



RECFISH AUSTRALIA



Australian Government
Fisheries Research and
Development Corporation

RECFISHING SERVICES NATIONAL SEMINAR ON MARINE PROTECTED AREAS - stocking the tool box!

SEMINAR DATES

Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 November 2006

SEMINAR LOCATION

Brisbane

SEMINAR OBJECTIVES

- Mapping of the current MPAs (both state and commonwealth) and develop a time-map for the known or planned MPAs taking into account Australia's international obligations.
- To define engagement and develop processes and guidelines for adequate and early engagement of the recreational sector in the MPA debate.
- To identify the effects (social, cultural and economic) on the recreational fishers and fisheries, develop alternative management arrangements in lieu of 'lockouts' and to determine compensatory processes and measures.
- To identify and articulate the strengths and gaps in knowledge and understanding of the recreational sector in MPAs and to develop strategies and programs for Research, Development & Extension (R, D & E) to fill the voids
- To identify and develop the best aids and tools, including the development of a comprehensive long-term monitoring program, for the recreational sector in the MPA debate.

AWARDS DINNER

On the Saturday night the inaugural awards dinner will be held and six categories have been identified at this stage.

- o best research project with recreational outcomes
- o best recreational enhancement project
- o non government administrator of the year
- o highest score in the EMS tournament accreditation process
- o best completed Community Grant Project (this may be held over till 2008)
- o volunteer of the year

Member organisations will be asked to nominate candidates for each category and a panel of three people will be the judges – at least one panel member will be independent.