

RECREATIONAL FISHERS — SHARK INTERACTIONS — NINGALOO

434. Hon KEN BASTON to the minister representing the Minister for Fisheries:

I refer to the answer to question without notice 394 of 16 May 2018 about interactions between recreational fishers and sharks in the Exmouth region. Will the minister please table the data collected about the ratio of fish successfully caught to hooked fish lost to sharks in the Ningaloo region?

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

On behalf of the Minister for Regional Development, I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The Minister for Fisheries has provided the following answer.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development has worked in collaboration with the University of Western Australia to collect data on shark interactions in the Ningaloo region. The research has been published as a scientific report. The report was made publicly available in February 2018. I table the attached report.

[See paper 1411.]