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I&I NSW Game Fish Tagging Program

Another exciting recapture reported to the I&I NSW Game Fish Tagging Program was that of a yellowfin tuna, first released off Durras, near Batemans Bay on the south coast of NSW and recaptured off Wari Island, Papua New Guinea (PNG). The tuna was estimated to be 70cm long and was tagged by *Wicked One* on 27 May 2007. The fish was recaptured over three years later by a commercial boat operating out of Port Moresby, PNG, on 28 October 2010. On recapture, the fish was reported to be 125cm long and weigh 32kg. It had travelled a straight line distance of 1462 nautical miles north from its release point. Out of the 623 reported recaptures of yellowfin tuna, this recent fish comes in at the 12th longest distance recapture.



Fishers for Fish Habitat Forum to be held in Tamworth

The country music capital will be buzzing with activity of a different kind in the middle of May as recreational fishers from across NSW converge on the regional city for the 2011 Fishers for Fish Habitat Forum. The forum aims to raise awareness of issues affecting fish habitat and our fisheries resources with a strong focus on freshwater systems. The forum is free for all recreational fishers and is a component of the angler driven I&I NSW Fishers for Fish Habitat project.

The forum will be held on 20 and 21 May and this is the first time the Forum will be held west of the range. In another Forum first, participants will also be able to wet a line and join other anglers in the inaugural Tamworth Carp Muster on Sunday 22 May. Hosted by the Namoi Catchment Management Authority, the fishing event is open to the general public and will provide the Forum participants a great opportunity to unwind, meet other fishers and share some new habitat knowledge. To join other recreational fishers and register for the Forum go to www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/habitat/rehabilitating/fishers/2011-forum or telephone (02) 6626 1107. Please note that registration is required for catering and administration purposes.

New look for Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs)

Some anglers may have noticed a change in the design of the 25 FADs installed along the NSW coast. The FADs now have a much larger cylindrical headgear which allows the FAD to remain on the surface in stronger currents and makes them easier to locate from a distance. Fishing reports indicate that the FADs are fishing well this season. Check out the I&I NSW website for the FAD locations. To report a lost or damaged FAD please contact I&I NSW on (02) 9527 8411 or email fisheries.FADs@industry.nsw.gov.au.

More fish for inland rivers, lake and dams

Following on from recent high water levels on most of our inland rivers, lake and dams I&I NSW fish hatcheries have produced and stocked more than 250,000 fish into a range of inland waterways during February to enhance recreational fishing opportunities. These stockings have comprised of 44,000 brown trout fingerlings, 51,250 rainbow trout fingerlings, 143,000 golden perch fry and 18,000 silver perch fry. Some of the major stockings include 49,000 golden perch fry and 18,000 silver perch fry into Lake Windamere, 58,000 golden perch fry into Wyangala Dam and 20,000 golden perch fry into Lake Cargelligo.

Have your say - Sydney Harbour National Park Draft Plan of Management

The draft Plan of Management for Sydney Harbour National Park is currently on public exhibition until 30 April 2011. The Plan outlines the proposed management of the National Park over the next ten years. Sydney Harbour is one of the most popular recreational fishing spots in NSW due to its accessibility and excellent fishing opportunities so this is a great opportunity for recreational fishers and clubs to have their say and provide comments on the Plan. A copy of the draft Plan is available on the NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water website at www.environment.nsw.gov.au.

Community education update

Our dedicated team of trust funded Fishcare Volunteers continue to commit to promoting sustainable fishing messages across NSW. Go online to see a full list of upcoming events at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/fees/education.

REGISTER NOW TO BE A VOLUNTEER

If you have a passion for fishing and would like to contribute to protecting our aquatic environment, why not become a Fishcare Volunteer? If you able to give one day a month to volunteering at I&I NSW fishing workshops, field events, schools programs and habitat restoration, you can register now for the 2011 Freshwater Fishcare intake, occurring at the I&I NSW Narrandera native fish hatchery on 4 and 5 June 2011. For more information call Brett Smith, Education Officer, Western Region on (02) 6881 1222 or email brett.smith@industry.nsw.gov.au

CALLING ALL JUNIORS, ENROL NOW TO FISH FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

I&I NSW will be running a series of fishing workshops for juniors between the ages of 8-14 years. The cost is \$40 and each participant goes away with not only new sustainable fishing skills but a rod/reel, tackle box, hat, shirt, and goodie bag! Upcoming locations include:

Location	Date	Contact	Phone
Ebor (Dutton Hatchery)	2 nd April	Chris Sheen	☎ 026626 1381
Greenwell Point	11 th April	Stephen Thurstan	☎ 02 4295 1809
Lake Illawarra	12 th April	Stephen Thurstan	☎ 02 4295 1809
Lake Macquarie	13 th April	Jamie Burns	☎ 02 4980 9204
Cronulla	15 th April	Dena Murray	☎ 02 9527 8526
Lake Macquarie	18 th April	Jamie Burns	☎ 02 4980 9204
Penrith	19 th April	Dena Murray	☎ 02 9527 8526
Merimbula	19 th April	Stephen Thurstan	☎ 02 4295 1809
Forster	4 th May	Jamie Burns	☎ 02 4980 9204

GET HOOKED...IT'S FUN TO FISH, 2011 REGISTRATION OPEN

Does your local primary school want to get involved in promoting sustainable fishing messages and have some fun at the same time? If so, talk to a local teacher and ask them to register now for the popular interactive 'Get hooked...Its fun to fish' program. With 70 schools already registered, make sure your local primary school is involved. Teachers can register before 30 April 2011 by calling (02) 9527 8473 or by emailing the Sydney office at gethooked.fisheries@industry.nsw.gov.au



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recreational fishing photo competition

Entries close 31 July 2011

Great prize packs
to be won!

The twelve finalists will have their photos published in a calendar to be distributed free of charge to recreational fishers across NSW in 2012.

Don't miss your chance to have your photo featured in the recreational fishing calendar. Entries close on 31 July 2011!

This is your chance to showcase your photographic talents. There are great prize packs to be won.

The competition is easy to enter and open to everyone. You need to include an entry form – visit the I&I NSW website www.industry.nsw.gov.au/fisheries and follow the links to *recreational fishing* and the *calendar competition* to submit your form online or phone 02 6051 7703 and have an entry form posted to you.

There are two ways you can enter:

Digital photos – can be entered via the website www.industry.nsw.gov.au/fisheries using the online entry form.

Hard copy – via mail to *Recreational Fishing Photo Competition*, PO Box 49, Albury NSW 2640. If sending your photograph as a hard copy print, please don't forget to include an entry form.



Also register your interest, either on the website www.industry.nsw.gov.au/fisheries or with I&I NSW on 02 6051 7703, to receive your free copy of the 2012 recreational fishing calendar.



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