

## JUNE 2022



**Next Club Meeting will be on the 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022** 

EARLY START at 6.30pm before the game Big Screen will be on at the club





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We welcomed a couple of new members to the club last month, bringing us to just short of 80 members. Members fees are due at the end of June nomination forms available now for the 2022-2023 season.

Once again the weather is the main topic of discussion, with little if any or no chance of anyone going fishing there obviously was very few fish caught over the last month. The running of the South Qld. Interclub had to be postponed and even club weekend didn't go ahead. The possibility of going to fish a dam was almost zero as the roads were flooded once again and dams all over full and Brisbane River closed to boating due to dangerous conditions.

Our August meeting will also be our Annual General Meeting, we need members to get involved and take on a position. If you are interested in nominating for a position and not sure about what is involved in the position please talk to one of our committee.

With only 1 month left to fish and get some scores on the board it will be interesting to see who comes out on top in this years awards. Presentation Night our big night of the year will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> August registration form will be available shortly.

It is with regret our Weigh Master and QGFA delegate Ralph Bowler has resigned from these positions, we would like to thank Ralph for his efforts over the past and wish him well.

Stay Safe on the water Noel

# EUD GANGINS REJUNT

G'day all,

It's been another month of poor weather for fishing again. I have managed to get out only a couple of times once with Mick and last Saturday was actually good enough for me and my son to get out on North reef, came home with a nice pan sized snapper.

We unfortunately had to cancel our club weekend and postponed the ANSA Sth QLD Interclub Challenge to July 1st to 3rd, so get in and get registered for this event. It's a free event all you need to do is go on the ANSA website to register.

Our next meeting falls on the State of origin night, so we will have a quick meeting starting at the early time of 6.30pm then if you want to hang around the MBBC have free beer and wine till first points scored and nibbles at half time.

I enjoyed the origin nights last year.

Regards,

**VAUGHN DALY** 

# QLD SPORTFISHERS Australian National Sportfishing Association QLD

### June Report

The last month of the fishing year. Between Covid, floods and the weather, it has been a difficult year to consistently catch fish. In the Champion Club category, at the time of writing we are in 5<sup>th</sup> position ahead of Hinchinbrook. Bundy is still well out in front with about 130 species.

The STH QLD INTERCLUB CHALLENGE hosted by our club has been postponed to the  $1^{st}$ , $2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$  of July due to weather. You will need to re-register for the event. There is no entry fee for ANSA members and \$15 for non-members. Visit the ANSA website and follow the links. We will have some great prizes. There will be ANSA members from other clubs there, so come along and meet so great fisherman.

I have mention this before but, if you want to see what other ANSA members are tagging, you can jump on the website and search by angler, club or species. It is very handy to use it as a research tool and I find it so interesting. You can also see who the gun anglers are.

I recently achieved my Master for Saratoga. That is for catching 10 Saratoga over the 600mm Masters length.

Due to recent rains and flooding, Monduran Dam is now at 100 % and trickling over the dam wall. The fish are on the bite with the rise in water level but it usually doesn't last because the vegetation will die off which the fish don't like much. It will fire up again. I always mention Monduran Dam because it is our closest big Barra lake.

Thanks to Noel for letting me pull his crab pots on the way home on a recent trip. I caught one Sandy on the line while fishing which is not much of a feed, so I raided Noels traps and got a feed. I rebaited them! Haha. Thanks mate.

Tight Lines
Big Mick



## A big Congratulations to Diego Zambrana For attaining his Trophy length Masters



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### TROPHY LENGTH MASTERS - SPECIES



AWARD ATTAINED

### Diego Zambrana

Masters - 10th Species caught

For the capture of 10 different species equal to or longer than each species Trophy Length. 10th species caught on 29th of May, 2022 More details at:

https://www.ansaqld.com.au/competitions/leaderboards/trophy-masters/?angler=Diego+Zambrana+(Redchife+Game+and+SFC

A closed season applies to Australian bass throughout Queensland tidal waters from 1 June to 31 August 2022.

