

SIV Update

31th March - 40th Anniversary of the Land Conservation Council, Melbourne Museum

John Hasker AM attended on behalf of SIV.

2-3rd April - WINSC IT Workshop, SIV Office

The Women's Industry Network for the Seafood Community held a two day IT Training Workshop for their Board members at the SIV office. The Training was funded under a DAFF grant and allowed the Board members of WINSC to refresh their IT knowledge. The workshop was held in conjunction with their Board meeting.

4th May - VicFRAB Research Priorities Meeting, SIV Office

The VicFRAB structure and future was confirmed. SIV will be the host with Renee Vajtauer as the Executive Officer. The next open call round information will be circulated shortly.

5th May - Developing and Testing Social Objectives Indicators for Fisheries Management, Melbourne

7th May - FRDC FRAB Priorities workshop, Canberra

Each jurisdiction attended the workshop run by FRDC to discuss research priorities.

8th May - Rocklobster RAG, Queenscliff - See page 3

27-28th May - Rocklobster TAC Workshops, Queenscliff and Warrnambool

A recommendation was made at the workshop to the Executive Director of Fisheries Victoria to retain the current TAC for both the Western Zone and Eastern Zone at 240t and 66t respectively. The Executive Director will then make his recommendations to the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security, The Hon. Peter Walsh MP.

29-30th May - East Gippsland Field Days, Bairnsdale - See page 4

5th May - 2nd Victorian Seafood Industry Awards 2011, Port Melbourne Yacht Club

Victorian Sustainable Seafood Assessment Project

The Australian Conservation Foundation, the University of Technology, Sydney and the Science Reference Panel have announced the first results from the Victorian Sustainable Seafood Assessment Project, including the following Victorian wild catch commercial species.

Southern Calamari from Corner Inlet and Port Phillip Bay

The southern calamari, *Sepioteuthis australis* is a short lived (only 18 months) and fast growing species found in estuaries and nearshore coastal waters over reefs, sand and seagrass areas. The Port Phillip Bay fishery uses haul seine and squid jigs, and the small Corner Inlet fishery harvest calamari using specially designed haul seines and techniques that have minimal impacts on stocks, habitat and bycatch.

King George Whiting from Corner Inlet and Port Phillip Bay

King George Whiting, *Sillaginodes punctata*, is only found in southern Australia, living in bays and estuaries where it feeds on crustaceans, worms, molluscs and fish. The Port Phillip Bay fishery uses haul seines and mesh nets and the Corner Inlet fishery uses haul seines, small boats and specialised techniques that minimise impacts on stocks, bycatch and habitat.

Other Victorian products assessed as sustainable are Blue Mussel from Sea Bounty Pty Ltd, Corio Bay, and Rainbow Trout from Goulburn River Trout Pty Ltd, Alexandra. These Victorian products join others assessed in 2010 including Red emperor from the Pilbara, Western Australia; Farmed barramundi from Marine Produce Australia, Cone Bay, Western Australia; Yelloweye mullet from the Coorong, South Australia; Western king prawn from the Spencer Gulf, South Australia; and, Squid from the Hawkesbury River, New South Wales.

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Australian Fisheries Management Forum

The Australian Fisheries Management Forum (AFMF) is comprised of State and Commonwealth fisheries and aquaculture directors across Australia, with permanent government observers in the area of research and development and biodiversity conservation. The AFMF is a network for sharing information between the government agencies involved in managing fisheries and aquaculture.

The AFMF provides an opportunity for jurisdictions to share experiences and to inform and shape the development of national fisheries policies and coordinate advice for national ministerial committees. The AFMF is not a decision making body and this role continues to be undertaken by respective jurisdictions at a State and Commonwealth level. Similarly, each AFMF member is responsible for consulting its relevant fishing stakeholders.

The AFMF seeks to:

- Develop and promote best practice policy principles and techniques in the management of marine and freshwater fisheries and aquaculture resources;
- Ensure that each jurisdiction considers and is familiar with each other member's broad program plans and strategies;
- Promote implementation and adoption of national agreements amongst fisheries and aquaculture member jurisdictions; and
- Strategically address the range and complexity of the cross-jurisdictional responsibilities and issues in marine and freshwater fisheries management through improved communication and collaboration.

The responsibility to chair AFMF meetings rotates every two years amongst the forum members, with Fisheries Victoria (Anthony Hurst - Chair and Dallas D'Silva -Executive Officer) currently performing this role. The Forum generally meets twice per year. Strategic issues being addressed by AFMF during 2010/11 include fisheries resource sharing, climate change and adaptation, co-management and ecosystem based fisheries management.

Win a trip to Tanzania

ActionAid is looking for a passionate women who are connected as a producer, consumer or activist with sustainable agriculture and rural communities here in Australia to send to Tanzania as part of their blogger training program. You might be a rural farmer, agricultural student, garden farmer in the city - or someone passionate about organic farm fresh food. **If this sounds like you, then you could be their [Hunger Busting Blogger](#)!** Nominations close 30th May 2011.

Seafood Directions 2011

Don't forget to register for Seafood Directions 2011!

Seafood Directions 2011 'The Productivity Challenge' sets the compass for the industry in a 3 day series of presentations, workshops and functions. Connect directly with stakeholders, government, suppliers and buyers in the stunning playground of the Gold Coast.

www.seafooddirections2011.com



Planning a holiday?

