

Title - EMS - Mandurah Licenced Professional Fishermans Association

Body - Dates for the risk assessment workshop for Commercial fishing activity in the Peel / Harvey estuaries are as follows;

The workshop will be held at the Mandurah Yacht Club situated on Mary St in Old Halls Head on Tuesday June 3 2008, starting at 6:30 pm. We have booked the space for 3 hours and hope to be able to discuss the concerns of all stakeholders who attend; however, if any issues are not dealt with during the day a subsequent workshop can be arranged before closing the workshop.

The objective of this workshop is to identify social and environmental hazards and impacts associated with this particular fishery. Impacts will be assigned likelihood and consequence ratings to give an overall risk rating. Results from this workshop will be used to develop recommendations for minimising the risks and impacts identified and will be incorporated into the development of the EMS and an industry code of practice.

To help ensure the process is efficient and that sufficient time can be spent on discussing appropriate mitigation measures for any identified risks we request that you provide to us in writing any issues or concerns that you currently have regarding the fishery. We also request that where possible you provide examples to illustrate your concerns and please provide any evidence of the actual occurrence of the impacts you have identified. Finally if you have any suggestions for possible mitigation measures please include these also.

The information received by stakeholders will be collated and entered into an EMS database prior to the workshop in order to make the most efficient use of time. Could you please RSVP your intentions to attend the workshop and forward your concerns and supporting information as detailed above, as soon as possible. If you wish to find out more please contact Carl Bevilacqua on 9492 8811 during office hours or email, carl@oceanwatch.org.au