is not getting back to the coal face anglers through the States and Clubs, this **MUST BE FIXED**.

In future I request people to have patience in the knowledge that we at GFAA will do everything in our power to protect our Sport and the species we fish for.

The only way we can win is with facts, figures and statistics. If we cannot prove our case the precautionary principle is always adopted which means we lose.

The Thresher shark issue via the I.O.T.C. ruling is another classic example of what can happen and a knowledge of the Commission Rules and Procedures is a must if you are to fight the issue. Currently we have it under hand and the status quo for game fishers remains. We can catch, keep and or tag this species and hopefully DAFF will sort it out at the next I.O.T.C. meeting in March 2011.

I am still looking for ideas how we can celebrate our 75th Anniversary in 2014, not one suggestion yet and I have been asking for 3 years now.

The A.I.B.T. 2011/12 is in Exmouth, W.A., please support it if you can and make sure your club members hear about it. Look up the Exmouth GFC web site for further details, go to www.egfc.com.au

This year GFAA lost three high profile Administrators due to ill health. Sadly we had to report the passing of Corrie Banks, Past Victorian Executive Officer for many years, then Bruce Downie, Past President and Life Member of G.F.A.A. and then shortly after Alan Turnbull past Nth Queensland Executive Officer. These three had given a tremendous amount of time and effort into our Sport for which I am sure all members are greatfull. I attended two of the funerals and passed on respect from GFAA, unfortunately I was not able to attend the last, however, I did ensure an arrangement was sent with a message on behalf of all gamefishers.

This May the Executive met in Sydney and discussed many issues including substantial prizes in Tournaments and Constitutional changes required to bring us up to date and prepare for the future. The substantial prize issue has been finalised with a maximum limit for any one prize being \$10,000 either in cash, trophy or combination of both.

I am extremely pleased to announce that Otto Volz is back on the Executive. Otto was appointed by the Executive to the Honorary Liaison/Promotions Officer at my request to assist me in some areas and projects. Otto's first project is to organise the making of a D.V.D. that will instruct and teach GFAA affiliated members everything about GFAA including Rules, tackle requirements, record claim procedures, Code of Practice, what's legal/not legal, our ethics etc. Hopefully this will be like the bible of gamefishers. This is a very large task and requires a great amount of time, connections in the industry and a knowledge of dealing with Sponsors.

Thank you Otto for putting up your hand for this massive roll, it is greatly appreciated.

The National Junior Tournament is up and running again for 2010/11 so I ask all States and Clubs to push this Tournament. Kids fishing now are the administrators of tomorrow so we **MUST ENCOURAGE** that.

My Vice President for the past nine years John Brooker has decided to step down from the role to concentrate on the important role of Junior Tournament National Co-ordinator, Web Master and also represent his home State as Executive Officer. John has been a fabulous V.P. for which I really THANK him.

Many think V.P. is just a title, to some it is and they do nothing. This has certainly not been the case with John. Over the 9 years there have been weekly/fortnightly conversations between us and many other times we have bounced ideas off one another on particular topics/issues. I look forward to continuing to work with John on the Executive and I greatly value his friendship. Thanks again J.B./ mate.

While I am on the thanks, I cannot miss the Executive for their efforts throughout the year and special mention goes to Dawn Earle of QGFA for stepping in to save her State when QGFA had a down and out Sth QLD Executive Officer (poor Spike) and a lost and missing Nth QLD Officer (Mick the wanderer). Dawn came to Sydney for the May meeting and was even silly enough to put her hand up for the Constitutional Sub-Committee. Thanks Dawn, it is great to see people with experience and skill willing to share it.

To the 2009/10 State and National Trophy Winners my sincere congratulations, likewise to all the new record holders.

I cannot close my report without two special, special thanks, Peter Babarskas (Records Officer Extraordinaire), a fabulous job again Peter and Pat Jones (Secretary to beat all Secretaries) words do not say enough when it comes to the efforts of Pat, take a hug instead Pat on behalf of all anglers in Australia.

Thanks again for your confidence in me as your President. I look forward to serving this great Association for another year.

Best regards

Grahame A. Williams
President

P.S. I have also included ET&BF Commercial catch records for 2008/9/part 2010 of species of major interest to us for your information. See below

2009/10 Blue and Black Marlin catch for the ETBF

Table 1. Catch in numbers for Black and Blue Marlin in the ETBF in 2008, 2009 and preliminary numbers for 2010. Data are from logbooks.

Blue Marlin	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
2010	22	10											32
2009	36	48	25	28	9	10	8	19	14	17	29	43	286
2008	27	55	58	54	20	20	4	23	16	21	29	50	377

Black Marlin	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
2010	14	6											20
2009	34	44	23	14	1	1	3	8	14	16	15	54	227
2008	38	47	46	39	15	4	4	3	6	14	60	49	325

2009/10 Longtail and Skipjack Tuna catch for the ETBF

Table 1. Catch of Longtail Tuna in the ETBF for 2008 and 2009. There is no catch recorded for 2010. weights are in kilograms. Source: logbooks

Longtail Tuna	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
2009			82	531	19								632
2008			77	94	2226						39		2436

Table 2. Catch of Skipjack Tuna in the ETBF for 2008-2010. 2010 data are preliminary and neither January nor February is likely complete. Weights are in kilograms. Source: logbooks

Skipjack Tuna	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
2010	148	35											183
2009	537	544	714	504	3994	1343	1429	1413	410	542	511	299	12240
2008	359	1085	591	248	355	1068	1384	11677	1380	535	2765	9066	31141

Note: The data for the skipjack fisheries and the WTBF cannot be published due to less than 5 boats being active in these fisheries.

Written by AFMA Management

March 2010

2009/10 Striped Marlin catch and Effort for the ETBF

Logbook data

Table 1. Catch and effort by month (including 2008 and 2009 data for comparisons) Source: Logbook data. Note: Weights are estimates only.

Striped Marlin	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Catch (t) in 2010	11	5											16
Catch (t) in 2009	20	19	57	19	16	20	14	28	31	36	30	36	326
Catch (t) in 2008	22	18	34	38	24	21	12	35	34	43	39	33	353
% of total catch in 2010	69	31											100
% of total catch in 2009	6	6	17	6	5	6	4	9	10	11	9	11	100
% of total catch in 2008	6	5	10	11	7	6	3	10	10	12	11	9	100
Effort ('000 hooks) in 2010	97	43											140
Effort ('000 hooks) in 2009	172	94	135	150	182	237	181	278	318	380	273	328	2728
Effort ('000 hooks) in 2008	200	169	170	271	289	217	157	378	349	358	307	181	3046
No. shots in 2010	66	29											95
No. shots in 2009	123	76	122	112	121	160	116	178	192	221	161	192	1774
No. shots in 2008	156	120	138	202	193	152	102	250	240	242	196	132	2123
CPUE (kg/'000hooks) in 2008	113	116											
CPUE (kg/'000hooks) in 2009	116	202	422	127	88	84	77	101	97	95	110	110	
CPUE (kg/'000hooks) in 2008	110	107	200	140	83	97	76	93	97	120	127	182	

Table 2. Catch and effort by latitude Source: Logbook data. Note: Weights are estimates only.

Striped Marlin	10-15	15-20	20-25	25-30	30-35	35+	Total
Catch (t)		0	47	24	125	37	92
% total catch		0	14.46	7.385	38.46	11.38	28.31
Effort ('000 hooks)		0	538	296	1,313	309	271
No. of shots		0	273	170	837	240	254
CPUE (kg/'000 hooks)		0	87.36	81.08	95.2	119.7	339.5

Catch Disposal Records

Table 3. Catch by port Source: Catch disposal records. Note: weights are verified.

Striped Marlin	Port	t	no. unloads	% of total catch
	MOOLOOLABA	178	420	50
	COFFS HARBOUR	14	76	4
	SYDNEY	7	35	2
	ULLADULLA	72	115	20
	Other	86	224	24
	Total	357	870	100

2009/10 Yellowfin tuna catch and Effort for the ETBF

Logbook data

Table 1. Catch and effort by month (including 2008 and 2009 data for comparisons) Source: Logbook data. Note: Weights are estimates only.

Yellowfin	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Catch (t) in 2010	22	29											51
Catch (t) in 2009	50	78	99	111	93	113	95	202	136	61	89	79	1206
Catch (t) in 2008	31	60	100	99	123	145	163	305	224	92	59	29	1430
% of total catch in 2010	43	57											100
% of total catch in 2009	4	6	8	9	8	9	8	17	11	5	7	7	100
% of total catch in 2008	2	4	7	7	9	10	11	21	16	6	4	2	100
Effort ('000 hooks) in 2010	199	141											340
Effort ('000 hooks) in 2009	295	482	535	660	612	711	608	803	635	519	382	464	6706
Effort ('000 hooks) in 2008	307	394	630	626	670	596	629	859	579	582	368	172	6412
No. shots in 2010	131	91											222
No. shots in 2009	242	336	392	496	459	543	464	623	484	358	343	329	5069
No. shots in 2008	251	323	506	511	537	484	485	637	457	386	300	145	5022
CPUE (kg/'000hooks) in 2010	111	208											
CPUE (kg/'000hooks) in 2009	169	162	185	168	152	159	156	252	214	118	233	170	
CPUE (kg/'000hooks) in 2008	101	152	159	158	184	243	259	355	387	158	160	169	

Table 2. Catch and effort by latitude Source: Logbook data. Note: Weights are estimates only.

Yellowfin	10-15	15-20	20-25	25-30	30-35	35+	Total
Catch (t)	21	360	169	267	193	176	1206
% total catch	1.741	29.85	14.01	23.8	16	14.59	100
Effort ('000 hooks)	58	1502	1,141	2,378	787	839	6705
No. of shots	94	1402	674	1,561	618	719	5068
CPUE (kg/'000 hooks)	362.1	239.7	148.1	120.7	245.2	209.8	

Catch Disposal Records

Table 3. Catch by port Source Catch disposal records. Note: weights are verified.

Yellowfin	Port	t	no. unloads	% of total catch
	MOOLOOLABA	641	551	46
	COFFS HARBOUR	78	120	6
	SYDNEY	62	76	4
	ULLADULLA	160	223	12
	Other	443	598	32
	Total	1384	1568	100



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TROPICAL TUNA
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(Tropical Tuna MAC) 2

Agenda item number: 4 Information Items

Agenda item title: 4.3 - Catch levels for key target species

Recommendations

1. That members note the 2009/10 catch levels for key target species in both the ETBF and WTBF:

2009/10 Albacore catch and Effort for the ETBF

Logbook data

Table 1. Catch and effort by month (including 2008 and 2009 data for comparisons) Source: Logbook data. Note: Weights are estimates only.