### **Australian Bass Closure**





# Freshwater Fisheries Working Group Communique 11 May 2022

The Freshwater Fisheries Working Group met for the second time on 11 May 2022. The Chair welcomed and outlined the objectives of the meeting. Members gave a general introduction and update from their respective sectors and/or regions. Fisheries Queensland provided a general update on freshwater and compliance activities. The working group discussed a list of ten priority items for further consideration by Fisheries Queensland. Working group members again raised the issue of a recreational fishing licence and recommended that this be considered as an option. Fisheries Queensland advised that there was no current policy position to introduce a recreational fishing licence and that there was no proposed extension to the SIP Scheme at this time. Other issues discussed included compliance resourcing, the provision of Mary River Cod fingerlings, tagging of Mary River cod, pest fish research and response, including competition stocking of native species. The working group will further consider priorities out of session. Working Group members welcomed input from the Deputy Director General Mr Graeme Bolton and the Executive Director Mr Dallas D'Silva during this discussion. The working group was asked to review, discuss and provide advice on a proposal to allow bow fishing in Queensland. The working group advised that bow fishing would not be appropriate for many areas in Queensland and was unlikely to have the broad community support necessary to achieve regulatory change. The members advised that this method of fishing would not substantially increase the take of pest fish and could lead to off target impacts and the most efficient way to catch pest fish was still using current recreational fishing methods. The working group was asked to discuss and provide advice on possible strategies to reduce fishing interactions with nontarget species. The working group noted that the majority of anglers do the right thing and that the current rules are appropriate. The group noted that there may be a need to increase education and compliance. The group also noted that it may be worth looking at expanding the range of people who can retrieve non-compliant or abandoned fishing apparatus (e.g. as first nations rangers and dam operators). Working Group members and Fisheries Queensland discussed possible future concepts for improving freshwater fishing in Queensland with the ED Fisheries with members expressing their appreciation for this engagement.

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The working group discussed strategies to modernise freshwater fishing and stocking associations. Members noted that there were a broad range of issues that have impacted stocking groups and that this matter should be further explored at the stocking workshop to be held at Mackay in October. Members noted that there was no simple answer to the issues raised but advised that consideration should be given to assessing the appropriateness of the current model moving forward. Dr Andrew Norris, Principal Scientist, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries provided an update on recent research into fish attracting structures.

This project investigated the fish attractors on Australian Bass and Golden Perch in impoundments to improve recreational angling experiences. The results demonstrated that both species used the fish attractors as habitat and their abundance at fish attractor sites generally increased. The results were combined with studies from overseas to develop a best practice guideline for the use of fish attractors in Australian impoundments.

The working group raised a number of topics during general business to be discussed at future working group meetings including: • future research priorities, with the working group to develop a list of gaps and priorities, • a bag and size limit review for freshwater fish, • a hatchery accreditation and quality assurance scheme, • a discussion on insurance, administration and administrative support mechanisms for stocking groups • a discussion and presentation on native ornamental species from ANGFA, • a presentation on the Victorian model for freshwater research, • a presentation on waterway barrier triggers and future planning

The next working group meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 2022 after the freshwater workshop. The Freshwater Fisheries Working Group members are: Fisheries Queensland (Chair- Tony Ham, Director Management and Reform – Kimberly Foster, Principal Fisheries Manager – John Dexter, a/Fisheries Manager (Freshwater) – Thomas Hart), Agri Science Queensland (Andrew Norris), Biosecurity Queensland (Tim Lucas), Water Operators (Chris Delamont, David Roberts), Fish Stocking (Garry Fitzgerald, Ian Leighton, Joe Legrady), Recreational Fishing (Ross Williamson, Peter Delaforce, Kaidon Anderson), Water Use and Community (Chris Joseph), Aquaculture (Brett Smith, Bruce Sambell, Craig Cluff), Conservation (Merilyn Thomas), Pest Fish (Nicole Whysall), Aboriginal and Torres Straight Island Communities (Tanya Kirkegaard), Murray Darling Basin Authority (Greg Ringwood)

### SARGE'S STANAGE TRIP



This year our group (six of us) decided to do two fishing trips to Stanage Bay, one in May & the other in August. The May trip is done & dusted??? (actually Rained out!) as our twelve day trip turned into a five day trip, one day up & one day home, with three fishing days!

