Recreational Fishing Survey begins

The fishing habits of Territorians will be put under the spotlight as part of a comprehensive survey to gauge current levels of participation, the overall catch and how long anglers spend indulging in the popular pastime.

The NT Recreational Fishing Survey is now underway and will run until March 2010 involving a phone survey of Territory residents.

“Fishing is an important part of our great Territory lifestyle. We need to update information to ensure fisheries remain sustainable into the future,” said Mr Vatskalis.

“Since the last survey in 2001 the number of people fishing in the Territory has increased and we need to get a better understanding of current activity and catches.

“Territorians should be aware that they may soon receive a phone call as part of this survey and we encourage them to take the time to answer a few simple questions.

“All information collected will be treated confidentially and even if you do not fish or ever plan to go fishing, it is still important that you let us know this, so we can get an accurate picture of the fishing habits of Territory residents and how much they spend.”

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