Albacore	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Catch (t) in 2010	34	15											49
Catch (t) in 2009	38	85	75	127	135	224	221	103	100	109	74	52	1343
Catch (t) in 2008	29	26	30	51	145	148	133	206	106	64	62	83	1083
% of total catch in 2010	69	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
% of total catch in 2009	3	6	6	9	10	17	16	8	7	8	6	4	100
% of total catch in 2008	3	2	3	5	13	14	12	19	10	6	6	8	100
Effort ('000 hooks) in 2010	180	129											309
Effort ('000 hooks) in 2009	288	388	491	713	765	863	738	754	638	622	449	304	7103
Effort ('000 hooks) in 2008	277	327	533	592	760	669	595	811	525	475	334	346	6244
No. shots in 2010	114	81											195
No. shots in 2009	192	234	328	501	542	640	559	544	415	390	287	236	4868
No. shots in 2008	231	292	406	448	578	528	454	583	369	332	219	226	4666
CPUE (kg/'000hooks) in 2010	189	116											
CPUE (kg/'000hooks) in 2009	132	219	153	178	176	260	299	137	157	175	165	132	
CPUE (kg/'000hooks) in 2008	105	80	56	86	191	221	224	254	202	135	186	240	

Table 2. Catch and effort by latitude Source: Logbook data. Note: Weights are estimates only.

Albacore	10-15	15-20	20-25	25-30	30-35	35+	Total
Catch (t)	12	474	189	453	117	99	1344
% total catch	0.9	35.3	14.1	33.7	8.7	7.4	100
Effort ('000 hooks)	32	1411	1,163	2,886	821	788	7101
No. of shots	39	978	669	1,866	644	672	4868
CPUE (kg/'000 hooks)	375	335.9	162.5	157	142.5	125.6	

Catch Disposal Records

Table 3. Catch by port Source Catch disposal records. Note: weights are verified.

Albacore	Port	t	no. unloads	% of total catch
	MOOLOOLABA	1043	545	69
	COFFS HARBOUR	50	112	3
	SYDNEY	28	59	2
	ULLADULLA	78	216	5
	Other	321	490	21
	Total	1520	1422	100



Vice President's Report

GFAA Conference—October 2010



As I have not nominated this year as VP this will be my last chance to say a few words from this end of the table.

It is with regret and a degree of sadness that I relinquish the position of VP having held it for too many years to remember almost. The following is written as a tongue in cheek humorous shot at the Association and should not be construed as anything other than that.

I will never forget the great times that GFAA has provided myself and Annie, some fun, some complete anguish.

Close nail biting elections, people advising me that a report I wrote was wrong because Captain Cook did not actually take part in the First Fleet, rescuing a teary Anne and Danielle from the clutches of a self confessed very practised hurt monger. The list goes on and on but we must smile. There were some **bloody good times**.

Who would ever forget the newly elected president, a little guy who had just arrived from a long flight from the USA ordering a plethora of room service drinks to be delivered to the bar after it closed.

The ladies from Qld danced on the tables that night showing a little more thigh than most could bear and the world was great. A bunch of likeminded friends having a ball. Some may say pissed silly farts and they may be right but what the hell.

Those old days were also at times a little dismal to some with the chief power brokers thinking that fishing did not exist unless you came from Qld or NSW.

Grahame Williams assured me that under his leadership that would change.

And it did. The man was true to his word and his and my relationship blossomed to one of very good friendship, as it remains.

The times that we have looked at each other and shaken heads in regard to positions put forward by bodies in regard to fishing management are too numerous to even contemplate. "What are they thinking?" was and is still common.

The IGFA "*Campaign for Game Fish Conservation*" is, in my tiny mind anyway, the sort of thing we should be attempting through education of the public, conservation groups, our anglers, other anglers and mostly the Australian political scene. It may take some years to progress but if we don't make a big start we will find ourselves all dead in the water.

It goes without saying that I remain indebted to Grahame for his support, and thank him for his wisdom with menial things at times, like how to avoid the charter boat operator who threatened to toss me off the jetty and fill my driveway with fish guts over a position I took on an SBT issue. We have had our fights, differences of opinion and the like and always managed to come out smiling as great mates, all of this hopefully unseen. This will of course continue. This should be the GFAA attitude.

Finally I would like to thank four great ladies in my GFAA life. Firstly my wife Anne who has given up of her own time to accompany me with things GFAA, secondly Danielle Ghosn who has been great fun over the years, thirdly Dawn Earle who has been a great and sensible mentor and friend and finally but not the least Pat Jones.



Secretary's Report

GFAA Conference
2006



It is great to have the GFAA Annual Conference in the beautiful City of Adelaide once again, thankyou to Bob Oliver - President SAGFA for his assistance with the organisation of the event.

Thankyou to the State Secretaries, who have assisted me in sending through all required information this year on time.

The winners of the 2009/10 GFAA Trophies will be announced at the Annual Dinner to be held on Saturday evening following the meeting. I would like to congratulate all winners.

Following this report, State Membership statistics and State voting entitlements have been printed for your information

In conclusion, I would like to thank President Grahame for his support over the past year Vice President John Brooker and the GFAA Executive for their support and thankyou to my husband David for his support and assistance.

State	Affiliated Members										Voting Entitlement			
	2008-09					2009-10					2010 AGM			
	Adult	J/SF	Total	No of Clubs 2009/10	Adult Male	Adult Lady	Jnr Male	Jnr Lady	S/F Male	S/F Lady	Total	5 +	12 =	1 7
New South Wales	3204	390	3594	24	2892	282	209	58	84	42	3567	5 +	12 =	1 7
Northern Territory	256	112	368	4	248	88	27	9	59	34	465	5 +	2 =	7
Queensland	1944	220	2164	19	1330	281	143	66	-	-	1820	5 +	7 =	1 2
South Australia	403	34	437	3	371	13	21	6	4	6	421	5 +	2 =	7
Tasmania	463	50	513	4	387	45	20	6	12	7	477	5 +	2 =	7
Victoria	724	80	804	16	588	94	19	11	24	19	755	5 +	3 =	8
Western Australia	788	68	856	8	664	109	66	45	-	-	884	5 +	3 =	8
Total	7782	954	8736	78	6480	912	505	201	183	108	8389			6 6



Record Officer's Report

GFAA Conference
September 2006



There have been several claims submitted this year with illegal rigs which have been taken mentioned as a rig style in the Bluewater magazine even after the article has stated to check the rules to make sure that the rig is compliant.

If anyone is not sure on a rig it can be submitted or drawn out & sent to GFAA to check if it is legal before you catch a potential record & have it knocked back because of illegal tackle.

There has been a steady flow of claims since our AGM, but I'm still receiving claims with missing information & in one case the line was submitted in a nasty hank which I sent back to the angler to sort out. These claims should not be getting to me as it is the job of the clubs to check them and then finally the state recorders before they are forwarded onto me, all this is causing extra work for me and unnecessary delays in processing of the claims.

The check list on some claims is still not being dated by the Clubs & in some instances by the State recorders when they receive the claims from the angler. I'm asking for this to be done again, we need the dates to see where any delay may have occurred in case a late fee has to be applied.

I have processed 44 records since the AGM, of which there has been 10 Men's, 10 Women's, 10 Junior's & 14 Small fry, there has also been 12 world claims. **At the time of this report there are 2 pending world records. Unfortunately there has been a higher than usual 13 claims rejected.**

Please ensure your line is tested before using and make sure you claim the correct line class.

Congratulations to all new Record Holders.

Claims by states are as follows; WA 17, NSW 15, SA 4, NT 4, VIC 4, TAS 0, QLD 0.

Peter Babarskas
GFAA Records Officer
Oct 2010

LIST OF NEW RECORDS FOR YEAR—October 09 to October 2010

Class	Name	State	Species	Kg	Line Class	IGFA	GFAA
SF s/w	Hannah McConachy	NT	Longtail Tuna	5.40	3	✓	✓
M s/w All Tackle	Phil Body	NSW	Southern Bluefin Tuna	167.50	37	✓	✓
J s/w	Talisha Cook	WA	Broad Barred Mackerel	6.00	2		✓
SF s/w	Rhiannon Halling	NSW	Mako Shark	118.10	6	✓	✓
10/1	Gary Clarke	SA	Mako Shark	40.04	3		✓
M s/w 10/1	Adam Todd	SA	Gummy Shark	11.00	1		✓
M s/w 20/1	Bradley Smith	SA	Whaler Shark	185.00	8		✓
SF s/w	Hannah McConochy	NT	Longtail Tuna	7.30	6	✓	
M s/w	Rhyss Whittred	WA	Samson Fish	29.75	8	✓	✓
W s/w	Jacque Rushford	WA	Yellowfin Tuna	92.60	37		✓
J s/w	Chris Rushford	WA	Yellowfin Tuna	79.20	37		✓
J & W s/w	Tayla Clatworthy	WA	Golden Trevally	9.70	6		✓
SF s/w	Jack Stockdale	VIC	Blue Shark	38.00	10		✓
SF s/w	Patrick McQuaid	NT	Longtail Tuna	7.70	6		✓
M s/w	Tim Morgan	NSW	Blue Shark	188.40	10	✓	✓
W & J s/w	Krystal Wieteki	NSW	Mako Shark	185.80	8		✓
J s/w	Nicholas Edwards	NSW	Mahi Mahi	25.00	24		✓
SF s/w	Kaysie Fancett	NSW	Mahi Mahi	16.40	10		✓
J l/b	Jacob Enever	NT	Queenfish	6.90	3		✓
SF s/w	Aaron Anderson	NSW	Snapper	2.80	2		✓
J & SF s/w	Desert Gray	WA	Southern Bluefin Tuna	3.00	3	✓	✓
W s/w	Sangetta Menon	WA	Mahi Mahi	3.20	1		✓
1000lb	Tony Pink	NSW	Tiger Shark	575.80	15		✓

