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To: NSWGFA Member Clubs

Dear Club Secretary

It is of great concern to me that the practice of grossly under-estimating the weight of a fish is still occurring despite all Clubs being made aware that NSWGFA will not tolerate this practice in the NSWGFA December Newsletter and all tournament rules MUST state that **accurate** reporting is to take place.

I reiterate my words printed in the NSWGFA December Newsletter:

“On Tournaments you may notice your Executive is insisting on the word “accurate” when giving a fishing report, we are determined to “stamp out” anglers under calling or over calling their captures. Clubs will now have the recourse against those anglers or skippers who get a kick out of doing this, you must know by massively under calling the weight of a capture another fish or shark may be killed unnecessarily and if you have no respect for these magnificent fish we hunt maybe you should go and play golf”.

We have just spent countless hours along with others on the Mako Issue, and have finally been able to convince the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts that NSWGFA, NSWGFA Clubs & NSWGFA Anglers are responsible anglers and do practice sustainable fishing.

NSWGFA could lose all credibility with these Government Departments if it is found that the Association's Clubs are condoning this appalling practice.

This practice WILL NOT be tolerated at the forthcoming NSWGFA Interclub Tournament and we ask your Club Committee's support in “stamping out” what some anglers seem to find a joke.

I assure you this practice is no joking matter.

Regards

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NSWGFA President
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