WEIGHING FISH POLICY

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We appreciate members pay annual subscriptions that give access to many member benefits. One of these benefits is the provision of scales and facilities to weigh fish. However, members must understand that your Committee and Weigh Masters are all volunteers and as such cannot be available 24 hours/7 days per week to weigh every fish caught. They obviously have work, business and family commitments but they will make every reasonable attempt to accommodate member requests and try our best to get your fish weighed.

To enable this the club maintains a few sets of certified scales. Some are located at the clubroom, and some are at other locations in the Hobart metropolitan area. We also have several Weigh Masters living in various localities. This enables us to be somewhat flexible and weigh fish in various locations where a suitable facility can be found. Not always do we have to weigh a fish at the Eaglehawk Neck Weigh Station if an alternative can be found.

Members should also understand that hanging a fish up at a weigh station is a very public act. While this is seen by many members of the public and the supporters of game fishing as a positive attraction it can also be seen by the detractors of the sport. This can lead to negativity being directed towards those associated with the weigh in, the club and the sport and must be managed in an appropriate way.

Fish presented for weighing should be done so in a manner that positively portrays the sport. An appropriate receptacle like an ice box, fish bin, fish bag, wet material covers or similar are desirable and helps keep the fish in a better condition. Fish should also be washed free of blood before weighing.

If you have a fish to weigh, please consider for what purpose is the fish to be weighed? Priority will be given to captures thought to be possible IGFA, GFAA, TGFA or Club records or for competition recording purposes but those for personal interest only will be deemed a lesser priority.

Additional to the above the following points should also be considered before requesting a fish to be weighed.

- Is the angler's membership status financial before the capture was made? (A weigh master may not make him or herself available if the above is not so)
- To the best of your knowledge has the capture been made within the angling, equipment and other GFAA rules applicable to the capture? (A weigh master may not make him or herself available if the above rules has not been adhered to)
- Will the fish be disqualified due mutilated prior to landing or boating the catch, caused by sharks, other fish, mammals or propellers that remove or penetrate the flesh? (Injuries caused

by leader or line, scratches, old, healed scars or regeneration deformities are not considered to be disqualifying injuries.)

- Mutilation of the fish must be shown to the weigh Master before weighing in preferably away from the weigh station or in a photograph and fully explained before a weigh master will make him or herself available.
- The hanging up of noticeable mutilated fish will not be tolerated as it inevitably brings about the club being reflected or portrayed in a negative manner via the photographing, display and sharing of these images on social and other media leading to negative comment.

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