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LIST OF NEW RECORDS FOR YEAR - OCT 09 to OCT 10									
Class	Name	State	Species	Wt	Line Class	IGFA	GFAA		
Class	Name	State	Species	Kg	Line Class	IGFA	GFAA		
W766	Claire Jones	NSW	Tiger Shark	418.00	15				✓
A2707	M s/w Phil Body	NSW	Sth Bluefin Tuna	167.50	37	Granted	Granted		
W767	Matthew Bell	WA	Samson Fish	7.90	1		✓		✓
A2708	J s/w Talisha Cook	WA	Broad Barred Mack-	6.00	2				Granted
A2709	M s/w Trevor Bell SF s/w Brodie J Williams	WA SA	Samson Fish Sth Bluefin Tuna	11.80 14.30	2 10		✓		Rejected
A2710	J s/w Eric Locke SF s/w Rhiannon Halling	WA NSW	Black Jewfish Mako	118.10	6	Granted	Granted		✓
W768	Alex Dandic	WA	Giant Trevally	1.30	1				✓
A2711	10/1 Gary Clarke	SA	Mako	40.04	3				Granted
A2712	M s/w Daniel Arapakis 10/1	NSW SA	Southern Bluefin Tuna Gummy Shark	11.00	24				Granted
A2713	M s/w 20/1 Bradley Smith	SA	Whaler Shark	185.00	4				Granted
A2714	SF s/w Hannah McConochy W769 Jackson Tatham	NT WA	Longtail Tuna Tuna Kawa Kawa	7.30	36	Granted	Rejected		✓
A2715	M s/w Rhys Whittred W770	WA	Samson Fish	29.75	3	Granted	Granted		✓
A2716	W s/w Jacquie Rushford	WA	Yellowfin Tuna	92.60	37				Granted
A2717	J s/w Chris Rushford	WA	Yellowfin Tuna	79.20	37				Granted
A2718	J & W s/w Tayla Clatworthy	WA	Golden Trevally	9.70	6				Granted
A2719	SF s/w Jack Stockdale	VIC	Blue Shark	38.00	10				Granted
A2720	SF s/w Patrick McQuaid	NT	Longtail Tuna	7.70	6				Granted
A2721	J s/w Joel Death	NSW	Striped Marlin	141.60	15				Rejected
A2722	M s/w Tim Morgan	NSW	Blue Shark	188.40	10		Granted		Granted
W771									
A2723	W & J Krystal Wieteki	NSW	Mako	185.80	8		Rejected		Granted
W772	s/w								
A2724	J s/w Nicholas Edwards	NSW	Mahi Mahi	25.00	24				Granted
A2725	SF s/w Kaysie Fancett	NSW	Mahi Mahi	16.40	10				Granted
A2726	J l/b Jacob Enever	NT	Queenfish	6.90	3				Granted
A2727	W s/w Karen Wright	NSW	Striped Marlin	96.50	10				Rejected
A2728	W s/w Philippa Seldon	NSW	Mahi Mahi	11.00	4				Rejected
A2729	SF s/w Aaron Anderson	NSW	Snapper	2.80	2				Granted
A2730	I & SF Desert Gray	WA	Sth Bluefin Tuna	3.00	3	Granted	Granted		
W773	s/w								
A2731	W s/w Sangeeta Menon	WA	Mahi Mahi	3.20	1				Granted
A2732	1000lb Tony Pink	NSW	Tiger Shark	575.80	15				Granted
A2733	20/1 Claire Jones	NSW	Tiger Shark	418.00	15				Granted
A2734	M s/w Matthew Bell	WA	Samson Fish	7.90	1	Granted	Granted		
W774									
A2735	M s/w Trevor Bell	WA	Samson Fish	11.80	2	Granted	Granted		
W775									
A2736	J s/w Eric Locke	WA	Black Jewfish	9.80	6				Granted
A2737	M s/w David Gray	WA	Australian Salmon	5.40	4				
A2738	M s/w Rhys Clatworthy	WA	Golden Trevally	11.30	3	Granted	Rejected		
W776									
A2739	SF s/w	WA	Queenfish	6.50	3				Rejected



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09-10 has been a very challenging year in N.Q. For the second year in a row the juvenile marlin have not run. As this report leaves me I know only of the sightings of two small black marlin to 5kg in Cape Bowling Green Bay. As we are all aware it is almost impossible to tell the difference between a 5kg black marlin and a sailfish from a flybridge. All tournaments fished have been won on sailfish. The only marlin tagged are 50kgs plus. Interesting capture from the Cairns Light Tackle Tournament was a striped marlin. It goes without saying that if we have no small marlin here there will be no east coast small black marlins this year.

Mick Meiers
N.Q. G.F.A.A. Rep



South Queensland **Executive Officer's Report** GFAA Conference—October 2010



FISHING REPORT.

Very little to report from S.E. Qld. Clubs.

.The light tackle grounds produced very little tagging results. There was a small window of activity late autumn and early winter wide off the Gold Coast, on heavy tackle. Unfortunately this did not last and we now look likely to a very poor Light Tackle season. The Bowling Green action has been minimal again. We have had heavier than normal rainfall during the winter months and I feel this is funnelled inside the Reef and carried south with the current. There is very late but small bait run over the past 2 weeks now the fresh has dispersed. MBGFC's "Back 2 Tanga 2" Tournament 28-30 May was a dead affair on the fishing side. The Island party was bigger than ever and is growing in popularity each year. Great to see the resurrection of the club after many years of non tournaments.

Junior's Tournament 2009-10.

This has to be the slowest year we have seen for reporting captures and Tags. Qld GFA discussed at the AGM a move towards entering all Qld Juniors at nil cost to the anglers in an effort to boost interest in the Comp. To date not much has transpired in numbers or feedback

Note from President Grahame:

Please support the Junior Tournament and enter every Junior/Small Fry when they register to join an Affiliated Club.

Regards

Brian (Spike) Kirkby



New South Wales **Executive Officer's Report** GFAA Conference—October 2010



NSWGFA Interclub Tournament

The Interclub Tournament is the NSWGFA State Championships, this event is the main source of income for NSWGFA and the main reason why we have been able to keep affiliation fees to a minimum cost however we have seen over the past few years a drop in the number of participants, we believe that this is mainly due to the vast number of tournaments that are being held in January, February & March each year and the cost associated with fishing these tournaments.

We did however have an increase in the number of boats and anglers on the previous year. A total of 378 fish were tagged & released over the 4 days, 275 of which were marlin which was a great result.

Australian International Billfish Tournament

It was disappointing that only 30 boats entered the 2010 AIBT, however the weather report was not good for the two days which we believe did keep boat numbers down.

Overall 59 marlin were tagged. The AIBT will now move to WA for 2011 & 2012.

Measure & Release

The possibility of GFAA introducing "measure & release" for species to be determined that are currently not approved for T&R was discussed at the 2009 GFAA AGM, an indication from that meeting was that States would support such a motion. NSWGFA gave a commitment that they would put up a motion to that affect and have done so, we ask that States support this notice of motion. If the "measure & release" motion is carried, the meeting can then determine as to the species that would be eligible. NSWGFA would like to see junior & small fry anglers **ONLY** be able to tag yellowtail kingfish under 70cm and QLD, NT & WA Nth indicated at the 2009 AGM that they would like barramundi to be eligible as well.

Circle Hooks

At the NSWGFA in July, the Delegates voted to "tighten" the NSWGFA circle hook rule, the rule now states: **CIRCLE HOOKS ONLY** are permitted to be used for livebaiting and trolling natural baits. NB: no points to be scored for any species caught while using livebaits and/or trolling natural baits with "J" hooks.

Length/Weight Curves

NSWGFA has had a length/weight curve publication printed which gives the weight/length ratio for blue, black, striped marlin and mako, tiger and whaler sharks. This publication was forwarded to each affiliated club member at no charge.

It is anticipated that by having this information anglers will tag more fish when they realise that a larger fish has already been captured in a tournament, it will also give anglers a better indication of whether the fish will meet minimum weight. In NSWGFA marlin must weigh 60kg on 4kg, 6kg, 8kg & 10kg and 80kg on all line classes, sharks must weigh 60kg on 4kg, 6kg, 8kg & 10kg and 80kg on 15kg, 24kg & 37kg and 120kg on 60kg line class.

Don Goswell
State Executive Officer - NSW



Victoria **Executive Officer's Report** GFAA Conference—October 2010



This year GFAV has concentrated on raising awareness of game fishing with the various Government and Peak bodies within Victoria. We provided input to the National Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee (RFAC) and in our overview we tabled the following as major issues for us:

The lack of integrated National and State processes to effectively manage the recreational offshore fishery, particularly the large pelagic apex predators targeted by gamefishers.

The need for a single, strong, adequately funded National Peak Recreational fishing body.

Our President is a member of the DPI Fisheries Recreational Roundtable forum and two of our committee members represent GFAV at the Victorian Peak Recreational Fishing Body (VRFish). Participation in these activities has proven to be very effective for us. This was demonstrated during the Mako Shark fiasco with the Victorian Peak body running a very effective campaign to assist in overturning the decision to ban recreational targeting of this shark.

We developed a new Tag & Release points scoring system specifically for Victoria and this has been adopted for the 2010-2011 season. Details of the new system are provided at the end of this report.

Tournament numbers in Victoria were down a little this year, with uncertainty surrounding Makos being cited as one of the reasons.

Tag & Release

The following is a list of the 349 fish tagged and released this season (305 Last season).

Albacore	13	(67)
Kingfish - Yellowtail	14	(11)
Mahi Mahi	5	(1)
Marlin - Black	44	(8)
Marlin - Blue	2	(1)
Marlin - Striped	87	(47)
Sailfish	1	(3)
Shark - Blue	14	(31)
Shark - Hammerhead	3	(0)
Shark - Mako	36	(58)
Shark - Whaler	2	(5)
Spearfish	0	(0)
Tuna - Skipjack	6	(4)
Tuna - Southern Bluefin	118	(61)
Tuna - Yellowfin	2	(8)

Captures

It has been another great year in the Record Claims department with all ten Record Claims being passed. Nine Victorian Records have been granted one of which was also an Australian Record.

Record Claims 2009-2010

Shane Sanders	PMOAC	M	Tope	25.6	6	17 Jul 2009	Portland	Aust/Vic Mens	passed
Shane Sanders	PMOAC	M	Mako	101.6	8	12 Dec 2009	Portland	Vic Mens	passed
Jack Stockdale	SGGFC	SF	Blue shark	38	10	24 Jan 2010	Cape Liptrap	small fry	passed
Simon Graske	BSGFC	M	Bronze whaler	76.1	10	20 Feb 2010	Pyramid Rock	Vic Mens	passed
Lochlan Bulk	BSGFC	SF	Mako	34.15	6	13 Mar 2010	Cape Woolami	small fry	passed
Paul Irvine	BSGFC	M	Albacore	15.8	8	27 Mar 2010	Portland	Vic Mens	passed
Paul Irvine	BSGFC	M	Albacore	9.7	6	2 Apr 2010	Portland	Vic Mens	passed
Troy Cooper	SGGFC	M	SBT	128	37	22 May 2010	Port Fairy	Vic Mens	passed
Steve Toronto	BSGFC	M	SBT	125.1	24	19 May 2010	Port Fairy	Vic Mens	passed
Tobi Malcolm	PMOAC	M	Albacore	23.4	4	4 Jun 2010	Portland	Aust/Vic Mens	pending
Tobi Malcolm	PMOAC	M	Albacore	19.39	10	4 Jun 2010	Portland	Vic Mens	pending

GFAV Annual Trophy Winners

1. HEAVIEST SHARK - "Kel Taylor Trophy"

This trophy is available annually to affiliated members for recognised species captured on GFAA line classes, within Victorian waters.

WINNER - Troy Cooper SGGFC 216kg Mako Shark

2. TAG & RELEASE - "Ian Cutler Trophy"

This trophy is available annually to the angler who tags and releases the highest point scoring number and species of GFAA recognised species in a given year, in Australian waters. The calculation of the point scoring is by means of the current GFAV point scoring system for Tag & Release.

WINNER - Raymond Buttigieg VGFC 270,000 points (27 Marlin)

3. CHAMPION JUNIOR TAG & RELEASE - "Neville Dance Trophy"

This trophy is available annually to the junior angler who tags and releases the highest point scoring number and species of GFAA recognised species in a given year, in Australian waters. The calculation of the point scoring is by means of the current GFAV point scoring system for Tag & Release.

