

## GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS:

### **ANSA South Australia Report**

The South Australian Branch continues to struggle to attract new members despite taking every opportunity to gain exposure.

We are however hopeful of gaining a new club this year from south of Adelaide on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

We have adopted a new logo this year and all the stationery that goes with it thanks to a member from the Steel City Sportfishing Club. Cloth sew on badges have been purchased and are available for sale. Tee shirts etc are at present being organised.

With the election of a new committee earlier this year ANSA-SA hopes to become much more vocal in response to local fishing activities and to put pressure on State Government to make decisions keeping what is best for the fishery in mind rather than what is best politically.

Issues we hope to tackle this year will be the introduction of a recreational fishing licence, A total allowable catch (T.A.C) for snapper and whiting for the professional sector and recreational possession limits.

#### **Tagging.**

In January one crew tagged a number of different species over at Sceale Bay in the west of SA. Among the fish tagged was a 90 cm Sampson fish that was recaptured 16 days later at much the same reef some 15 km offshore

In June another crew had a great session offshore from Port MacDonnell at the opposite end of the state. Results for the day were 21 tagged Southern Bluefin Tuna of around 90cm. It would be very interesting to see where these fish turn up next.

Among other recaptures this year the most significant is probably a Snapper recaptured near Esperance. This is the second Snapper recaptured in the area from a bunch that were tagged by some anglers from Portland back in '02.

The first was out for 1001 days but this fish was out for 2915 days which is just one week short of 8 years. Unfortunately the length was estimated so we don't have any growth data for the long migration.

Of interest is that's only the third long migration we have recorded now. The other being a snapper tagged at Kingston and recaptured in Port Philip Bay. All three fish were tagged outside the gulfs so we still don't have any evidence of Snapper migrating into or out of the gulfs.

We were fortunate this year by having our tagging efforts recognised by the present Director of Fisheries by having information listed in the recreational fishing guide

Our thanks go to Marcel Vandegoot SAFTAG co-ordinator

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