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ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2003/11

BAIT AND BERLEY SURVEY OF RECREATIONAL FISHERS

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) advises stakeholders of the availability of the report on the National Survey of Bait and Berley use by Recreational Fishers. The report is available on Biosecurity Australia's website.

Biosecurity Australia commissioned Kewagama Research to conduct a National Survey of Bait and Berley Use by Recreational Fishers. This is a comprehensive survey of 8,000 households across Australia. The survey design, combined with very high response rates (in the order of 85%), allows for high levels of confidence in the survey results. The survey provides data on the number of fishers, where they obtain their bait and berley, estimated quantities used, purchase form (live, whole, dead), region used (including whether in salt or fresh water) and season.

The information (both quantitative and behavioural) on the use of aquatic animals as bait or berley is relevant for current and future aquatic animal Import Risk Analyses (IRAs). The use of aquatic animals as bait has been identified as a pathway for the potential introduction of foreign products, and diseases they may carry, into the Australian aquatic environment.

Next Steps

The survey is available on the Biosecurity Australia website: www.affa.gov.au via the following web pages: Market Access and Biosecurity/Import Risk Analyses/Current Animal IRAs/Prawns and Prawn Products Reference Documents. Hard copies of the survey are available upon request from the contact officer listed below.

Please pass this notice on to other interested parties. If those parties wish to be included in future communications on this matter they should contact the officer listed below.

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