**WINNERS - William Maloney BSGFC 3,000 points
Brayden Richardson SGGFC 3,000 points**

4. HEAVIEST GAMEFISH - "John Bryant Trophy"

This trophy is available annually to affiliated members for recognised Gamefish species (excluding sharks) captured on GFAA line classes, within Victorian waters.

WINNER - David Cassidy WOAC Southern Bluefin Tuna 141.7kg on 24kg

5. TAG & RELEASE - VICTORIAN WATERS

This trophy is available annually to the angler who tags and releases the highest point scoring number and species of GFAA recognised species in a given year, within Victorian waters. The calculation of the point scoring is by means of the current GFAV point scoring system for Tag & Release.

WINNER - Glen Pilon VGFC 12,000 points

6. CHAMPION JUNIOR TAG & RELEASE VICTORIA - "Bruce Harrison Trophy"

This trophy is available annually to the junior angler who tags and releases the highest point scoring number and species of GFAA recognised species in a given year, in Victorian waters. The calculation of the point scoring is by means of the current GFAV point scoring system for Tag & Release.

**WINNERS - William Maloney BSGFC 3,000 points
Brayden Richardson SGGFC 3,000 points**

7. HEAVIEST GAMEFISH/SHARK (JUNIOR) - "Terry Mattingly Trophy"

This trophy is available annually to affiliated Junior members for recognised Gamefish species (including sharks) captured on GFAA line classes, within Victorian waters.

WINNER Brayden Richardson SGGFC Blue Shark 46.7kg on 6kg

Game Fishing Association of Victoria - Tag & Release (1st July 2010)

Minimum length & weight >					SPECIES					Minimum length & weight >				
cm	kg	Tag	Points		cm	kg	Tag	Points		cm	kg	Tag	Points	
		3	LP	1000	Albacore <i>Thunnus alalunga</i>	60	3	LP	1000	Mulloway (Jewfish) ^ <i>Argyrosomus japonicus</i>				
		3	LP	500	Amberjack <i>Seriola dumerilii</i>	60	3	LP	25	Queenfish * <i>Scomberoides spp.</i>				
		3	LP	25	Barracuda * <i>Sphyrna spp.</i>		3	LP	25	Rainbow Runner * <i>Elagtis bipinnulatus</i>				
		3	LP	25	Bonito * <i>Sarda spp.</i>			B	10000	Sailfish <i>Istiophorus platypterus</i>				
			B	10000	Broadbill <i>Xiphias gladius</i>	40	3	SP	25	Salmon, Australian ^^ <i>Arripis trutta</i>				
		3	LP	500	Cobia <i>Rachycentron canadum</i>		3	LP	500	Samson fish <i>Seriola hippos</i>				
		3	LP	25	Eagle Ray * <i>Myliobatis australis</i>	100	5	M	2000	Shark, blue <i>Prionace glauca</i>				
70		3	LP	1000	Kingfish (yellowtail) <i>Seriola lalandi</i>	100	5	M	25	Shark, gummy * <i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>				
		3	LP	25	Mackerel, broad barred * <i>Scomberomorus semifasciatus</i>	100	5	M	3000	Shark, hammerhead <i>Sphyrna spp.</i>				
		3	LP	500	Mackerel, narrow barred <i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>	100	5	M	3000	Shark, mako <i>Isurus spp.</i>				
		3	LP	25	Mackerel, shark * <i>Grammatocygnus bicarinatus</i>	100	5	M	3000	Shark, porbeagle <i>Lamna nasus</i>				
		3	LP	25	Mackerel, spotted * <i>Scomberomorus spp.</i>	100	5	M	500	Shark, school (tope) <i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>				
		3	LP	500	Mahi Mahi (dolphinfish) <i>Coryphaena spp.</i>	100	5	M	4000	Shark, thresher <i>Alopias spp.</i>				
			B	10000	Marlin, black <i>Makaira indica</i>	100	5	M	3000	Shark, tiger <i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>				
			B	10000	Marlin, Pacific blue <i>Makaira nigricans</i>	100	5	M	3000	Shark, whaler <i>Carcharhinus spp.</i>				
			B	10000	Marlin, Striped <i>Tetrapturus audax</i>			B	10000	Spearfish <i>Tetrapturus spp.</i>				

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- For Tag Types refer to next page

Game Fishing Association of Victoria - Tag & Release (1st July 2010)

SPECIES											
Minimum length & weight >	cm	kg	Tag	Points	Minimum length & weight >	cm	kg	Tag	Points		
Snapper *^ <i>Pagrus auratus</i>	40	3	SP	25	Tuna, dogtooth <i>Gymnosarda unicolor</i>			3	LP	2000	
Trevally, big eye * <i>Caranx sexfasciatus</i>	60	3	LP	25	Tuna, longtail <i>Thunnus tonggol</i>			3	LP	1000	
Trevally, giant * <i>Caranx ignobilis</i>	60	3	LP	25	Tuna, mackerel (kawa kawa) * <i>Euthynnus affinis</i>			3	LP	25	
Trevally, gold spot * <i>Carangoides fulvoguttatus</i>	60	3	LP	25	Tuna, skipjack * <i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>			3	LP	25	
Trevally, golden * <i>Gnathanodon speciosus</i>	60	3	LP	25	Tuna, southern bluefin <i>Thunnus maccoyii</i>			3	LP	2000	
Trevally, silver *^ <i>Pseudocaranx dentex</i>	35	3	SP	25	Tuna, yellowfin <i>Thunnus albacares</i>			3	LP	2000	
Tuna, bigeye <i>Thunnus obesus</i>			3	LP	2000	Wahoo <i>Acanthocybium solandri</i>			3	LP	500
Tuna, bluefin <i>Thunnus thynnus orientalis</i>			3	LP	2000						

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TYPES of TAGS

Tag & Release points will not be awarded unless the correct Tag is used and the documentation completed fully and correctly

SP - Small Pelagic Tag

LP - Large Pelagic Tag

M - Metal Shark Tag

B - Billfish Tag



Game Fishing Association of Victoria, PO Box 408, Mentone 3195



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Game fishing this past season has been very interesting because at one end of the state the good runs of Marlin and Yellow Fin did not seem to eventuate, but in the south the Southern Blue Fin are still here in good numbers. Good bait schools may be the reason, a local commercial operator seems to have slowed in his catch rates in the southern areas and many large bait balls can be seen and good schools of SBT are staying for longer periods of time.

SPF Mac

With the changes to the AFMA MAC process the new MAC [SEMAC] has a Recreational Fishing / Charter member, that member is Malcolm Poole from NSW: Malcolm is the Chairman of the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW. I have passed on my concerns to Malcolm mainly in regard to the SPF fishery, but I urge you to use him to air your concerns if you have any in this now much larger MAC.

Mako Sharks

Mako Sharks would seem to be still on the radar and the Tasmanian Game Fishing Association has been approached by the Tasmanian Aquaculture and Fisheries Institute to be a partner in a study in the post release survival of these animals. If the study was successful in gaining funding from the Tasmanian Fish Wise Grants program I am sure further funding sources would be approached and the study extended around the South East of Australia. The study would involve satellite tagging and would be undertaken using recreational fishing boats and recreational practices, this would be a very expensive, and this in kind support would be our part of the Study. There is also interest in doing a like study into Southern Blue Fin Tuna this would require further discussion. I also think we should discuss this if the study did happen it would be a great opportunity to use the time and boats to get some good footage for the DVD which is under production at present.

While we are discussing post release survival of Tagged fish I would like to thank the members of TGFA in the outstanding way they are handling the interaction with the growing number of seals in the South East of Tasmania. The seal aggregations are growing in number, and because in my view the vast numbers of small pelagic fish that have been taken in the past few years has forced seals to develop new feeding techniques. TGFA members are now limiting the interaction and releasing healthy fish.

Promotion

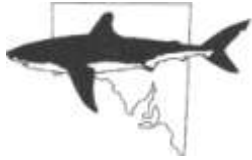
TGFA is concerned with a drop in membership and is taking steps to reverse this trend and is proposing to do some promotion on the benefits of membership and the enjoyment of responsible game fishing. We have approached the producers of Hook Line and Sinker, a nationally aired fishing show, and we have had a warm response to help our cause.

TGFA State Records—Record Claims 2009-2010

Ref	Class	Capture	Angler	Club	Species	Kg	Line Class	Claim	Status
201	SW Female	17/01/10	Gaylene McGiveron	SHGFC	Mako	123.00	15	TGFA	Granted
201	S/Fry Male	25/01/10	Mitchell Hill	SHGFC	Mako	21.00	10	TGFA	Granted
201	S/W Junior	20/02/10	Ryan Ivory	SHGFC	Mako	138.00	15	TGFA	Granted
201	SW Male	24/04/10	Shane Kube	TCT	Albacore	21.80	10	TGFA	Granted

I thank the TGFA for giving me the opportunity to be the executive office for Tasmania over the past few years, I have enjoyed the role but it is time for a change.

Brett Cleary/TGFA Executive Officer—Tasmania



South Australia

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With a ban placed on fishing for Mako Sharks at the end of January, and with good spring weather, anglers were out fishing much earlier than previous years. Fishing for Mako usually occurs from late summer onwards, but good numbers were found as early as September.

Southern Blue Fin Tuna (SBT) arrived early in the new year in large numbers, but the size was down on previous years, and continued through to the end of July. Albacore were not as prolific as last year. A total of 2668 SBT were tagged for the year, up 60% on last year.

Bad weather during the first week of May severely reduced fishing activities during the two major Tournaments held out of Port Lincoln and Port MacDonnell. Tuna were tagged in good numbers but the inclement weather impacted on other species usually targeted during these Tournaments.

A new "6 x 3 Challenge" was trialled for 6 months with monthly winners for the Most Meritorious Game Fish, the Heaviest Game Fish (excluding sharks) and the Heaviest Shark. Some good captures were recorded, but the numbers entering the competition was disappointing.

A Blue Shark tagged by Paul Williams of the Adelaide Game Fishing Club when fishing out of Port MacDonnell in May 2005 with the estimated weight of 9 kg, was recaptured in April 2010 by a long liner off the coast of South Africa. When recaptured its weight was 47 kg, having travelled a straight line distance of 5073 nautical miles.

With a new Minister and Executive Director, PIRSA Fisheries have recognised they have not been as effective as they should have been in working with the recreational fishing sector. In an effort to change Fisheries has held a workshop with recreational fishing bodies to identify issues that impact this sector. A number of key issues have been identified with additional workshops and regional forums to follow.

Bob Oliver
GFAA Executive Officer
South Australia



Western Australia North **Executive Officer's Report** GFAA Conference—October 2010



The later part of the year has produced some windy conditions for Broome and Dampier with calm conditions before and after both Sanctioned Tournaments. With the windy conditions the fish numbers were also down with both Broome and Dampier tagging around 100 Billfish for each area during the respective tournaments.

A very noticeable stat was the amount of Marlin tagged in relation to very few sailfish as both areas are more well known for an abundance of sailfish.

The Broome club has been busy updating the licensed area providing a great environment for club meetings and social events overlooking the Bay.

