

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

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Our workshop on "Legal Lengths and Their Use in Fisheries Management" is to commence with a keynote address, and it is my pleasure to introduce Dr Burke Hill, Senior Principal Research Scientist at the CSIRO Laboratory, Cleveland.

Burke undertook his Ph.D. research work at Rhodes University in South Africa on portunid crabs, particularly the mud crab, *Scylla serrata*. In 1974 he spent a year doing comparative research on Queensland mud crabs. Australia had a lasting impact and in 1978 Burke returned to Queensland as Research Director at the Queensland Department of Primary Industries. Burke's enthusiasm and quiet determination had a significant effect on the research direction at QDPI and the success of that organisation can largely be attributed to his efforts. In 1982 Burke was "press-ganged" by CSIRO, made a Principal Research Scientist and headed up a Behavioral Unit at the Cleveland laboratory. His current work includes penaeid behavioral studies and the fate of discarded by-catch. He is to take over from Bill Dall as Officer-in-Charge of the Cleveland laboratory in September.

When I first approached Burke to consider presenting the keynote address, he was very enthusiastic about the topic. Burke is presently completing a book on the "Marine Fisheries of Australia" which has a section on management and he thought that the background work would thus be put to good use. Well, the book is due for publication in early 1991 and he has confided in me that, at times, he felt that the book would be ready before the keynote!

However, those of us who know Burke have anticipated that he will give the same thorough

and comprehensive treatment to this topic that he does to all his scientific endeavour.

Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome our keynote speaker, Dr Burke Hill.