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Changes to MBGFC Club Fishing Rules

Dear Members,

Following last years "Back to Tangas" competition, it was brought to the Committee's attention that the former MBGFC Fishing Club Rules needed updating. The update was largely driven by changes to the Qld DPI Fisheries Regulations, which has revised bag limits, sizes and species. The biggest changes are to sharks. You can no longer have in possession a shark over 1.5m, and only 1 shark in the boat under 1.5m. This means that in Queensland, the golden days when shark fishing for Tigers and Whites, was the backbone of the game fishing off Tangalooma has passed, with all those records intact, unless the rules change. This effectively means that sharks now have become a tag and release proposition.

The major rules changes (see sheet attached) include:

- Fishing area has been reduced and now is from the NSW border in the south to Double Island Point in the north.
- Line classes are now 1-10kg (light tackle) and 15-60kg (heavy tackle), and this is in line with QGFA for all ports competitions.
- Heavy tackle zone is moved from 150m to 100m depth.
- Under Qld Fisheries regulations, sharks cannot be kept over 1.5m in length
- Revised the tag and capture points formulae to balance up the light/heavy tackle weightings

I trust these are acceptable to our fishing members, and we welcome feedback during the 2012-2013 season.

We have also had a request from NSW DPI that all information, especially the Latitude and Longitude needs to be included on the Tag Cards. It is a small detail but also provides vital information from where a fish was released.

Tight lines and I hope all members are able to enjoy some quality fishing during the upcoming season.

Yours sincerely,

NOEL WEBB
Secretary