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National Safety Update

Tasmanian Angel Ring Pilot Project

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Tasmanian Angel Ring Pilot Project Gathers Momentum.

With Angel Rings a permanent part of the rockfishing scenery in NSW for the past 10 years and most recently having established a foothold in Victoria via a two year trial around Phillip Island and Wilson's Promontory, ANSA National is happy to announce that \$5000 has been made available from its Federally funded projects to assist the Tasmanian ANSA Branch establish a pilot project within the state.

With the recent death of two anglers off the rocks in the State, ANSA Tasmanian President Nick Crawford said "with such a remote and uninhabited coastline that offers some great fishing opportunities for shore based anglers, these angel rings are the last line of defence if an angler finds themselves in the water. During the pilot project we will also be focusing on education to stop these anglers getting into a situation where there is a risk the angler ending up in the ocean. Rock fishing safety information from NSW is heading our way to be distributed in our leading tackle shops"

Mr Crawford was referring to the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW multi-award winning ROCK FISHING SAFETY DVD, which is subtitled into various languages. Fronted by Andrew "ET" Ettingshausen, this free DVD distribution has eclipsed 100,000 copies.

With the ANSA Tasmanian Branch finalising locations via GPS and digital images, ANSA National is hopeful that the application will be ready for consideration by the Tasmanian Government in early 2008 and the rings installed without too much red tape.

ANSA National and ANSA Tasmania will now seek matching funding to fund the trial for the next two years.



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