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MEMO

To: All ANSA Branches
Date : 10 November 2010
Subject: ANSA Update

AGM & Branch Delegates Meeting.

The 2010 Annual General Meeting and Branch Delegates meeting was held in Sydney over the last weekend of October. Every Branch other than the Northern Territory had delegates in attendance. A wide array of topical issues were examined and discussed by all that attended. It was encouraging to see so many fresh faces representing the Branches – see photo. I will very shortly be putting out the meeting minutes and a news bulletin which will encompass most of these issues in detail but some of the main issues included;

Rule changes for 2012

The future of 1 kg line

Expansion of existing National competition/ awards

Tagging – The future

Fishing Licences

National parks/ marine parks – Commonwealth and State

Mako sharks and other threatened species

Management plans for the ETBF and WTBF fishing zones

Working with the Australian and State governments

Recfish Australia

ANSA promotional activity

Succession Planning

State issues



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End of an era

Geoff Hawkins our long standing Chairman finally decided to call it a day. Geoff has been an integral part of ANSA for as long as I can remember and if it were not for his personal commitment and hard work during periods of hardship for ANSA we probably would not be around today. Geoff will remain actively involved with ANSA and intends spending more time pursuing his recently acquired new passion for competitive bike riding. Thank you Geoff for all that you have done for ANSA over the years and good luck with the bike riding but please ride safely. Geoff's role as Chairman will be filled by Ron Poole who will retain his role as promotions Director and Webmaster. Our Finance Director Lyn Gassmanis also called it a day and handed the financial reigns over to Alan Hall from SA branch. Lyn has been a dedicated and hardworking member of the board executive and has kept our finances in good stead. Full elections will be held over 2011. If you really care about ANSA and want to be part of the team taking ANSA into the future then you should seriously consider nominating for a role on the National executive at the 2011 election

Board contact listing

An updated contact list for all ANSA Board members and the Executive is attached. Please circulate to all clubs.

Website

ANSA has recently launched a new website which is more modern in format and user friendly than the previous site. Take the time to have a look at www.ansa.com.au and provide any feedback, positive or otherwise, to Ron Poole the Webmaster. We are always on the lookout for commercial sponsorship of the ANSA website. The rates are very reasonable for national coverage. If you have any interest then please contact Ron Poole.

Awards

Congratulations are extended to ANSA NSW and Stan Konstantaras for their success at the recent NSW Government Sporting Minister Awards. ANSA NSW shared the most significant Cultural and Linguistic Diverse Award with the NSW Recreational Fishing Alliance and Surf Lifesaving Australia for their joint work on the multilingual rock fishing and water safety education / awareness programs. Stan picked up the award for the most significant individual Contribution to Water Safety in NSW for his involvement with the Angel Ring project and multilingual fishing safety / education awareness projects.

IGFA

Due to the increasing prevalence of super strength monofilament and multifilament lines IGFA is now requiring that all non fly rod record applications must include 50 feet of line still attached to the double and leader if one is used. This includes All- Tackle and Junior record applications as well. This amended rule is effective immediately



John Burgess
Executive Officer/ Director