Seafood Directions Conference
Gold Coast Convention Centre 23 - 25 October 2011

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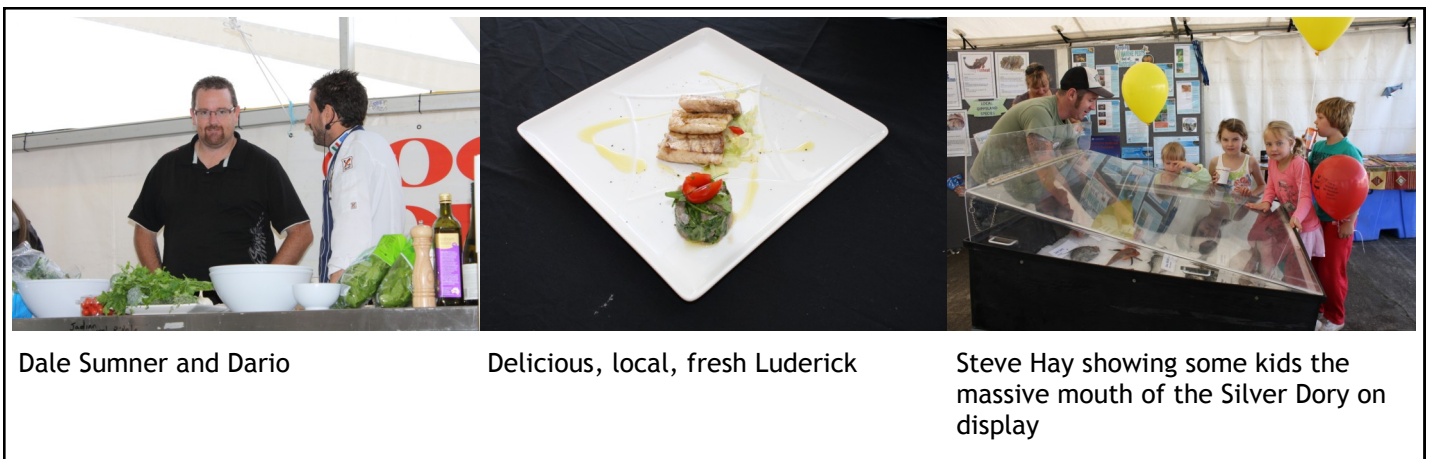
East Gippsland Field Days

Bairnsdale was home again to the East Gippsland Field Days on the 29-30th April. The crowd peaked on Saturday with over 6000 people attending, with interests ranging from farm machinery to fresh vegetables.

The SIV tent was packed with information on Marine Pests from SeaNet's Extension Officer Steve Hay, Labelling issues, sustainability and kids activities (for the parents sake!). Also on display was the ever famous locally caught fish from within Gippsland Lakes (donated by Arthur Allen) and species caught by Danish Seiners (donated by Peter Clarke). Locally caught Luderick (fillets) were also donated for the cooking demonstration by Melbourne Italian Chef Dario D'agostino.

During the demonstration Lakes Entrance Fishermen's Co-op's General Manager Dale Sumner bravely faced the hungry crowd to inform them about labelling issues the seafood industry has been dealing with. The point Dale left the audience with was always ask where your seafood comes from, make sure it's local. Dale on behalf of industry, is a great advocate of labelling laws throughout the supply chain, lobbying government to have food labelled with country of origin right down to the restaurants and fish 'n chip outlets. The meal Italian Chef Dario cooked up smelled and looked delicious, pity there was not enough to go around!

Thanks to Gary Leonard, Arthur Allen, Dale Sumner and Peter Clarke for all you help and to Andy Watts, Simon Boag and Harry Mitchelson for coming down to say G'day!



Rocklobster & Giant Crab Resource Assessment Group

The establishment of the Resource Assessment Group (RAG) with independent chair Dr. Ian Knuckey, has the primary function of providing advice about improving the data quality and fishery assessment, including developing a better understanding of the recreational catch and the illegal, unregulated and unreported catch.

The RAG will be responsible for;

- The provision of advice on the development of improved methods for standardising catch per unit effort (CPUE) data;
- Participating in the review of the proposed new management decision framework in the 2009 Rock Lobster Fishery Management Plan;
- The preparation of assessments and reports on the status of the fisheries against the management decision framework; and,
- The identification of fishery assessment and monitoring gaps, needs and priorities.

The RAG will report outcomes to Fisheries Victorian and the Stock Assessment Workshop and Total Allowable Catch Forum. Any Rocklobster or Giant Crab license holder with an interest in the work of the RAG are able to attend the meetings as an observer by contacting Dr. Ian Knuckey on 03 5258 4399,

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For Sale

Eastern Zone - Three Blacklip Abalone Quota Units, Full Quota 2011/12 year

\$255K plus GST Quota Unit, Fees, Levies & Royalties paid by Vendor for 2011/12 Quota year

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Calendar of Events

16th May	CRC Consumer Master Class - SIV Office, West Melbourne
18th May	Seafood Services Australia, Network Meeting - Sydney Fish Market, Sydney
19th May	National Seafood Industry Alliance Meeting - Sydney
19th May	Snapper Stock Assessment - DPI Fisheries Research Branch, Queenscliff
14th June	SIV Board Meeting #128 - SIV Office, West Melbourne

SIV is a non government, not for profit organisation here to help YOU!

SIV represents all members involved in the harvesting, processing, wholesaling, retailing and exporting of seafood in Victoria. SIV acts on your behalf and best interests to make the Victorian commercial fishing industry environmentally sustainable, economically viable and to secure the future of your industry.

Please contact SIV if you have any concerns about your fishing or seafood industry.

Don't leave it too late!



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