

## BY LAWS

### 1. Club fishing season

- 1.1. The Club fishing season shall commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> January and cease at midnight on the 31<sup>st</sup> December. All fish captured by Club members during this period will be eligible for the allocation of points.

### 2. Game Fishing Competitions

- 2.1 The Committee shall organise and hold at least two individual WAGFA sanctioned tournaments in each year.
- 2.2 The members will be advised of the dates of all tournaments and competitions for the year as soon as possible after the Committee sets them.

### 3. Exmouth Gulf Tag & Release Limits

- 3.1 Only Billfish tagged on 1kg to 10kg inclusive line classes can accrue points if captured inside Exmouth Gulf.
- 3.2 Exmouth Gulf will be considered as all waters South and East of a line drawn from North West Cape to SW tip of South Muiron Island to NW tip of South Muiron Island to SW tip of North Muiron Island to NW tip of North Muiron Island to Peak Island to Observation Island to Tubridgi Point.

### 4. Weighed fish

- 4.1. For a weighed fish to be eligible for Club points, the angler that caught the fish must present the rod, reel, at least 15m of line, the leader, and the lure and hook arrangement with the fish to the weigh station. Failing to comply with this rule will automatically disqualify the fish.

### 5. Tag & Release

- 5.1 Tag cards fully completed must be lodged with the EGFC weigh- master. Line class used in capture must be included on card.

### 6. Tag & Release Sections

- 6.1 Tag and Release section winners will be decided by:
- 6.1.1 Boat/Angler with the highest total of T&R points.
- 6.1.2 In the event of a tie on points the Boat/Angler with the lowest average line class
- 6.1.3 If still tied the Boat/Angler achieving the points first according to the time of tagging entered on Tag cards.

### 7. Point Scoring

- 7.1 Weighed fish.
- 7.1.1 Billfish and Sharks: weight (minimum 4:1 ratio) x 50 / line class.
- 7.1.2 Gamefish: weight x 100 / line class.
- 7.2 Tag & Release.
- 7.2.1 1-15kg line class: sharks 150pts, sailfish/spearfish 400pts, and marlin/broadbill 500pts.  
24-60kg line class: sharks 100pts, sailfish/spearfish 300pts, marlin/broadbill 400pts.  
*Example;*  
*1-15kg; 2 sharks=300pts, 3 sailfish=1200pts, 4 marlin=2000pts*  
*24-60kg; 3 sharks=300pts, 4 sailfish=1200pts, 5 marlin=2000pts*

### 8. Formula for Champion Angler and Boat

- 8.1 Points from Highest Point Scoring (HPS) fish on each line class used.
- 8.2 Points from Highest Point Scoring (HPS) fish of each species captured.
- 8.3 Add total points accumulated from HPS fish on each line class used.
- 8.4 Add total points accumulated from HPS fish of each species captured.
- 8.5 Adding steps 8.3 and 8.4 equals Total points
- 8.6 Total points will judge Champion Angler or Champion Boat.

## 9. Vessel Length

- 9.1 For Champion Boat points a boat will accrue points as per its registered length with the relevant government authority.

## 10. Capture certificates

- 10.1 All Capture and Tag and Release certificates must be forwarded to the Club Weighmaster and be in his possession no later than 28 days after the capture. Capture certificates shall be witnessed and signed by the Weighmaster of a club affiliated with WAGFA or a person on the EGFC committee.
- 10.2 The Weighmaster may disqualify any captures or Tag and Release certificates that exceed 28 days

## 11. Record of Captures

- 11.1 The committee will make provision for members to weigh fish and log Tags at a minimum of 2 convenient locations in Exmouth.
- 11.2 Such locations will have assistant weighmasters appointed by the committee who will be given instruction by the Weighmaster in the procedures of weighing fish and logging of tags and the completion of record of capture certificates.
- 11.3 For these purposes all committee members can be considered assistant weighmasters

## 12. Record Claims

- 12.1 All fish for record claims should, wherever possible, be weighed on the EGFC electronic scales. These scales will be kept by the Weighmaster.

13. All EGFC members will fish within current GFAA, Fisheries WA and all relevant W.A. government rules and regulations.

14. Anglers must have current EGFC membership to accrue points for yearly Trophies.

15. Only fish captured by EGFC members will accrue points for Champion Boat Trophies.

16. All fish must be claimed on the line class which they were captured, (ie no line bumping).

17. The EGFC Committee reserves the right to change any rule, regulation or section.

18. The EGFC takes no responsibility and members' fish at their own risk.

## 19. Club Fishing Zone

- 19.1 All fish must be captured in WA and along the WA coast, i.e.: all State and adjacent Commonwealth Waters

## 20. Conduct

- 20.1 All Competitors will participate in a sportsman like manner and will embrace the ethics of game fishing.
- 20.2 All Billfish/Shark offal must be returned to the ocean.
- 20.3 The committee reserves the right to penalise any Boat/Angler by deduction of points or disqualification for conduct they consider detrimental to the competition or the EGFC.

## 21. Protests

- 21.1 A verbal intention to protest must be made to the Weighmaster as soon as possible by the protestor. This is to enable the Weighmaster to preserve any evidence that may be needed by the Committee if the fish/tag card is presented before the protestor can attend the gantry.
- 21.2 All protests must be logged with the Weighmaster in writing with a \$100 deposit which will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
- 21.3 Protests must be lodged within 24 hours from when the fish was weighed or tag card presented. No protests will be accepted after this time period. The Committee will consider all protests as soon as possible after receipt.
- 21.4 The Committee's decision is final and the affected parties will be notified ASAP.

## 22. Perpetual Trophies

- 22.1 The following trophies will be awarded each year at the venue and date set by the Committee after the close of the season.
- i. Club Champion Senior Male
  - ii. Club Champion Senior Female

- iii. Club Champion Junior
- iv. Champion Small Fry
- v. Club Champion Landbased Angler
- vi. Tag and Release Champion Angler - Marlin
- vii. Tag and Release Champion Angler - Sailfish
- viii. Tag and Release Champion Junior - Marlin
- ix. Tag and Release Champion Junior - Sailfish
- x. Tag and Release Champion Junior - Billfish
- xi. Club Champion Boat 4.5 - 7 m
- xii. Club Champion Boat Over 7 m
- xiii. Highest Points Scoring Marlin weighed in
- xiv. Highest Points Scoring Gamefish weighed in
- xv. Heaviest Marlin weighed in
- xvi. Club Champion Boat Tag and Release Marlin
- xvii. Club Champion Boat Tag and Release Sailfish
- xviii. Heaviest Gamefish other than Billfish or Sharks - 1kg Line Class
- xix. Heaviest Gamefish other than Billfish or Sharks - 2kg Line Class
- xx. Heaviest Gamefish other than Billfish or Sharks - 3kg Line Class
- xxi. Heaviest Gamefish other than Billfish or Sharks - 4kg Line Class
- xxii. Heaviest Gamefish other than Billfish or Sharks - 6kg Line Class
- xxiii. Heaviest Gamefish other than Billfish or Sharks - 8kg Line Class
- xxiv. Heaviest Gamefish other than Billfish or Sharks -10kg Line Class
- xxv. Heaviest Gamefish other than Billfish or Sharks -15kg Line Class
- xxvi. John Houghton Best Clubman award