

### SIV Update

#### **National Research Priorities Forum; 27th July, Melbourne**

Ross McGowan attended the NRPN as an observer. The network discussed how research is delivered and where it is coming from. It was noted that there was a lot of duplication of research occurring within industry.

#### **Agrifood Skills Australia Standing Committee Meeting; 10th August, Melbourne**

Ross McGowan attended the Committee meeting to discuss skilling in the seafood workforce.

#### **SIV Board Meeting; 16th August, SIV Office**

The Board of Directions convened at the SIV office for meeting number 123.

#### **SSA Network Meeting; 19th August, Darwin**

The SSA meeting was attended by representatives of the seafood and fishing industry from around Australia. Each representative gave a brief rundown of what is happening in each of their sector.

#### **NSIA Meeting; 20th August, Darwin**

The NSIA has produced a document for the 2010 Federal elec-

tion which was passed on to all federal parties. The policy document contains key elements that the NSIA believe industry require and that government should grant. The NSIA requested that federal political parties commit to the following;

- Unambiguously support Australian commercial fishing industries as sustainable and as providers of best quality seafood to Australian consumers;
- Celebrate Australian commercial fisheries as the best managed in the world;
- Recognise the excellent environmental management credentials of commercial fishing industries;
- Recognise Australian fisheries as good corporate citizens who make a vital and significant contribution to many of our rural communities; and
- Action to prevent the degradation of the marine environment by non fishing activities, such as urban, agricultural runoff to ensure that fish stocks can be sustainably harvested by future generations.

For more information go to

[www.siv.com.au](http://www.siv.com.au).

#### **Commercial Fishing Statement of Intent; 24th August, Melbourne**

Renee Vajtauer attended the meeting to discuss all the feedback Fisheries Victoria had received from the port meetings and survey forms. The draft joint statement includes items identified by the Steering Committee, grouped into major themes within the key concepts of securing, sharing and growing fisheries resources.

#### **Agrifood Skills Australia, Sustainability Seminar; 25th August, Pakenham**

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#### **APPEA Conference; 1-3rd September, Coolum**

Ross McGowan spoke at the APPEA conference on the topic of Australian Waters and sequential use; Common issues for the oil and gas and fishing industries. Issues covered in the presentation included increased scrutiny, food and energy security, changing expectations and stakeholder interests common to both industries.

### SIV Annual General Meeting

Notice was sent to all Victorian Commercial Fishing license holders and associations announcing SIV's upcoming Annual General Meeting.

**Monday 20th September, 10am**

**The Black Olive, 480 Victoria Street, North Melbourne**

Nominations for the Board are now closed.

**Please RSVP [admin@siv.com.au](mailto:admin@siv.com.au) or 03 9329 5660 if you will be attending!**

## ESSO agrees to monitor seagrass in Corner Inlet

A meeting was held by Esso Australia with SIV and local fishermen from Corner Inlet to discuss the Barry Beach Marine Terminal proposed maintenance dredging works. Esso was proposing to undergo some maintenance dredging around the Barry Beach Channel and deposit the spoil outside of the entrance to Corner Inlet.

At the meeting issues were raised by SIV and industry surrounding the potential of the dredging activities to cause irreversible damage to delicate seagrass beds. These seagrass beds (containing *Zostera* and *Posidonia* species) are habitats for a variety of marine fauna, including the commercially important King George Whiting. It is well documented that seagrass communities are a vital part in the juvenile stages of the whiting.

Commercial fishermen working Corner Inlet and adjacent areas depend on these habitats to harvest targeted fish species such as whiting. Industry therefore had real concerns over the proposed dredging and its impacts and re-

quested that Esso undergo seagrass monitoring, prior, during and post activity.

In response to a letter put forward by SIV on behalf of industry, requesting that a comprehensive monitoring program be implemented, Esso have confirmed the following;

The monitoring programs currently being considered include;

1. Dredge Sites—Turbidity and seagrass health.
  - Seabed irradiance with the use of light loggers around the dredge sites and appropriate
  - Seagrass reconnaissance to identify the location of seagrass beds in or near modelled turbidity
  - Qualitative observations of seagrass ecology
  - Seagrass patch mapping
  - Assessment and comparison of seagrass internodes growth against control sites
  - The duration for post dredge monitoring will be

contingent on observed recovery

- Independent third party technical review of the program method and results.

2. Dredge Material Grounds Site 2B, Validation of the model at the DMG 2B location.

- In-field light sensing meter readings at the DMG 2B and control sites
- In-field current measurements using drogues at the DMG 2B and control sites
- In-field anemometer readings and collation of Meso-LAPS wind data
- Compare field readings with modelled longer term data
- Undertake statistical analysis of 3 days of field measurements against modelled Total Suspended Solids

The proposed dredging has been now modelled on September data. SIV will keep industry informed of any further developments on the Barry Beach Marine Terminal.

## AgriFood Skills Australia - Sustainability Seminar

The seminar brought together some of Australia's leading experts in the field of business sustainability to help food, wine and beverage company owners and managers compose a holistic strategy with practical outcomes and an early contribution to your bottom line.

The object was to engage and assist owners and managers to recognise, prepare, skill up and

initiate the necessary changes so their staff will be well equipped to meet any challenges faced ahead.

The seminar provided a clear view of threats and opportunities, advice to save costs, increase profits and find funding support. Speakers included Wendy Erhart, Ian Young, Roger Holmes-Brown, Mark Napper and Arthur Blewitt.



