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Date: 1 August 2012
Meeting No: 3105

Minutes of the Ormond Angling Club General Meeting

Meeting opened at 8pm with Don Ellis in the chair.

Members present: 17 Visitors: Nil

Apologies: Gaynor Morris – David Hornbuckle

Administrative Matters:

Nominations: Nil

Elections: Nil

Presidents report: Carp wars report on ABC Landline
Video can be accessed through the Internet
Website www.abc.net.au/landline/
June Roundtable Forum No.26
Extracts are attached

Illnesses: No reports of illnesses

Exec. Committee Actions:

No ECM until 08 August 2012

Secretary's Report:

Correspondence In:

ING
Jims Mowing
Sue Hooper
Ray Chirgwin
Various members
St John Ambulance Vic.
South East Water
Eagle Point Car/Park
City of Glen Eira

Bank statement
Account
Trophy donation
Dues & Trophy
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Account
Water rates
Brochures
Rate notice

Delegates Reports:

Hall hire Report—Walt Firestone

Lessee raised concerns about the pile of timber left over from the Roofing over the area between the sheds. Requested its removal at the earliest opportunity.

Ian Morris volunteered to remove the timber asap.

Maintenance Officer- Len Gardner

No matters to report

MAA/VR Fish. Representative—Don Ellis

Details on attached Annex

General Business:

John Lester Memorial Trophy

John Lester’s family have donated a memorial trophy for the Heaviest Luderick taken in a competition.

John Healey stated his son asked should he get a renewal notice for his fishing licence. It was stated that you only get a renewal advice if you take the three year option.

Guest Speakers

Guest Speaker for the next Member’s Night is in doubt.

Alternative is a presentation by Angling Secretary Trevor Thommers on “Surf Fishing”

Meeting Summary:

Details of the Estuary E1 comp were confirmed

Meeting concluded at ...9:15pm

Guest Speaker or other interest item:

No Guest Speaker was scheduled

Passed as a true and accurate record of the meeting:

Signed.....

Date.....

Next Members Night. Wednesday 15th August 2012
Time 8.00 pm
Where OAC clubrooms

Next Executive Meeting. Wednesday 8th August 2012
Time 8.00 pm
Where OAC clubrooms

Attachments

Extracts from Roundtable Forum no. 26

A summary of the Department's restructure to the roundtable:

- DPI is committed to continuing to deliver projects and sustainable natural resource management.
 - The proposed new Regulations and Compliance Group (including Fisheries Victoria & Game Victoria) is expected to be taking on a role in the management of forestry regulations, with some additional functions for the Executive Director.
 - The Recreational Fishing Initiative (RFI) and Recreational Fishing Licence Grants Program (RFGP) will continue to be delivered.
 - The number of DPI office locations is proposed to be consolidated to make better use of sites, including changes for Fisheries staff at Traralgon, Alexandra and Geelong.
 - Snobs Creek will remain managed by the Government and a number of staff from different divisions will operate out of the facility (fisheries compliance staff, biosecurity and game hunting officers).
1. VRFish to provide update on Lake Fyans and Cairn Curran boat access issues
 - VRFish have contacted the Lake Fyans caravan park and are waiting on a response from Goulburn Murray Water.
 2. VRFish to monitor communications during the development of the Greater Alpine National Park Management Plan to ensure that recreational fishers are being consulted
 - Work on the management has been temporarily halted. It's not currently viewed as a priority.
 3. FV to distribute information on snapper tagging research to roundtable-
 4. FV and VRFish to meet to discuss ways to improve education about the safe handling of snapper and provide update
 - Action is ongoing, VRFish have a campaign on snapper mortality. They are developing a communication/education program.
- Freshwater Fisheries, Fisheries Victoria**
- Provided a summary of the access issues at Lake Bullen Merri:
- 3 landholders have withdrawn access to a number of locations around the lake.

- FV are investigating options to restore this access to recreational fishers in consultation with interested parties.
- Options being addressed include:
 - **Short-term-** Explore short-term options with DSE & Shire
 - Renegotiate / extend 'deed of indemnity'
 - Establish interim lease to access road and lake
 - Identify access locations and negotiate leasing costs
 - **Longer-term-** Develop a whole of Government "Precinct / Management Plan"
 - Buy sufficient property.

Wilson's Promontory District, Parks Victoria

Addressed the issue of the Northern Pacific Seastar in Tidal River:

- Seastars are an aggressive predator of native species including scallops and mussels. They pose a major threat to fisheries.
- On the 16th May a ranger noticed a couple of Seastars in Tidal River. They were removed & identified.
- An Incident Management team was established.
- 163 Seastars have been removed with the use of staff and volunteers.
- Parks Victoria is currently assessing and developing control options.
- Seeking the assistance of recreational anglers to provide information to Parks Victoria if they see any Northern Pacific Seastars in Victoria.

