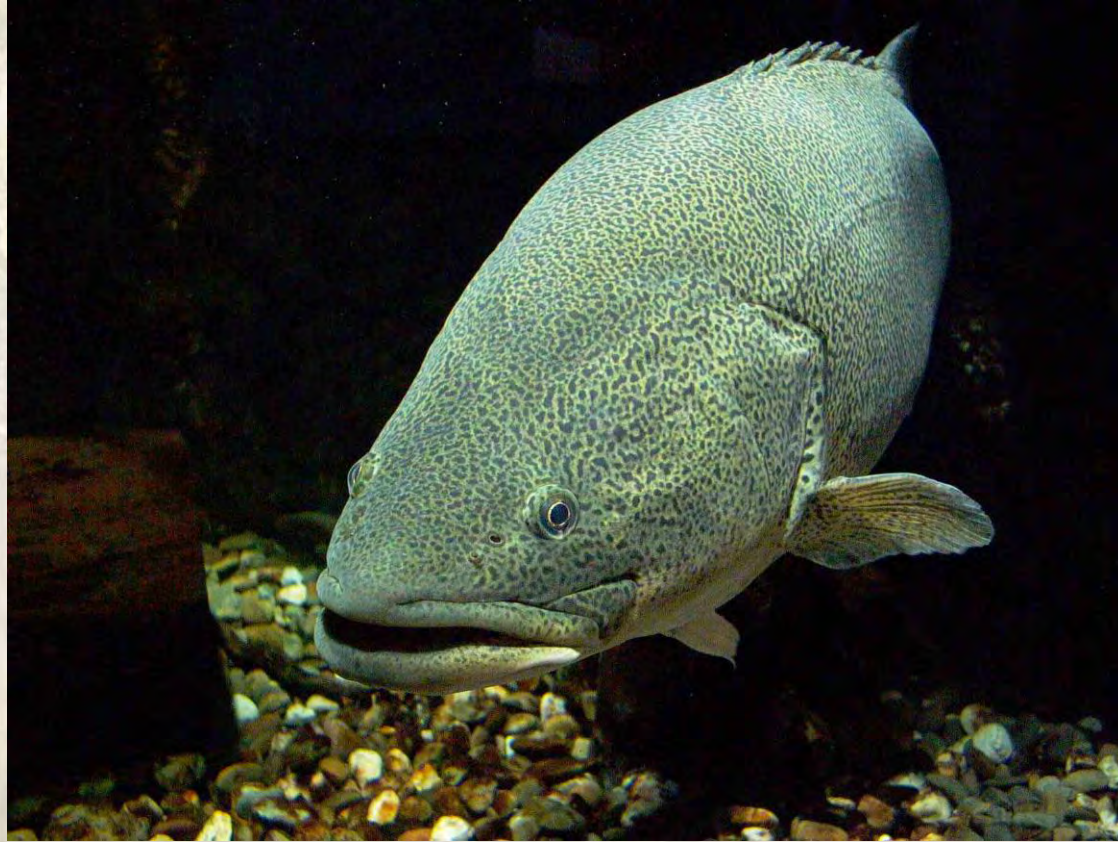


The Murray Cod Taskforce



Mark Lintermans

Origin of Taskforce

- Grew from the 2004 MDBC Workshop on Management of Murray Cod
- Which in turn was a response to the listing of Murray cod as a nationally threatened species in mid-2003



Terms of Reference

1. Provide regular advice on:
 - the identity, size, structure and dynamics of cod populations;
 - the level of fishing catches from cod populations;
 - levels of recruitment;
 - impacts of stocking efforts;
 - impacts of, and mitigation options for, thermal pollution;
 - habitat management options and priorities;
 - community liaison and involvement in the management of Murray Cod;
 - the incidence, severity, causes of, and responses to fish kills;
 - the adequacy of current management arrangements,;
 - the feasibility, design and implementation of potential additional Murray Cod management measures (e.g. closed areas; catch and release areas; critical habitats; and trophy fisheries);
 - measures to further promote Murray Cod as an icon species

Terms of Reference (cont.)