A joint venture with the Broome club and Woodside enabled them to deploy 6 satellite tags into sailfish recently and with the help of Julian who travelled to Broome to oversee the selection and the tagging of the fish should provide some valuable information. Some tags were 28 day pop off and also some tail samples were taken.

Negotiations are currently underway for a similar project to be undertaken in the Dampier area as well. This would also provide very valuable information where these fish migrate to.

Currently several bait balls are out wide from Dampier with some being the size of football fields with many marlin and sailfish feeding on them also dolphins and smaller whales around 30 -40 ft in length. I have had reports of anglers seeing them feeding on the bait, I have seen these whales herding up the bait to the surface but not actually feeding on them.

Anglers are taking advantage of the calm weather now and are targeting the many Billfish within the Dampier Archipelago.

The joint junior clinic hosted by K.B.G.F.C and Recfishwest was very successful this year and groundwork has been put in place to ensure it is an on going event to be held on the clubs Gantry area on the Dampier foreshore.

Exmouth holding their tournament early in the year (March) managed to have much kinder weather and as earlier reported had very impressive figures of 446 Billfish Tagged 360 of those were marlin a mixture of Blacks Blues and Striped.

The Clubhouse is now complete and eagerly await for the hosting of the A.I.B.T. to be held 15th 16th 17th March 2011, and Gamex a 6 day sanctioned tournament will commence 2 days after completion of the A.I.B.T.

The new boat ramp at Bundegi has made the gulf area and Billfish grounds very accessible and negotiations are currently underway to have the Tantabiddi boat ramp up graded as well. This ramp is on the west side of Exmouth.

The new Marina complex and fuelling area has made it very accommodating for larger vessels to visit the area and fish the waters.

Don't forget to check out www.egfc.com.au for A.I.B.T updates and information.

Dennis Bryan-Smith
G.F.A.A. Executive Officer W.A. North



Western Australia South **Executive Officer's Report** GFAA Conference—October 2010



Club update

Club membership continues to be stable following some tough financial times for many of our affiliated anglers.

I have to report that the Game Fishing Section of Fremantle Sailing Club have resigned from the Association, after protracted disagreements as to their level of rule and regulation compliance. On the other side of the ledger Mary Island Fishing Club, in Derby, has now joined the Association. This is a very active club with strong membership in the rapidly growing Kimberley area.

WAGFA Sanctioned Tournaments Competitions run this year in the southern zone were the WA Open and the Naturaliste Blue Water Classic. The WA Open yet again had no marlin captures this year, but all events continue to have reasonable levels of support. The lack of a strong La Nina event, resulting in marlin being almost a no-show in Perth waters, is having a dramatic impact on metropolitan game fishing activity as tournaments see increasing small boat participation. The Naturaliste Blue Water Classic unfortunately now has low numbers of competitors, again likely in part as a result of poor ocean currents.

FAD Program

The Perth FAD program continues to receive funding from the state Department of Sport and Recreation Development Committee, via Recfishwest, and six FADS were deployed off Perth at the beginning of the season. The recruitment of mahi mahi last summer was poor, again likely as a result of unsatisfactory environmental conditions.

The Association is continuing to work with the State's peak recreational fishing body, Recfishwest, to initially establish a code of practise for anglers and divers using the FADs. This is seen as an interim measure before a more satisfactory solution can be found.

Marine Park Issues.

The extensive Commonwealth Marine Parks are still being developed and we are still unclear as to how this is likely to impact game fishing. Many large areas of interest have been identified, including the Rottneest Trench, and the dark clouds on the horizon continue to grow.....

In addition a State North-West Marine Park is being created but indications are that the current State government is unlikely to repeat the mistakes of its predecessor and no-fishing areas should be limited.

These are increasingly difficult times for game fishing throughout Australia, and I repeat my comment from my April report that many anglers feel continued lock-outs are unjust reward for years of responsible fishing practises, self-funded conservation measures and participation in scientific research projects.

Resource sharing

There isn't any.....But having said that only two longline vessels remain in the West-Coast fishery and they mostly fish outside the AFZ. The lack of recognition of recreational fishing by the Federal Government obviously continues to hamper our efforts to see fair play although Senator Colbeck's media releases give us some hope that a change of government might see things change for the better.

New recreational boat fish licence

I reported in April that the State Minister for Fisheries introduced a State wide boat fishing licence aimed at improving management of demersal species, which nevertheless imposed a \$30 boat fishing licence on all game fishers. I went on to say that we were watching keenly to see where the extra \$1.9 million gets spent. I have to report that the revenue from our boat fishing licenses has largely been spent without consultation with Recfishwest but this is being addressed with a view to having recreational input for the 2010-2012 year.

Recfishwest

I continue to serve on the Board of Recfishwest, which provides a valuable insight into the workings of Government. The Minister for Fisheries has previously stated that the only source of advice on recreational fishing he wants is via Recfishwest, so my ongoing involvement is paramount.

Once again the Association's Management Committee continue to be cohesive in their approach to both the essential and inflicted changes that face us.

John Webber
GFAA Southern Executive Officer
West Australian Game Fishing Association Inc.



Northern Territory **Executive Officer's Report** GFAA Conference—October 2010



The NTGFA has again represented NT anglers across important issues that current effect recreational anglers in the Northern Territory. A change in bag limits to several species introduced at the beginning of 2010 by NT Fisheries has been met largely with cooperation and endorsement by fishing clubs and individuals as it reflects and supports sustainable fishing and protection of this shared resource in Territory waters.

A concern shared by many recreational anglers across the Northern Territory is the roll out of the proposed Northern Marine Protected Areas (NMPA's). The Amateur Fisherman Association Northern Territory has supported recreational anglers, fishing clubs and the NTGFA regarding this issue. We await further reviews and information pertaining to this matter as feedback to date has been of poor if not little detail.

Junior Participation & Memberships.

The NTGFA has continued it's focus on promoting more junior involvement in both local clubs and the Association. Many clubs have continued with clinics, competitions and expanded junior tournament categories. It is still frustrating to organizers the low conversion rate from junior activates to club membership and even more so the participation in the GFAA National Junior Tournament. Despite this, many club volunteers are optimistic in turning this trend around and improving on both partition rates and membership. Groote Eylandt has again led the way with several junior activities over the last 12 months and a special mention is noted for the tireless contributions from Terence "Bomber" Farrell from the Groote Eylandt Game & Sports Fishing Club. His enthusiasm would be welcomed at any club around the country.

Sponsorship

The NTGFA has continued to secure assistance and support from sponsors for member clubs who host the NT Game Fishing Association Championships. The 2010 Northern Territory Game Fishing Association Championships will be held at Groote Eylandt in November and anglers who participate will enjoy a Billfish hot spot of the NT. The sponsorship, in place for the next 3 years, has removed the financial burden of hosting the Championships from member clubs. The NT has returned to a rotation of the Championships between all clubs with the 2011 Championship to be hosted by the Darwin Game Fishing Club.

NTGFA Championships

The 2009 NTGFA Championships were hosted by the Nhulunbuy Regional Sports Fishing Club Inc. in November last year. The event was well attended by anglers from across the Northern Territory and from around Australia. Nearly 200 fish were caught and released, and although being a Game Fishing event with both tag and weighed sections, only 6 fish were weighed for the entire 4 day event. This reflects the response from anglers to promote more tag and release tournaments, and driving home the message of sustainable fishing practices and the value of involvement at the grass roots level of this sport with tag and release.

Blue Mud Bay

No new news or outcomes from Blue Mud Bay Decision handed down some 3 years ago. The recognition of the intertidal zone as Aboriginal-owned along 80 per cent of the NT coastline was initially the hot topic of recreational anglers in the Territory, however the original permits required to fish in the Territory were extended on two occasions, have now expired. Contact with the Northern Lands Council is met with a reply of wait and see. Although consultants were engaged last year to canvas Traditional Land Owners, no feed back or outcomes have been published. The wait and see situation remains the norm.

Fishing Working Group

The NT Recreational Fishing Development Plan Working Group established in 2009, was responsible for providing a platform for the recreational angling industry in the NT. It saw the revised bag limit for river and open sea fishing areas that has been implemented. Its vision was to encourage all anglers to enjoying a high quality, diverse recreational fishing experience while optimising the economic and lifestyle benefit to the Territory. By ensuring resource sustainability, enhancing and securing access (including on terrestrial and aquatic access) and encouraging community stewardship and input.

The group's draft five year strategy has been finalised and sent to the NT Government for the review of the management of recreational fisheries in the Northern Territory. It's intent is to ensure long term sustainability, provide advice and recommendations on the resourcing needs, along with priority actions to support the draft strategy is currently with the NT Government.

The NTGFA continues to work closely with all stakeholders and keep all recreational anglers up to date with the group's progress and proposals put to NT Fisheries and the NT Government.

Darwin Game Fishing Club



The Club continues to enjoy a healthy membership and interest in major events like the BARRAMUNDI CLASSIC and newly introduced BILLFISH CLASSIC.

The club has promoted and actively encourage the exploration of new billfish grounds north west of Darwin and anglers have demonstrated a keen interest in this recreational past time.

Darwin Game Fishing Club members have again been active with their involvement with juniors and ladies events, including the inaugural International Women's Day celebrations coordinated by the NTGFA across all clubs.

Katherine Game Fishing Club

The Katherine Game Fishing Club promotes the best of both estuary fishing chasing the Northern Territory's signature fish, the barramundi, and encourages members to get involved in the various blue water activities on offer off shore from both Darwin and east of King Ash Bay.

The KGFC continues to encourage members to participate in sanctioned tournaments, however the conversion of club members from very active game fishing anglers to registered members of the NTGFA falls short of expectations. It is hoped that proposed changes to GFAA saltwater species lists and the introduction of measure and release into GFAA rules and regulations may be what's needed to get more juniors and adults interested and joining up the NTGFA.

Nhulunbuy Regional Sports Fishing Club



The Nhulunbuy club has taken on a new challenge, with the tagging of billfish with CSIRO satellite tags. Tags were deployed on 5 sailfish earlier this year with some impressive results.

Of the 5 sailfish tagged, 4 detached under their preset timed deployment of 90 and 180 days, while one reported just outside the full 180 days deployment.

Surprisingly, all of the billfish headed away from the tagging area in different directions and the early data is very interesting to say the least. The cost of tags, satellite upload time, and processing is approximately \$5,000 Au.

Deployed on billfish across the Commonwealth-managed waters adjacent the East Arnhem Land Region, the tags have been tracking movements, temperature and depth preferences and identify feeding and spawning behaviour. Research Scientist Dr Shane Griffiths has been working closely with the club. Very little is known about these species across Northern Australia and this research is vital to support future recreational and commercial fisheries management decisions to ensure the long-term sustainability of billfish populations.

To add to the club's firsts, a detached tag was retrieved some 85 kms north of Nhulunbuy after detaching from the fish a few days before a cyclone hit the area. Washed ashore and reporting it's last position just prior to cyclone as aground on an island, the tag was located 4 weeks later in an adjacent bay of the island only 600 metres from it's last known position. The additional data stored onboard the tag is now back at the lab in the USA and will boost the data available to the project. A paper should be released early next year.

