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To: Memo to all ANSA Branches
Date : 27 May 2020
Subject: Update - Impacts of Covid 19 Pandemic.

Dear ANSA Colleague,

As you will recall the ANSA National Executive did on 1 April take the decision to place an immediate eligibility embargo on all claims for captures made after midnight 1 April 2020 for ANSA National Records and Masters Awards.

This decision was based on directives from the Australian Government and Health Authorities that in the public interest we should all stay at home unless there was a genuine and compliant reason for doing otherwise.

Being outdoors, travelling, boating and recreational fishing was also restricted in some States notwithstanding possible compliance with prevailing social distance and gathering restrictions. A consequence of these different public health regulations and restrictions was an inequitable opportunity for ANSA members across all States and Territories to fish for National Records and Masters.

Fortunately for all of us these harsh restrictions appear to have contained the spread of the pandemic and many restrictions have been progressively eased and recreational fishing is now allowed in all States and Territories subject to ongoing adherence with social distance and gathering limitations.

Accordingly the ANSA National Executive has decided to lift the embargo on National Records and Masters effective from midnight 31 May 2020. We will continue to monitor ongoing government health regulations and restrictions and if circumstances change we will review the embargo situation. Our member's health and wellbeing remain a priority.

Can you please convey this memo to your club and member networks and emphasise the need for ongoing vigilance in terms of applicable social distance and gathering restrictions when going fishing or engaging in club activities.

These have been difficult and unprecedented times for all of us and hopefully we are on the pathway to normality. Keep safe and well.

Regards

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