

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE (Of which some notice has been given)

Tuesday, 19 November 2013

Hon Robin Chappie to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Fisheries.

I refer to the shearwater bycatch reduction program in Zone 1 of the South Coast Purse Seine Fishery and ask

1. What shearwater bycatch reduction measures will be employed during the special management period (February to April) in 2014?
2. How will the effectiveness of these measures be monitored?
3. Where will the outcomes in terms of protected species mortality be reported?

I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The following measures will be taken during the 2014 special management period:
 - the recording of all shearwater interactions in Department of Fisheries Catch and Disposal Returns;
 - an industry agreed voluntary dawn fishing closure;
 - increasing fishing crew numbers to three;
 - implement voluntary daily fishing closures;
 - engage people to walk Middleton and Goode Beach in Albany; and
 - trial of a lead weighted purse seine net.
- (2) The effectiveness of the mitigation measures will be monitored by Department of Fisheries via data received from Department of Fisheries, Department of Parks and Wildlife and volunteers.
- (3) In a report prepared annually by Department of Parks and Wildlife and Department of Fisheries.