Groote Eylandt Game and Sports Fishing Club

As mentioned earlier in this report, the Groote Eylandt Game and Sports Fishing Club have continued to coordinate and maintain junior fishing programs. Their clinics, incentives and competitions can be directly attributed to increased efforts and involvement of junior fishing with several Northern Territory, Australian and IGFA records to their junior members. This has had a flow on effect with increased membership being well above all other NT clubs. Their committee and volunteers should be congratulated.

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The Club's annual Billfish competition has appreciated participation increases over the last few years and it is pleasing to see more angler tagging billfish during events and while fishing for leisure. Other competitions held through out the year have also attracted more participants and a majority of fishing categories have been claimed by local club juniors.



As always, the Groote Eylandt Game and Sports Fishing Club is extends an open invitation to any interested anglers to drop by and sample some of the best fishing action in Australia

I wish to thank all of the committee members and member clubs of the NTGFA for their continued support over the past 12 months and wish them every success for the 2010 – 2011 fishing season.

Peter Cox
Northern Territory Executive Officer
GFAA



IGFA Trustee Report

GFAA Conference—October 2010



IGFA is continuing to improve its services to its member's "world wide".

CHAIRMAN

At the next Board of Trustees meeting in January 2011 it is expected that the Chairman George Matthews will resign and that Paxton (Packy) Offield will be elected to take over from him.

George has done incredibly well for IGFA since he was appointed as Chairman in 2002. He has put into action a very good business plan with the help of the President Rob Kramer who was appointed shortly after George's appointment. For those of you who know Packy I am sure that you will agree that he is a very fine candidate and all the trustees I have spoken to have great confidence in his appointment.

MEMBERSHIP

During the year there has been a big shake up in membership plans. Junior membership is now free through the internet where all correspondence and contact etc is handled electronically. All existing junior members have been contacted by mail and there has been a very high conversion to this type of membership.

Very shortly general membership will also be offered as an E-Membership for US\$20.00 (with an introductory offer of \$15.00). E-members will receive all correspondence, the World Record book and the International Angler quarterly electronically. These members will also be able to buy the printed version of the WR book if they wish. Additionally the World Records etc, will be available to members as an App, initially on I-phones and I-pads and will later be available on other similar devices.

CONSERVATION

In the area of conservation the Record by Length (all tackle) has been introduced. I will display a measure which will be available through IGFA for US\$50.00 plus postage. I have a limited number in Fremantle which will be available at lower postage than those from USA. The Australian cost of postage will be in the vicinity of A\$10.00

Note: To obtain a measure device. Neil's contact details are below.

RULES

I note that GFAA is going down the path of where possible, keeping their rules in line with IGFA except for historical differences. In my opinion this is extremely important as all international anglers should be competing or participating under the same rules.

Recently GFAA has questioned the IGFA interpretation of the assist hooks only on jig lures. I fully agree with GFAA's position and have joined with them to submit a rule change to IGFA. I have requested that this be attended to as quickly as possible.

Regards
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IGFA Trustee
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SBT MAC Report

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You may or not know that SBTMAC maintained its own identity in the recent rounds of Mac consolidation.

The downfall is I guess that the Mac will only meet in person once per year and all other lets say, Mac stuff is being handled out of session by email and the like.

I was fortunate to have been appointed for a further three year stint on the Mac.

Having said that I must say that the Mac is a far cry from the version of a few years ago where it was Industry vs. everybody.

Following the appointment of a couple of new chairs, different industry members and further weeks it is now almost and I highlight almost a Mac that does rely on consensus of opinion.

Not that these days there is much argument about issues.

The commercials no longer see us recreational's as the great threat they did years ago, thanks to some help from some of the clever guys like Brian Jeffries and some senior Daff guys who President Grahame and myself have continued to lobby.

There is still some scary stuff in regard to the recreational catch at the international CCSBT (Commission for Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna) level.

DAFF have said they will have the level of recreational catch quantified by the 2012—Just how they intend to do that is a big guess.

Issues this year still include discussion on stereo video counting of fish when penning to obtain more accurate data, a plethora of research proposals, understandable given the profitability of the industry and the fact that industry foots the lions share of the bills.

One research proposal that has been put and may have some legs is titled : Tag-based management procedures for pelagic species : SBT Case study

It involves gene and PIT tagging apparently a more cost effective method and will cost over a three year period \$1,461,000.00 .

Is there any other fishery that could afford this sort of thing?

The stocks are still in a very unsteady condition and I think the consensus here is the ideology that if we don't get them the Taiwanese or someone else will.

It is interesting to see once again good catches of SBT in Victoria, SA and Tassie.

Some locals here in Tas believe that SBT have formed a localised year round group in the far south regions of the state

School fish 15 to 30kg are still in abundance

There is as well large bodies of bait in the region which may be enticing their stay

We did have a whale produce a calf in the Derwent River less than 10km from the CBD recently and right at my door step almost anything is possible I guess.

Eastern Tuna MAC Report

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TROPICAL TUNA MAC Meeting held at Sydney Stamford Airport Plaza on 4th – 5th May 2010

This was the second meeting of the newly formed Tropical Tuna MAC which was created by the merger of the Eastern Tuna MAC and Western Tuna MAC and Skipjack fishery. The main purposes of this meeting were to:

State of the Fishery

Tropical Tuna MAC noted the operators in the northern sector of the ETBF continue to struggle with poor catches of all target species since the winter of 2009 and the usual summer run of fish in late 09-early 2010 not happening. While catches have been excellent in the southern sector operators fishing out of Mooloolaba have endured the worst catches for some time. Albacore targeting has produced reasonable catches although whale depredation has been a problem. Mooloolaba operators are not waiting on the normal winter run of Bigeye tuna to start although this hasn't happened as yet. Operators advised that the East Australian Current is still pushing strongly south and water temperatures are considerably higher than usual so the fishery is not experiencing the usual winter water conditions.

Fishing off southern NSW has been excellent for the past 10 weeks with good quality Yellowfin tuna and Bigeye tuna being landed along with some small Broadbill swordfish and a few Striped Marlin.

The potential impacts of Marine Protected Areas in the ETBF with the proposed Areas for Further Assessment released under the East Marine Bioregional Plan (MBP), is of concern to all fishers, including recreational game fishers. AFMA advised that there have been no reports of conflict with recreational fishers off the east coast this year and members expressed their thanks to industry for ensuring the "gentleman's agreement" in relation to striped marlin and fishing near tournaments was working effectively.

TTMAC was provided with the catches for key target species since the start of 2010 and noted that catches of most species are well down on previous seasons at the same time of the year. The smaller number of boats now fishing in the ETBF would account for some of this decline. The research member noted the striped marlin catch has been consistent over the past few years and may be preventing rebuilding which highlights the need for the striped marlin assessment to be updated. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next ETBF RAG meeting.

The WTBF continues to be lightly fished with one member advising there are only 3 active vessels at present. Fishers are experiencing reduced catches with around 400kgs/1,000 hooks being taken as opposed to the usual 800-850kg/1,000 hooks. Only one operator is regularly fishing in the WTBF and he is only using one boat to supply primarily the Perth domestic market. AFMA advised that progress continues slowly on the Western Australian OCS and a package of legislative amendments to current WA regulations is going forward for consideration.

The MAC was advised that the skipjack cannery in Port Lincoln will close at the end of May. Operators in this fishery will then have to decide if they wish to retain their permit or not. This will most likely see the targeted skipjack fishery cease as there is no other market for skipjack in the current economic climate

Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) Outcomes;

Representatives from the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) advised TTMAC of the resolutions that were passed at the 14th meeting of IOTC in April 2010. The resolutions from the European Union (EU) were very late being circulated that meant there was little consultation prior to the IOTC meeting.

A letter from TTMAC was to be forwarded to DAFF expressing its wish to strongly record its disappointment at the lack of consultation on the IOTC meeting by DAFF with the key stakeholder groups and in particular, on these resolutions. However DAFF did not have a formal consultation process on the IOTC meeting planned and it appears the late submission of the EU recommendations was the only catalyst for any consultation with key stakeholders regarding the meeting. Tropical Tuna MAC strongly believes this is not a satisfactory way for the Australian Government to develop important policy positions in the international arena.

The MAC was advised that two IOTC resolutions were adopted that will impact on the WTBF. The first of these resolutions adopted by the IOTC was a ban on the landing of Thresher sharks (Family Alopiidae) by recreational sport fishers and commercial fishers fishing in the Indian Ocean and that they must have something onboard, such as line cutters, to release the sharks if captured. Initially this ban was also to apply to Hammerhead sharks but that was not supported by the Asian countries so it only applies to Threshers.

The impact on recreational fishing was noted although the MAC has no involvement on how this is implemented as AFMA has no jurisdiction over recreational fishing.

[Note: Currently there is No ban or restriction on Gamefishers due to GFAA discussions with DAFF.](#)

DAFF advised that the Government had yet to consider whether it would lodge a reservation to this decision – it has 120 days in which to lodge a reservation to the Measure. AFMA advised that unless a reservation is lodged the ban will need to be implemented in early July 2010.

DAFF considered it was likely that these resolutions will also be promoted by the European Union and at the Western Central Pacific Fishing Commission meeting in December 2010. If the WCPFC also agree to this the capture of Thresher sharks will also be banned in Eastern Australian waters.

TT MAC considered the draft Management Plan Amendments for the ETBF quota management to be introduced 1st March 2011. Total Allowable Effort (number of hooks set) will be replaced by Total Allowable Commercial Catch (kg of fish caught with a TACC on each of the 5 target species, Big Eye Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna, Albacore, Broadbill and Striped Marlin). Members noted that there were 13 amendments to change definitions in the plan that are no longer needed under an ITQ system.

Marine Bioregional Plan

TTMAC was provided with a presentation on the Bioregional Plan by Martin Russell who is undertaking much of the initial consultation on this program. He advised that the 1st draft MBP is likely to be the south west area of W.A. and once this is released to the public the formal consultation phase for the process begins.

DEWHA are currently undertaking risk assessments of all fishery impacts which will determine what fisheries are allowed in multiple use zones. At this stage on the east coast informal consultation is still being undertaken with DEWHA.

Martin advised that one of the principles being used by DEWHA to progress MBPs is to avoid areas of high use or significant commercial and recreational activity while still obtaining a representative sample of that particular region.

TTMAC members noted that as the ETBF is going to quota management prior to the East MBP being implemented there was a need to work out the implications of closures to fishing. Also the introduction of the east MBP has the potential to impact on the harvest strategy for the fishery. The removal of areas of high CPUE from future fishing could impact on the harvest strategy inputs and outcomes and would need to be taken into consideration when implementing the harvest strategy in the future.

TT MAC was very strong on the need for transparency.

