

KMP Newsletter



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Welcome to the second Kangaroo Management Program Newsletter!

At this stage we are planning to produce this newsletter every six months with a mail-out in August and March of each year. This will allow us time to report back to stakeholders on the 30 June harvest and the full-year harvest. Please let us know if there is information you would like to see covered in future newsletters.

ADDITIONAL QUOTA REQUESTS

If you fully harvest a permit, you can request additional quota from DEH at any time. To request quota, please contact Tom Gerschwitz at the Port Augusta DEH office at 9 Mackay Street, or on 8648 5300.

There will be no delay in the issue of second or subsequent permits if requested by landholders, although harvest rates, rainfall and available quota will be considered when issuing these permits.

HARVEST UPDATES

2005 Commercial Harvest

The final kangaroo harvest figures for 2005 were well below the quota available for each of the three species that are harvested. A summary is provided in the following table:

	Quota	Harvest	% of quota
Red Kangaroo	237,600	128,809	54%
Western Grey Kangaroo	97,900	28,197	29%
Euro	76,400	10,629	14%
Total	411,900	167,635	40%

A summary of the kangaroos harvested in each harvest region (based on the old Soil Conservation Board boundaries) is provided on a following page.

Individual Property Harvest Reports

Landholders have received a separate harvest report with this newsletter detailing the quota accepted, tags nominated and kangaroos harvested for their individual properties. Additionally, they have received information on the average weight and sex bias of

kangaroos harvested on their properties, and the average weight and sex bias of kangaroos harvested within each of the harvest regions.

It is our hope that this information will be useful to landholders when making decisions regarding kangaroo management on their properties.

COMPLIANCE

Field Processor Expiations

One hundred and seven warning letters were issued by DEH during the second half of 2005, with 90 being for late lodgement of returns by Kangaroo Field Processors and nine for late renewal of Field Processor Permits.

Eleven expiation notices were issued during the second half of 2005. A summary of the reasons behind these expiations is provided in the following table:

No. of expiations	Reason for expiation
6	Failure to submit shooter return
3	Attaching incorrect tag to carcass
1	Possession of untagged carcass
1	Provide incorrect information in shooter return

The problem of late returns is a continuing issue, which affects the ability of DEH to respond to additional permit requests in a timely fashion.

As from 1 July 2006, warning letters will not be issued for the late lodgement of Kangaroo Field Processor (shooters) returns.

After 1 July 2006, expiation notices will be issued without warning for all returns received after the due date.

If there are exceptional circumstances relating to why returns cannot be lodged by the required time, contact should be made with kangaroo management staff at the DEH office in Pt Augusta.

Kangaroo Tails

Kangaroo Field Processors are reminded they can only sell kangaroo tails to registered Meat Processors. They are not permitted to sell or give away tails to private individuals.

QUOTA MANAGEMENT

Landholder Validation Forms

Landholders were sent a 2006 quota offer in November 2005. Most have now validated their offer and have a Kangaroo Field Processor operating on their property.

There appears to have been some confusion this year with the Commercial Harvesting Authorities and Validation Forms. Some landholders have incorrectly returned their copy of the Commercial Harvesting Authority to DEH with the summary return completed before any animals have been shot.

This return cannot be completed until the end of the harvest year, and should be provided to DEH when the permit expires, stating the number of animals that were shot on the property during the year.

DEH will review the paperwork, and attempt to simplify and streamline the process to avoid confusion in the future.

Quota Issue 2006

Up to 50 % of the available Red Kangaroo quota and up to 70% of the Western Grey Kangaroo and Euro quota has been released in the first permit offer.

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To request additional quota, please contact Tom Gerschwitz at the Port Augusta DEH office, on phone 8648 5300 or email gerschwitz.tom@saugov.sa.gov.au.

Supply of Older Tags

DEH has begun releasing some of the older-style tags to utilize a stock of tags previously held in Adelaide. This represents a considerable saving to the Kangaroo Management Program. These tags will generally be issued to properties with smaller permits.

TAG REVIEW

Please note that there will be no changes made to the tag and quota issue procedures for the 2006 harvest period. Tag and quota issue procedures continue as per previous years.

KIRG

Amendments to KIRG

Membership of the Kangaroo Industries Reference Group (KIRG) is being altered to include representation from conservation and Aboriginal stakeholders, in

addition to the current landholder and industry representation.

Nominations for membership will shortly be requested from relevant stakeholder groups. The new committee, which will be renamed the Kangaroo Management Reference Group, is expected to be in place from July 2006.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

The next newsletter is planned for August 2006.

Please contact Tom Gerschwitz if there is any information you would like to see covered in future newsletters.

ENQUIRIES

All enquiries relating to kangaroo management can be directed to kangaroo management staff at:

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The best time to contact staff is between 9.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. as some staff work part-time on the program and others may be in the field.