Regional Fisheries Officer, Fisheries Victoria

Provided a summary of Operation Rotor to the roundtable:

- Targeted compliance operation around Port Phillip and Western Port bay during the summer of 2011/12.
- Total patrol hours= 2045
- Verbal warnings= 159
- Official warnings= 90
- Penalty notices= 203
- Briefs= 10
- Boats seized= 3
- Searching hidden compartments for illegal catch was a priority of the operation.
- The operation received extensive media coverage and support from the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security.
- Floating snapper was recognised as an issue during the operation.

9/ General roundtable discussions

Southern Blue fin tuna economic value study:

- The report on the catch survey in 2011 has been completed.
- The Glenelg Shire has contributed \$25k co investment in the study.
- The economics project is scheduled to be completed in September 2012.

VEAC investigation:

- The investigation will assess the effectiveness of marine parks.
- The introduction of more marine parks will not result from the investigation.
- The assessment is set to run for 2 years.
- VEAC are seeking input and Expressions of Interest from VRFish and other stakeholders.
- VRFish are being encouraged to contribute and be involved in the process.
- There are terms of reference associated with this assessment available through VEAC's website.

Goulburn River access concerns:

- Roundtable members were encouraged to provide details regarding the exact locations of limited access to Fisheries Victoria.
- Areas surrounding Thornton were identified as being of most concern.
- The need for a stile over the fence and track improvements adjacent to the Alexandra Bridge was discussed.

Fisheries Management, Fisheries Victoria

Provided an update on projects that have been completed or are underway thanks to the Victorian Government's Recreational Fishing Initiative:

- Werribee boat ramp upgrades- underway
- Toolondo ramp extension- underway
- Corinella boat ramp and infrastructure upgrade- underway
- Lake Elingamite boat ramp and jetty replacement- underway
- Boat ramp at Goughs Bay, Lake Eildon- underway
- Upgrade to boat ramp at Schultz's beach, Lake Hindmarsh- complete
- Boat ramp at Chinaman's weir- complete
- Upgrade to boat ramp at Lake Wallace- complete
- Yarra River fishing platform- underway
- Lakeside Pakenham fishing platform- underway
- Lake Fyans fish retaining gates- underway
- Northern fly fishing club floodlights- complete
- Southern fly fishing club floodlights- complete
- Sydney beach fish ladder- complete
- Holland's creek fish ladder- underway

- Rupertsdale fish ladder- underway
- Allman's Heart levee track upgrade- underway
- Glenelg River jetty replacements- underway
- Goulburn River and Murray River junction track upgrade-completed

Annex

VR Fish/MAA Delegate Report

Victoria seeks assurances on southern bluefin tuna

The Victorian Government is seeking assurance that Victorian recreational fishers and dependent businesses will be guaranteed long term access to the southern bluefin tuna fishery.

Southern bluefin tuna is an important fishery for recreational anglers in Victoria who are entitled to an ongoing share along with the commercial sector.

The southern bluefin tuna fishery is a significant resource for recreational fishers, charter operators and tourism operators in southwest Victoria while also supporting an important commercial fishery based in Port Lincoln in South Australia.

Assurance is being sought from the Commonwealth Government that fair consideration will be given to both the recreational and commercial sectors in future decision making about access to the southern bluefin tuna resource.

Trout stocking delivers best fishing in 30 years

Victorian recreational fishers are enjoying the best trout fishing in 30 years thanks to extensive fish stocking programs and the end of the drought.

Drought recovery trout stockings are now delivering outstanding results, with young trout released two years ago now providing some fantastic opportunities for the state's anglers.

As a result of more than a decade of drought, many lakes with high quality trout fisheries in central and south west Victoria dried up, but when rains arrived in the spring of 2010, many of them filled rapidly and came back to life.

Fisheries Victoria together with recreational fishers moved quickly to rapidly stock an extra 187,000 trout into 14 formerly drought-affected lakes and reservoirs. Since then the conditions have been ideal for those fish and their growth rates have been exceptional.

There are reports of 75 gram trout released into Lake Bolac in late 2010 being caught 12 months later weighing three kilograms.

That is a phenomenal growth rate that is also being reported at a number of other lakes where young trout were released, including Lake Burrumbeet where 2 kg trout are caught regularly. Since 2010, 25,000 rainbow trout have been stocked into Lake Burrumbeet. A further 5000 brown trout will be released into the lake in August.

The \$231,000 drought recovery trout stocking program was funded from revenue from the sale of recreational fishing licences.