ETBF Electronic Monitoring Project

TT MAC was provided with an update of the electronic monitoring project that is primarily based around the use of camera and video recording of at sea operations and was able to view some footage taken by the cameras onboard a vessel participating in the trial and members agreed the results looked promising. The project commenced in October 2009 and 10 cameras are now installed on participating boats. The camera system is unlikely to totally replace the observer program however it may supplement a lower level of observer coverage.

Industry members were encouraged by the clarity of the video footage and noted the data would be useful for counting hooks, identifying high grading/discarding issues and ensuring compliance with the monitoring of sea bird interactions such as compliance with deployment of tori lines. The cameras will be very useful to ensure compliance across the fleet should result in significant savings to the Observer and Compliance components of the ETBF budget and levy base.

Application to declare a foreign boat to be Australian to operate in the WTBF

AFMA has received an application to declare the foreign flagged (Oman) fishing vessel, the 47.24 m 378 gross tonne FV Duqum 168, as an Australian Vessel to enable it to fish within the WTBF Australian Fishing Zone. Any vessel is able to fish outside the AFZ. It would be under charter to an Australian company which has now obtained 6 WTBF concessions and also intends to apply to declare 5 similar vessels to fish in the fishery if the Duqum 168 is successful. Each vessel must also hold WTBF quota for each target specie caught.

The vessel, owned by a Taiwanese based company, is a Japanese style long liner and if approved would be targeting Yellowfin & Big Eye Tuna, albacore, striped marlin and broadbill in the northern part of the fishery including around Christmas and Cocos islands. The catch would be frozen on board and unloaded at Geraldton to be exported to Japan and China. There would be 100% observer coverage.

To comply with the Shipping Registration Act 1981 a boat must have been lawfully imported into Australia for a limited period and in this case that AFMA is satisfied that the extent of participation of citizens or residents of Australia, either directly or indirectly in the control of the operations of the boat in the AFZ during that period, and the nature of those operations, will be such as to justify it in so doing.

Comments from two MAC Industry Members in support of the application.

1. I support the proposal. It may be important in the future to show that Australia is catching or allowing access to its share of the resource. With Govt policy in Australia completely failing to support a local fishing industry it is more likely that we will also need to do something similar on the East Coast in the future. The offshore fishery is Freezer boat country and unlikely that anyone locally will take the risk and invest to develop it. It makes more sense to joint venture with high sea vessels.

2. After detailed thought about the proposal, and the wider implications, it is a positive development – and someone needs to do it. They will not find it easy - but will show what the long-term options are. If this does not happen (by someone), Australia is going to end up never knowing whether there is a viable and significant fishery. My interpretation is that this would be contrary to the intent of the FMA Objectives.

No Decision has yet been made by AFMA.

BILL EDWARDS

GFAA / RECREATIONAL / CHARTER GAME FISHING MEMBER OF TTMAC.

Scientific Report

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Popup Tagging: Sailfish, Broome WA

Two projects on sailfish have been undertaken off Broome, Western Australia, both funded by Woodside. The first was a desktop study whereby historic commercial fishery, tag and release and charter boat data were used to investigate seasonality of the fishery and trends in fish size and relative abundance through time. The report should be publicly available shortly.

The second project was designed to determine short term movements and resident times of sailfish in the Broome region. Eighteen fish were tagged with different types of electronic tag using standard sportfishing techniques. Eight popup satellite tags were set to release and transmit stored data (depth, temperature and light level) after 30 days while 10 SPOT tags were attached to sailfish tails to enable tracking of fish in real time – the first time this has been attempted on this species. Seven of the eight popup tags stayed on their fish for the full 30 days, and the data from those is now being analysed. On the other hand, of ten spot tags secured onto the tails of sailfish, only five have so far reported their locations, and then, only intermittently. Preliminary results show that some fish stayed in the general vicinity over their month of data storage, while some moved up to 200 km in that time.

Longtail tuna report

A CSIRO report on longtail tuna is now available (Senior author, Shane Griffiths, co-author, Julian Pepperell). Entitled “Biology, fisheries and status of longtail tuna (*Thunnus tonggol*), with special reference to recreational fisheries in Australian waters”, this study was initiated because longtail tuna is one of the few ‘recreational only’ declared species of gamefish. The study collated available information on the biology, ecology and fisheries for longtail tuna, and importantly, developed a new method of surveying ‘hard-to-reach’ populations of anglers to determine their longtail tuna fishing activity and their catch and effort over time. There was also a preliminary stock assessment which suggests the stock is currently being fished at biologically sustainable levels. A separate study by Shane Griffiths found that longtail tuna grow very slowly, similar to growth rates of southern bluefin, in fact, and much slower than yellowfin. Dr Griffiths is also currently studying movements of larger longtail by the use of MiniPAT satellite tags. (Report available on request)

Grey Nurse Study

A new study estimating the population size of grey nurse shark along the Qld/NSW coast was completed and a report is available.

The report is entitled “Development and Implementation of a Population Estimation Protocol to Provide an Estimate of East Coast Population Numbers for Grey Nurse Sharks (*Carcharias taurus*), Stage 2 Report” and was completed by Dr Marcus Lincoln-Smith of Cardno Ecology Lab. The study used photographic ‘tagging’ of sharks, and was very comprehensive. It estimated the population of grey nurse to be larger than the previous estimate (1,113 compared with 443, with appropriate errors), and stated that the population could in fact be as large as 2,049 sharks. Report available on request

Mako sharks

The mako shark issue resulted in a number of activities, including a meeting held in Melbourne to discuss aspects of recreational fishing for mako sharks, attended among others by Julian Pepperell, Grahame Williams and Geoff Fisher. The meeting was called and chaired by Fisheries Victoria. Julian Pepperell presented a comprehensive summary of the biology and fisheries for mako sharks off Australia and this (in the form of a Powerpoint file) can be supplied on request. My report prepared for NSWGFA is also available (pending permission from NSWGFA).

Monitoring of Landed Fish at Tournaments

This successful program, funded from the NSW Recreational Fishing Trusts, was again undertaken during the 2009/2010 season. Again, eight major tournaments were attended and much interest from various research organizations again resulted in the facilitation of a wide range of local and overseas research activities through the program. A report is currently being prepared. The 2008/09 report is now available, as are all earlier reports, and I would encourage clubs to have a look at these. I am again happy to report that funding for this ongoing project has again been approved by the Trusts for the 2010/11 season.

Striped Marlin

Keller Kopf has now completed and been awarded his Ph.D on "Age, growth and reproductive dynamics of striped marlin, *Kajikia audax* in the southwest Pacific Ocean". This was an excellent study and again, a pdf of the thesis is available on request. Keller would like me to pass on his thanks for all the help of gamefish anglers and tournament officials who assisted him in obtaining important samples. As a result of his study, which provides the best estimates of growth rates of striped marlin yet derived, a new stock assessment of this species in the western Pacific will be undertaken in the not too distant future.

Fishes of the Open Ocean

My own book, 'Fishes of the Open Ocean', published in Australia by UNSW Press and in the US for Guy Harvey Inc. and University of Chicago Press, was published in November 2009. I am very grateful to the game fishing clubs that organized launches of the book, viz: Sydney GFC (Glen Wright), Sunshine Coast GFC and Victoria GFC (Geoff Fisher). The book is now pretty well sold out and a reprint will be issued early 2011.

Two genuine leather bound limited editions were also produced and can be purchased from yours truly. The standard limited edition has a bound in bookplate signed by myself and Guy Harvey (125 copies available in Australia), while a premium edition, only 25 copies of which are available here, is both signed and 'remarqued' with original painted fish by Guy. Again, contact me for details.

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As always, thank you for the opportunity to report and for your continued support and interest in the science of game fishing.

Julian Pepperell
September 2010



GFAA Junior National Tournament Report



Report for GFAA AGM Adelaide 2010

Last years event ended successfully with battles between anglers eventuating in most states leading up to the home stretch.

This years web results including number of fish caught/tagged by each angler and it is interesting to note that some excellent point scores were obtained by anglers interacting with only one fish. Just goes to show if your not in it you will not win it.

I would ask all Coordinators and Executive Officers to lobby their clubs to ensure all anglers competing in Club events, be it rallies or tournaments, to ensure all kids competing are registered for the National Tournament .

Following is the list by state of anglers registered so far for the 2010– 2011 event.

	Aaron	Anderson	Small Fry	NSW	Shellharbour GFC
9	Aaron	Goodger	Small Fry	NSW	Shellharbour GFC
10	Claire	Jones	Junior	NSW	Lake Macquarie GFC
11	Zoe Louise	O'Connor	Junior	NSW	Batemans Bay GFC
17	Candeece	Halling	Small Fry	NSW	Shellharbour GFC
18	Rhiannon	Halling	Small Fry	NSW	Shellharbour GFC
19	Brock	Halling	Junior	NSW	Shellharbour GFC
20	Jake	Brisbane	Small Fry	NSW	Shellharbour GFC
21	James	Dowling	Small Fry	NSW	Sydney GFC
22	Jodie	Rabinowitz	Junior	NSW	Sydney GFC
23	Caige	Fenech	Junior	NSW	Jervis Bay GFC
34	Emily	Lockwood	Small Fry	NSW	Coffs Harbour GFC
35	Dakota	McRae	Small Fry	NT	Groote Eylandt G & SFC
36	Connor	McQuaid	Small Fry	NT	Groote Eylandt G & SFC
37	Patrick	McQuaid	Small Fry	NT	Groote Eylandt G & SFC
15	Cassie	Powis	Small Fry	QLD	Townsville GFC
16	Ally	Powis	Small Fry	QLD	Townsville GFC
24	Jacqueline	Aspland	Junior	QLD	Bribie Island GFC
25	Sarah	Meredith	Small Fry	QLD	Bribie Island GFC
26	Aidan	Scott	Junior	QLD	Bribie Island GFC
27	Wade	Smoothy	Junior	QLD	Bribie Island GFC
28	Jessica	Smoothy	Junior	QLD	Bribie Island GFC
1	Jack	Stockdale	Small Fry	VIC	Sth Gippsland GFC
2	Nikki	Stockdale	Small Fry	VIC	Sth Gippsland GFC
3	Nicholas	Taranto	Junior	VIC	Bass Straight GFC

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6	Benjamin	Rantall	Junior	VIC	Warrnambool OLGFC
7	Harrison	Rantall	Junior	VIC	Warrnambool OLGFC
29	William	McDonald	Small Fry	VIC	Victorian GFC
30	Jack	McDonald	Small Fry	VIC	Victorian GFC
31	Michael	McDonald	Junior	VIC	Victorian GFC
32	Thomas	McDonald	Junior	VIC	Victorian GFC
5	Shanae	Cook	Junior	WA Nth	King Bay GFC
8	Amber	Cloughessy	Small Fry	WA Nth	King Bay GFC
12	Jackson	Tatham	Small Fry	WA Nth	King Bay GFC
13	Jack	Clarke	Small Fry	WA Nth	King Bay GFC
14	Kate	Clarke	Small Fry	WA Nth	King Bay GFC
33	Liam	Berthelsen	Small Fry	WA Nth	King Bay GFC

The 2009—2010 event attracted 170 entrants that was down on the year before.

