

# Program

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## Day 1 – 24 September

- 0830 Registration  
0900-0910 Introduction – *Colin Buxton*  
0910-0930 Opening address – *Stuart Richey*

The following talks will be 10-15 mins presentation with 5-10 mins of discussion of each topic, status reports on each bycatch issue, extent and characterisation of catch, knowledge base, research work etc.

### Session 1

Chairperson – *Nick Rawlinson*

- 0930-0950 Northern Prawn Fishery status report – *Dave Brewer*  
0950-1010 Queensland east coast trawl fishery status report  
– *Julie Robins & Tony Courtney*  
1010-1030 Focussing on bycatch in Australia's South East Fishery  
– *Ian Knuckey*  
**1030-1100 Tea**  
1100-1120 Factors affecting discarding in the SEF – *Geoff Liggins*  
1120-1140 Seabird bycatch in tuna longlining fisheries  
– *Dennis Heinemann*  
1140-1200 Bycatch from rock lobster pots in Tasmania – *Stewart Frusher*  
1200-1220 Is bycatch an issue in Australian recreational fisheries?  
– *David McGlennon*

**1230-1330 Lunch**

### Session 2

Chairperson – *Murray Johns*

- 1330-1350 How do we define bycatch?  
– *Aubrey Harris*  
1350-1410 How does bycatch impact on biodiversity and the ecosystem?  
– *Iлона Stobutzki*  
1410-1430 Trophic consequences of prawn trawling: linking bycatch to benthos – *Paul McShane*  
1430-1450 Discarding as unaccounted fishing mortality – when does bycatch mortality become significant?  
– *Malcolm Haddon*

**1450-1530 Tea**

### Session 3

Chairperson – *Paul McShane*

- 1530-1550 Bycatch: An industry perspective  
– *Darryl McPhee & Ted Loveday*  
1550-1610 An 'environmental' point of view on bycatch – *Duncan Leadbitter*  
1610-1730 Panel discussion – What are the obstacles to establishing bycatch targets in Australian fisheries?  
(*Speakers after lunch and Murray Johns*)

## Day 2 – 25 September

### Session 4

Chairperson – *Barry Evans*

0830-0900 AFMA and the Commonwealth  
Bycatch Policy – *Katrina Maguire*

0900-0930 Driving change: The need for  
extension of services  
– *Duncan Leadbitter*

0930-1030 Case studies (see below)

#### 1030-1100 Tea

1100-1230 Case Studies

#### 1230-1330 Lunch

### Session 5

Chairperson – *Geoff Liggins*

1330-1350 NPF summary – *Ian Poiner*

1350-1410 Longline summary  
– *Andrew McNee*

1410-1500 General discussion

#### 1500-1530 Tea

1530-1600 Summing up – *Ian Poiner,*  
*Steve Eays & Colin Buxton*

**Case Study 1:** Developing a bycatch action  
plan for the Northern Prawn Fishery

Chair: *Ian Poiner*

- History
- Approach
- The plan
- Outstanding issues
- Relevance to other fisheries
  - South Australia
  - Queensland East Coast
  - WA
  - NSW
  - SE Trawl

**Case Study 2:** Developing a threat abatement  
plan for the incidental catch (or bycatch) of  
seabirds during oceanic longline fishing  
operations

Chair: *Andrew McNee*

- History
- Approach
- The plan
- Outstanding issues
- Relevance to other fisheries
  - Other longline fisheries