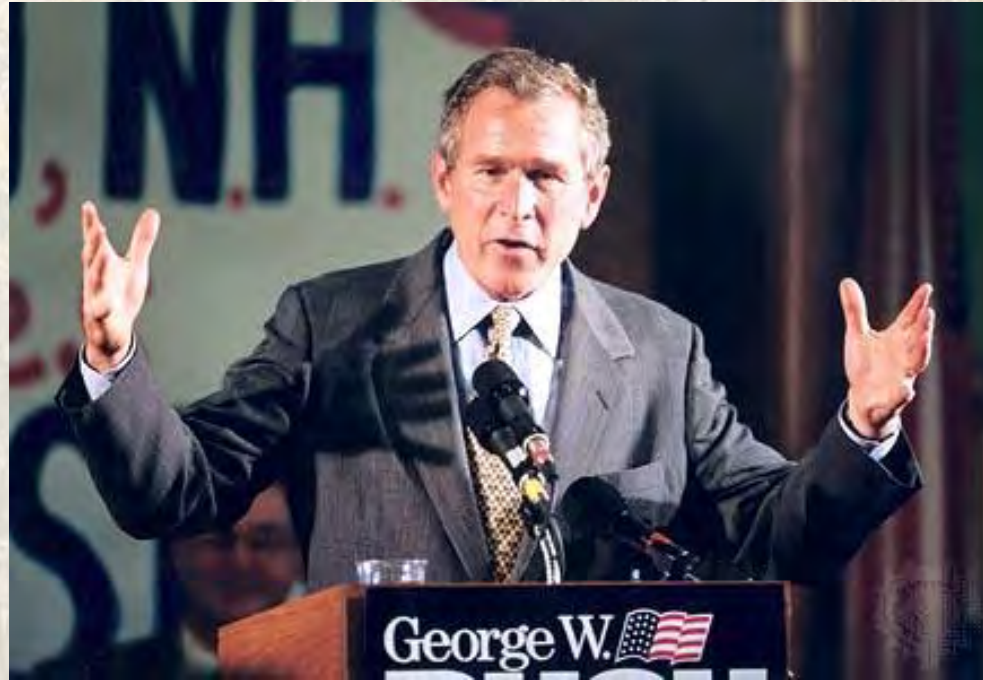
2. Liaise with and provide advice to Vic DSE regarding the National Recovery Plan for the Murray Cod.
3. Identify, and develop project briefs for, research priorities to assist decision-making in the management of Murray Cod.

Membership

The Murray cod Task Force membership is:

- Mark Lintermans (Chairperson) Native Fish Strategy;
- Stuart Rowland (scientist, NSW DPI);
- John Koehn (scientist, Vic DSE);
- Rob Loats (VRFish);
- Rob Lewis (Native Fish Australia)
- Paul Sinclair (Environment Vic)
- Peter Jackson (Independent scientist)
- Peter Teakle (Rec fishing SA)
- Qifeng Ye (scientist, SARDI)
- Ben Bowman (manager, Vic DPI)
- Dean Gilligan (scientist NSW DPI)
- John Pursey (threatened species manager NSW DPI)
- Les Kowitz (Freshwater Fishing & Stocking Assoc, Qld)
- Richard Ping Kee (rec fisher, NSW)
- Michael Hutchison (scientist Qld DPI&F)
- Pam Clunie (Vic DSE)
- Peter Kind (fisheries manager Qld DPI&F)

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2006/07 activities

- The Taskforce met twice in 2006/07 (March and May 2007)
- Primary focus was to provide input to the national Recovery Plan for Murray cod

The National Recovery plan has now been completed (as a draft) and submitted to the Commonwealth

2007/08 activities?

With the completion of the drafting of the National Recovery Plan, activities are likely to focus on information exchange and dissemination, overview and advice on current and proposed management regimes.

The finalisation of the National Recovery Plan depends on its release by the Commonwealth for Public Comment