Day one was hard going with strong wind & choppy seas, a day if it hadn't been "day one", then we wouldn't have been out there, ( You know how it is! ) But we managed to bring back a dozen nice fish, so all good.

Days two & three, the wind was much kinder & the fishing was really good hindered only by plenty of large catfish & our old mates in the leather jackets!

Notable captures were, Rob Ware with a 12.09 kg Gold spot cod & a lovely parrot fish weighing in at 2.30kg. Sarge with a legal red emperor, a Queensland salmon 2.83kg, & a 2.52kg Nannygai, & the whole group chipping in with some very nice Grassy's, Cod,

Nannygai & Trout. A quick trip only,

thanks to our continuous rain, but still, all good fun.







## Club Weekend Nominated Fish

	OFFSHORE SPECIES	WINNER	INSHORE SPECIES	WINNER	OTHER SPECIES
JULY	AMBERJACK	2:	TAILOR	Andrew Burke	N/A
AUGUST	PARROT / TUSK	ž:	FLATHEAD	Diego Zambrana	N/A
SEPTEMBER	SNAPPER	Diego Zambrana	WHITING	Neil Bailey	N/A
OCTOBER	PEARL PERCH	=:	JAVELIN	-	N/A
NOVEMBER	MAHI MAHI	-	SALMON	-	N/A
DECEMBER	WAH00	*	BREAM	Aaron Watkins	N/A
JANUARY	KINGFISH / COBIA	-	DART		N/A
FEBRUARY	MACKEREL	-	COD		N/A
MARCH	TUNA	-	WHITING	Neil Bailey	N/A
APRIL	PEARL PERCH	*	FLATHEAD	Mick King	Neil Bailey
MAY	SWEETLIP / EMPORER	=	BASS	-	-
JUNE	SNAPPER	\$400	BREAM	\$100	\$50





To win the money for the monthly nominated fish inshore or offshore species, simply weigh in the heaviest All fish weighed, regardless of whether they are in for the 'fish of the month' must be labelled with the angler's name and line class. To receive double club points, fish must be tagged or caught on the Club Weekend only and Capture sheets correctly completed and handed in or fish weighed in at M.B.B.C. from 3.30pm to 4.30pm on the Sunday. Prizes for the heaviest 'fish of the month' will be awarded so you must be there.

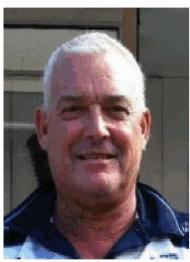
Reminder, club fishing weekend starts 4.00pm on **Friday now** and finishing on **Sunday** at 3.30pm.

## Dates to Remember

DATE	EVENT	WHERE
June 2022		
8th	General Meeting 7,00pm start	M.B.B.C.
11TH - 12TH	Club Weekend	M.B.B.C.
17th	OUR FRIDAY RAFFLE NIGHT	M.B.B.C.
JULY 2022		
13th	General Meeting 7,00pm start	M.B.B.C.
15th	SNAPPER CLOSURE STARTS	QLD
16th -17th	Club Weekend	M.B.B.C.
15th	OUR FRIDAY RAFFLE NIGHT	M.B.B.C.
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10th	Annual General Meeting 7.00pm star	M.B.B.C.
13th - 14th	Club Weekend	M.B.B.C.
15TH	END OF SNAPPER CLOSURE	QLD
18th	OUR FRIDAY RAFFLE NIGHT	M.B.B.C.
20th	Presentation Night	M.B.B.C.



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