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### Estuarine Fish Stocking Stakeholder Consultation Meeting

Previous estuarine stocking trials of mulloway and prawns in NSW estuaries in recent years have shown to be effective at improving fishing opportunities. Industry & Investment NSW (I&I NSW) is proposing to implement an estuarine marine stocking program along the NSW coast. Cardno Ecology Lab Pty Ltd is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the issues associated with the activity and is seeking comments from groups or individuals that have an interest in the proposal. Feedback will be incorporated into the EIS so that informed decisions can be made through the State and Commonwealth approvals process. The Cardno Ecology Lab will give a presentation at the following locations to introduce interested stakeholders to the aims and objectives of the stocking proposal:

- Merimbula – 7:00 pm – 27<sup>th</sup> November - Merimbula Big Game & Lakes Angling Club, Spencer Park, Main St, Merimbula;
- Sydney – 8:15 pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> December - South Sydney Amateur Fishing Association, Cnr Maquarie St and Hastings Ave, Chifley; at the association clubhouse;
- Ballina – 7:30 pm – 8<sup>th</sup> December – Ballina RSL Fishing Club, River St, Ballina;

For more information about the meeting, please contact Cardno Ecology Lab: [Craig.Blount@cardno.com.au](mailto:Craig.Blount@cardno.com.au) or phone (02) 9907 4440. For more information about estuarine stocking, please contact Sarah Martin at I&I NSW: [sarah.martin@industry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sarah.martin@industry.nsw.gov.au) or phone (02) 6763 1441.

### Angling facilities update

Anglers on the Central Coast are sure to notice an improvement in angling facilities over the next 12 months. Both Gosford and Wyong Councils applied to the Recreational Fishing Trusts earlier this year and were successful in gaining funding to improve a number of angling facilities in their areas. Fish cleaning facilities are set to be constructed or upgraded at a number of sites including: The Entrance, The Entrance North, Norah Head, Blackwall, Gosford City Park, Koolewong, Pretty Beach, Terrigal Haven, Woy Woy, Patonga and Correa Bay. Pallamallawa Fishing Club has recently finished the construction of a fantastic fish cleaning facility which includes a shelter, measuring station, information displays and cleaning benches and is proving to be a valuable facility for anglers in the area. If you would like assistance in gaining Recreational Fishing Trusts funding to improve the angling facilities in your area, please contact the I&I NSW Angling Facilities Manager on 02 6648 3917 or email [recreational.fishingtrust@industry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recreational.fishingtrust@industry.nsw.gov.au).

### Release of Draft NSW Carp Control Plan for Public Comment

Industry & Investment NSW has recently finalised a draft Control Plan for carp in NSW, which brings the most up-to-date information about the biology and impacts of this species together in one place and outlines what is being done – or should be done – to stop further spread of carp, control the size of carp populations, better understand the species and increase the understanding and involvement of the community. The plan can be downloaded from the website at <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries>. Public comments and submissions on the draft Control Plan will be accepted until **29 January 2010**. Comments can be sent to: Aquatic Biosecurity Unit, Industry & Investment NSW, Locked Bag 1, Nelson Bay, NSW 2315 or email [aquatic.pests@industry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:aquatic.pests@industry.nsw.gov.au).

### Black Cod Draft Recovery Plan for Public Comment

The Black Cod (*Epinephelus daemeli*) is listed as a vulnerable species under the NSW *Fisheries Management Act 1994*. Population numbers of this large reef dwelling grouper species have been heavily depleted in the past by fishers. A draft recovery plan has been developed to promote the recovery of black cod in NSW. I&I NSW will be coordinating the implementation of the recovery plan, with support from relevant government agencies, commercial and recreational fishers, scuba divers, councils and the community. You can view the plan on the I&I NSW website at [www.industry.nsw.gov.au/fisheries](http://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/fisheries) or at any I&I NSW (Fisheries) office during business hours throughout the public consultation period. Written submissions should be made by 18 December and should be posted to: Threatened Species (Black Cod Recovery Plan), Industry and Investment NSW, Locked Bag 1 Nelson Bay NSW 235. Alternatively submissions can be faxed to the Department on (02) 4916 3880; or online submissions can be made on the I&I NSW website.