Breakup by State was:

NSW 77
 NT 9
 QLD 24
 SA 24
 TAS 8
 VIC 14
 WA 12

I would like to think that this year we can boost numbers to over the 200 mark with a little work from everybody.

I would also like to thank my hard working coordinators for their help and contribution to the cause.

Without them this event would just not happen

Terrence Farrell NT
 Danielle Ghosn NSW
 Brian Kirkby QLD
 Dennis Bryan_Smith WA Nth
 Kevin Oates VIC
 Michael Hay TAS
 Darren Wright SA

This year we will lose Michael who will be replaced by Shane Banks
 Darren who will be replaced by Adrian Mckinnon
 and Danielle who's replacement is Pat Jones.

Thanks for those leaving and welcome to those arriving.

Lets have some **fun** over the coming year.

I would suggest to States that when allocating delegates to attend AGM's some thought be given to sending State Junior Coordinators in order for them to attend the Friday junior meeting.

I will suggest at the upcoming meeting that coordinators attempt to put together a few words and pictures each month summarising junior happenings in each state, I know Kev does this well. This I think would be a great adjunct to the junior web site.

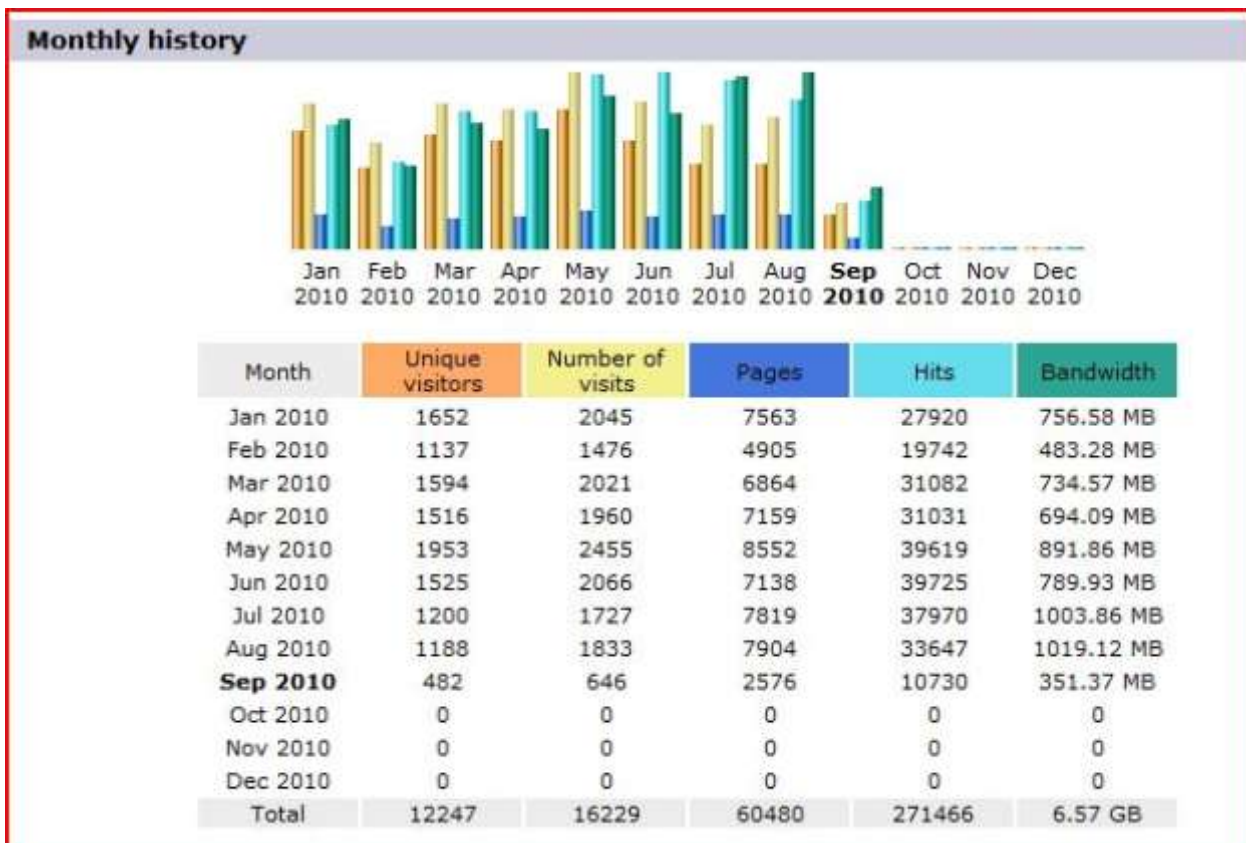
John Brooker



GFAA Web Master's Report



Well the web site is travelling along well with numbers at a slow but steady pace
Here are the latest stats at time of writing



We are nearly at the conclusion of providing a more up to date fish species identification and information page. It has been quite a while coming due to it being a fair amount of work.

There are still a couple of gaps re some species, however I trust someone will be able to fill these gaps for us.

The new Executive Officer's forum is now online and we are beginning to get some participation. This should give us a great mechanism for discussion of out of session issues into the future—In short it should become part of our GFAA toolkit.

We are still always looking for new and bright information to present on the web

With Members it is like trying to pull teeth to get this sort of info

This is the sort of stuff that may encourage a few new members

Apart from anything else it is free!!!!



Game Fishing Association of Australia Annual Trophy Winners 2009/2010

Sir Garrick Agnew Trophy

GFAA Angler who has tagged the most billfish in Australian waters

3rd	Nathan Douglas	Mooloolaba GFC	QLD	39 Billfish
2nd	Shaun Battye	Exmouth GFC	WA	44 Billfish
1st	Jeff Oates	Sunshine Coast GFC	QLD	56 Billfish

John O'Brien Trophy

Highest Tag & Release pointscore GFAA affiliated Club in Australian waters

3rd	Sunshine Coast GFC	QLD	148,962 points	422 fish
2nd	King Bay GFC	WA	169,663 points	540 fish
1st	Exmouth GFC	WA	240,977 points	757 fish

Neil Patrick Trophy

GFAA Angler who has tagged and released the most OGF (All fish except Billfish & Sharks)

3rd	Lance Walkom	Adelaide GFC	SA	148 fish
2nd	Stephen Morris	GFC of South Australia	SA	180 fish
1st	Ian Carrison	Adelaide GFC	SA	234 fish

John and Anne Brooker Trophy

GFAA Angler who has tagged the most Southern Bluefin Tuna in Australian waters

3rd	Lance Walkom	Adelaide GFC	SA	148 fish
2nd	Stephen Morris	GFC of South Australia	SA	169 fish
1st	Ian Carrison	Adelaide GFC	SA	230 fish

Grahame A. Williams Trophy

GFAA Angler who has tagged the most sharks in Australian waters

3rd	Taylor Clatworthy	Exmouth GFC	WA	16 sharks
2nd	Steven Evangelou	Adelaide GFC	SA	17 sharks
1st	Adam Todd	Adelaide GFC	SA	21 sharks

Tailored Marine Trophy

Highest pointscore GFAA Boat Tag & Release (All fish) in Australian Waters

3rd	Gunrunner	N'cle & Port Stephens GFC	NSW	27,600 pts	69 fish
2nd	In Deep	Exmouth GFC	WA	29,600 pts	74 fish
1st	Reel Capture	Sunshine Coast GFC	QLD	29,602 pts	75 fish

Tom Bell Trophy

Angler who captures the heaviest gamefish (excluding sharks) in Australian Waters

2nd	Steve Quirk	Shellharbour GFC	NSW	235.5kg Blue Marlin	10/05/10
1st	Wade Harper	Sydney GFC	NSW	288.7kg Blue Marlin	15/04/10

Peter Goadby Trophy

Angler who captures the heaviest Shark in Australian Waters

2nd	Brett Huggins	Botany Bay GFC	NSW	377.0kg Tiger Shark	10/04/10
1st	Tony Pink	Lake Macquarie GFC	NSW	575.8kg Tiger Shark	21/03/10

Bob Lowe Trophy

Most Meritorious Tag & Release achievement by a GFAA affiliated Club in Australian Waters

1st	Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC	NSW
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Peter Bennett Trophy

Most Meritorious Tag & Release achievement by a GFAA Junior Angler in Australian Waters

1st	Kiara McMahon	N'cle & Port Stephens GFC	NSW
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Geoffrey Woolley Trophy

Most Meritorious Tag & Release achievement by an Adult Angler in Australian Waters

1st	John Rankin	Eden S & GFC	NSW
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GFAA Junior Tournament National Winners

Tag & Release – Junior Angler

Jacob Enever	372 points	Groote Eylandt G & SFC	NT
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Tag & Release – Small Fry Angler

Hayden Michaels	196 points	Exmouth GFC	WA
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Capture – Junior Angler

Claire Jones	50 points	Lake Macquarie GFC	NSW
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Capture – Small Fry Angler

Patrick McQuaid	48 points	Groote Eylandt S & GFC	NT
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GFAA Junior Tournament State Winners

Tag & Release – Junior Anglers

QLD	Daniel Brooks	149 points	Sunshine Coast GFC
NSW	Kiara McMahon	355 points	N'cle & Port Stephens GFC
NT	Jacob Enever	372 points	Groote Eylandt G & SFC
WA Nth	Taylor Clatworthy	120 points	Exmouth GFC
WA Sth	Not Won		
VIC	Brayden Richardson	10 points	Sth Gippsland GFC
SA	Josh Wright	20 points	Port Macdonnell OAC
TAS	Samuel Cleary	33 points	Southern Gamefish Club

Tag & Release – Small Fry Anglers

QLD	Cassie Powis	6 points	Townsville GFC
NSW	James Dowling	107 points	Sydney GFC
NT	Hannah McConachy	71 points	Groote Eylandt G & SFC
WA Nth	Hayden Michaels	196 points	Exmouth GFC
WA Sth	Not Won		
VIC	Jack Stockdale	6 points	Sth Gippsland GFC
SA	Brodie Williams	44 points	Port Macdonnell OAC
TAS	Not Won		

Capture – Junior Anglers

QLD	Zac Ryan	18 points	Townsville GFC
NSW	Claire Jones	50 points	Lake Macquarie GFC
NT	Jacob Enever	14 points	Groote Eylandt S & GFC
WA Nth	Talisha Cook	20 points	King Bay GFC
WA Sth	Not Won		
VIC	Brayden Richardson	40 points	Sth Gippsland GFC
SA	Josh Wright	8 points	Port Macdonnell OAC
TAS	Samuel Cleary	4 points	Southern Gamefish Club

Capture – Small Fry Anglers

QLD	Ally Powis	4 points	Townsville GFC
NSW	Rhiannon Halling	40 points	Shellharbour GFC
NT	Patrick McQuaid	48 points	Groote Eylandt S & GFC
WA Nth	Jackson Tatham	8 points	King Bay GFC
WA Sth	Not Won		
VIC	Jack Stockdale	12 points	South Gippsland GFC
SA	Not Won		
TAS	Not Won		

Presentation of GFAA Trophies