Stephan Wellink discussing the Quadruple Bottom Line

## National Seafood Industry Leadership Program

### **NSILP 2010 – Mission Launch at The Brassey, Canberra**

What do a prawn fisherman, an oyster grower, an extension officer and fisheries management officer have in common? Well, they are just a few of the participants that make up this year's National Seafood Industry Leadership Program (NSILP).

The National Seafood Industry Leadership Program is celebrating its 10th year of developing new leaders for the seafood industry and brings together a diverse group of individuals from all over Australia. This year's program has 17 participants selected from a very competitive field of applicants.

Andrew Rowland, a recreational fishing representative from Western Australia, said much of the program's success lies in the diversity of its participants "we come from all parts of the seafood industry yet we face very similar challenges on almost a daily basis."

Funded by Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC) and sponsored by the Sydney Fish Market, NSILP represents the commitment from industry in identifying and nurturing young leaders that will take carriage of the industry into the future. The program provides the unique opportunity for inspiring leaders to

engage with the wider industry and meet with people they otherwise wouldn't have had contact with.

Port Lincoln's tuna ambassador, Emily Rowe explained how the series of residential workshops in Hobart, Sydney and Canberra are strongly supported by the seafood community.

"The networking opportunities at the residential have been fantastic and provided the opportunity to meet people Senator Colbeck and Senator Christine Milne among other industry guests that come along to impart their experience and wisdom." said Ms Rowe.

This year, the program has visited Hobart and Sydney, and will finish in Canberra. The participants have had the opportunity to meet with a wide range of people from the Tasmanian seafood community, and the NSW seafood community including a tour of the Sydney Fish Markets – the largest fish markets in the southern hemisphere. The final workshop in Canberra will provide participants the opportunity to interact with key decision makers in Canberra.

Patrick Hone, Executive Director FRDC, congratulated the participants for taking the challenge to participate in leadership roles. The fishing industry with its diver-

sity and indigenous participants is foremost about people and how people work together. Building effective leadership networks across this diversity is what the National Seafood Leadership Program is delivering.

Participants in 2010 worked hard towards a Mission they believe will greatly enhance Australia's ability to maintain a strong and viable seafood industry. These 17 future leaders will be launching strategies to achieve this Mission in September in Canberra.

**When:** Tuesday 21 September 2010

**Time:** 1:00pm launch

**Where:** The Brassy

Each participant will give a brief presentation to various leaders of Australia's seafood industry at the launch. The event represents the culmination of six months hard work and dedication by this diverse group of individuals.

Sarah Reinhart from the Tasmanian Seafood Industry Council said "This has been a very dynamic and complex process. We have learnt a great deal about communication, conflict resolution and decision making along with other necessary skills to lead the seafood industry into the future."

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## Jack Mackerel - Peak Season for Victoria

*Trachurus declivis* (Jack Mackerel) are a pelagic marine species that form large shoals over the continental shelf and margin, and occasionally descend to about 500m in depth.

Small quantities have been reaching seafood markets but they are mostly used for fishmeal and pet-food.

Jack Mackerels are caught mainly by purse seine in Tasmanian coastal waters and as bycatch of demersal and midwater trawls.

In 2008/09 the production of Jack Mackerel from Victorian waters was 20t worth approximately \$36,000 in value based on Melbourne Wholesale Fish market auction prices.



## Baked Mackerel

Enjoy this simple Mackerel recipe to lock in the Omega 3 goodness!

### Ingredients

4 mackerel  
60g butter  
grated rind and juice of one orange  
2 tsp garlic salt  
grated onion  
1 orange, cut into wedges

### Method

Preheat oven to 190c.

Mix the butter, garlic salt, onion, orange juice and rind together.

Rinse the mackerel and pat dry.

Divide butter between the fish spreading in the cavity.

Wrap fish in foil and bake for 30min.

Serve with orange wedges.

*Pick up some fresh fish from your local monger today!*

## In Brief.....



**Draft Aboriginal Fishing Strategy;** Fisheries Victoria have released a draft Aboriginal Fishing Strategy for public comment. Fisheries Victoria will be meeting with people around the State to discuss the various proposals in the draft Strategy. The public consultation period closes at 5pm on Friday,

December 10, 2010. To view the draft Strategy and for more information go to SIV's website or [www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fishing](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fishing) or ring the DPI Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

**Fish Prices and Value; a Market-ing Challenge;** FRDC have re-

leased a fact sheet that explores the true cost of seafood and its affordability when compared to other proteins. To read more go to [www.frdc.com.au/documentlibrary/Fact%20Sheet%20-%20Fish%20Prices%20and%20Value.pdf](http://www.frdc.com.au/documentlibrary/Fact%20Sheet%20-%20Fish%20Prices%20and%20Value.pdf)

## Schedule of Events

9-12th September	AWiA and WINSC Joint National Conference - Darwin
20th September	SIV Annual General Meeting 10am, North Melbourne
20th September	SIV Board Meeting #124, West Melbourne
21-23rd September	National Seafood Industry Leadership Program, Canberra.
23rd September	Fisheries Cost Recovery Standing Committee Meeting - Melbourne
23rd September	National Seafood Industry Leadership Program, Graduation Dinner - Canberra
24th September	Learning about Mentoring Workshop - Canberra
4th November	Agrifood Skills Australia Standing Committee Meeting - Melbourne
5th November	National Seafood Industry Alliance Meeting - Adelaide

### **SIV is a non government, not for profit organisation that is 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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