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MEMO

To: All ANSA Branches / Members
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Subject: Various Issues

Dear ANSA Colleagues,

Board Contact Listing. The latest update of the ANSA Board / Executive contact list is attached for circulation to clubs. There has been one major change and that involves the appointment of Ken Johnson from Victorian Branch to the position of Length Only Recorder. Ken has taken over the reins from Bob Avery who now intends to spend more time catching records rather than processing them. Bob has been in control of the National Length Only Records since the new record chart was introduced in 2008 and has done a tremendous job in keeping members happy and the chart up to date. Ken will have a hard act to follow but he no doubt will keep up the best traditions of service to ANSA members.

2012 ANSA Rule Books. New rule books have now been printed and will very shortly be sent to Branches for distribution to the club and member network. Pending receipt of the new rule books members are reminded that a marked up copy of the new rule book is available on the ANSA National website www.ansa.com.au - refer to the home page. Based upon current Branch membership numbers it is intended to distribute the following quantities to each Branch.

NSW	1300	WA	400
Qld	1200	SA	100
Vic	600	Tas	100

Branch Secretaries are asked to confirm that his number of copies is acceptable and provide details of the preferred contact address for mailing of the rule books. ANSA National will retain a stockpile of books to cater for future membership needs over the next 4 years.

Records and Masters Claim Forms. To accommodate changes made to the 2012 rule book there have been some minor changes made to the Line Class/ Weight and All Tackle Length Only record claim forms and the Masters Claim form. Members are now encouraged to provide caudal length details for all captures – this is not a mandatory requirement but the information is useful to some branches that do collect and collate caudal length data for research purposes. The new Masters claim form will now accommodate line class/ weight claims and both of the Length Only Masters including the new Species Masters. These new forms will be available on the National website www.ansa.com.au . Members should disregard any of the old style forms.

Members claiming records etc are asked to ensure that record claim forms are completed correctly and fully. It is the responsibility of State Recorders to ensure that these forms are

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correct and complete before being sent onto National . There are strict time frames for the submission of claim forms and members run the serious risk of record claims being disallowed if they are incorrect and not resubmitted in correct format to the National Recorders before the cut off date. Avoid the risk and get it right the first time.

Bragmats. A fresh supply of new format Capture and Release Bragmats is now in stock. The new format has been designed to make the measuring process easier and features black markings against a white background. Cost of the new format bragmat will remain at the old price of \$10 per unit plus postage. Have a look at the new bragmat format on www.ansa.com.au under ANSA Ware. Order forms are on the website.

Super Trawler. There has been a lot of media comment recently about the intention of Seafish Tasmania to bring the super trawler Magiris to fish in Australian waters for small pelagic fish, mainly Jack Mackerel and Redbait for export to Africa. The Margiris is currently on its way to Australia but at this time a formal application for a licence for the vessel to fish in Australian waters has not been applied for or granted by the Australian Government. ANSA and all other state and national peak fishing bodies have been uniform in their condemnation of the proposal to licence the Magiris to enable it to fish in Australian waters. ANSA and other peak bodies will continue to have joint dialogue with the Federal government and the Opposition Coalition in an effort to stop the licensing of the Margiris or if this is not achievable to at least impose conditions upon the vessel's operation that will optimise the level of protection needed for critical fisheries. A copy of recent correspondence from ANSA to the Government ministry and the opposition is attached. Members can voice their protest by signing the petition on www.communityrun.org/petitions/stop-giant-fishing-trawler-in-tasmania

Marine Reserves. Final draft plans for the South West, North West, North, Temperate East and Coral Sea commonwealth marine reserve network were simultaneously released on 12 July 2012. The public has until 10 September to make submissions in respect of the reserve plans and proposed zonings etc. While the proposed zonings and restrictions on recreational fishing will have minimal impact on recreational fishing because of the distance from shore of most of the proposed marine park zones (where fishing of any kind will not be permitted), ANSA and other state and national peak bodies such as Recfish, ARFF, GFAA and AFTA have jointly voiced opposition to the proposed lock out of fishers from such vast areas of our oceans without any scientific justification. It is difficult to see what impact, if any, recreational fishing would have in these waters earmarked for fishing closure. A national campaign is now being orchestrated via the recently launched "Keep Australia Fishing", a national lobbying and advocacy organisation representing Australia's 5 million recreational fishers and backed by all peak bodies including ANSA. It is anticipated that the Conservation groups will be vigorously lobbying the government for more stringent anti fishing zonings so it is essential that recreational fishers make their voice heard by getting behind the "Keep Australia Fishing" campaign by going to www.keeppaustraliafishing.com.au . ANSA and other peak body representatives will be meeting with Minister Burke and Ludwig in Canberra over the coming fortnight in a bid to have the Government reconsider its position. ANSA will be lodging a formal submission before the 10 Sept cut off date.

ANSA AGM & Branch Delegates Meeting. It is proposed to hold the 2012 AGM and Delegates meeting in Sydney on Sunday 28 October 2012. More details will issue in due course but essentially all branches are invited to send their appointed delegates or branch representatives to the meeting. A dinner will be held on the evening of Saturday 27 October and the actual meeting will convene on Sunday over the hours of 10am to 4pm. ANSA will in part subsidise the travel and accommodation cost of delegate's attendance. Please keep these dates clear in your branch calendar. All Branches are encouraged to participate in the AGM and Delegates meeting. ANSA belongs to and is driven by the needs of its members and this is your opportunity to get directly involved in the direction and management of ANSA. We desperately do need some new and younger blood on the many committees and activities that ANSA is involved with so please support the national body and come along to the AGM and Delegates meeting. This invitation extends to all ANSA members.

Vale. It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Jack Erskine a fortnight ago. Jack passed away in his sleep while visiting the USA. Jack was one of the founding members of ANSA and a great pioneering champion of sport and game fishing. Jack will be sadly missed and our condolences are extended to Jack's family.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'John Burgess', written in black ink.

John Burgess
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