

# Notes on the FRDC Workshop student awards

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In order to encourage participation by students in the annual ASFB Workshops, it was decided to initiate an award system similar to that provided by ASFB for its Conference. This new concept was supported by the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation which made available funds to cover travel costs and \$300 cash award to up to three students. Given the true "workshop" format of the 1997 Workshop, with its limited number of invited speakers, it was decided to call for students to contribute essays of relevance to the Workshop theme — Taking Stock: Defining and Managing Shared Resources.

Given that this was a new concept there was understandably some uncertainty in the

process and some confusion between the FRDC Awards and the various traditional ASFB Awards. While there were ultimately only three essays submitted for the Awards, all three were very relevant to the Workshop theme and all were judged to be of sufficient merit to be granted Awards. Two of the essays were very thorough reviews of the methods of stock discrimination in fisheries, while the third described a sophisticated mathematical approach to the problem. Because of their relevance and quality all three of the essays have been included below in these Proceedings. Each of the Award winners also contributed to the poster display and made valuable contributions to the Workshop and Conference.