

Profile of Jeremy Prince

Having combined within his career the roles of both resource assessment modeler and commercial fisher, Jeremy Prince is a leading practitioner in the use of fisher lore to study fisheries ecology. Working on the interface between government and the fishing industry since the early 1980s he has consulted to government, industry and conservation groups in most of Australia's more contentious fisheries assessment and management issues. Current roles include chairman of the commonwealth Southern Shark Resource Assessment Group and research member on the Gillnet, Hook and Trap Fishery Management Advisory Group, principal investigator for the Pearl Producers Association of Australia's research program into ESD aspects of their industry, and as a senior team member for a large multi-disciplinary project developing Alternative Management Strategies for the commonwealth South East Australian Shark and Scalefish fishery.

Jeremy Prince's core personal interest is in the assessment and management of small scale or micro-fisheries where the larger resource is comprised of a complex of relatively discrete and often variable breeding stocks. Convinced that overlooking the true spatial complexity of most natural resources lies behind many failures in fisheries assessment and management, he is planning to change the world through an FRDC funded project which has the objective of reforming management in the Australian abalone fishery. As a hobby he maintains parallel involvements in the New Zealand abalone fishery, the Californian sea urchin fishery and the Chilean coastal artisanal fisheries.