

**Recreational Fishing Saltwater Trust Expenditure Committee
Outcomes, Meeting 37
2 May 2012
Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre of Excellence**

Attendees

Bruce Schumacher	Chairperson
Lisa Terry	Region 2 Representative
Lionel Jones	Region 5 Representative (deputy)
John Paton	Region 6a Representative
Stuart Rhodes	Region 6b Representative
Ann Garard	Region 7 Representative
Claudette Rechterik	Nature Conservation Council
Malcolm Poole	Recreational Fishing Alliance (RFA)
John Burgess	Australian National Sportsfishing Association
Mr David Litchfield	NSW Game Fishing Association (deputy)

Meeting declared open at 9:00am

1. Chairs introduction

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Peter Turnell, Director Recreational and Indigenous Fishing, John Featherstone Region 3, Geoff Shelton Region 4, Greg Liddell Region 8 Representative and John Millyard Australian Fishing Trade Association.

3. Confirmation of outcomes from previous RFSTEC meeting

The Committee requested that an update on a recommendation from the 35th RFSTEC meeting, for a specific recreational fishing research plan be included in the draft outcomes.

The Committee requested the following action item be included in the draft outcomes of the 36th RFSTEC meeting:

Action Item: DPI to develop a methodology and plan for undertaking an environmental assessment of recreational fishing.

Motion: The draft outcomes of the 36th RFSTEC meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting with the above amendments. **Moved:** Ann Garard. **Seconded:** John Burgess. **Carried.**

4. Update on Action items from previous RFSTEC meetings

The Committee noted the progress on the following action item from previous meetings.

ii) The Chair of ACoRF and RFSTEC write to the Minister requesting that DPI undertake an environmental assessment and develop a fisheries management strategy for recreational fishing, which could be jointly funded by DPI and the Trusts.

The Committee noted the joint Saltwater and Freshwater Recreational Fishing Trust application submitted by DPI to undertake an environmental assessment and develop a fisheries management strategy for recreational fishing.

5. Correspondence received

The Committee noted no correspondence had been received.

6. Ratification of project variation requests and Saltwater Trust applications considered out of session

i) Promoting fish survival and the sustainability of recreational fishing in NSW. **Note:** *The committee did not support this application out of session.*

ii) Assessment of barotrauma and its mitigation measures on the behaviour and survival of offshore species in NSW. **Note:** *The committee supported the project variation.*

The Committee ratified the above items at the meeting.

7. New project variation request

i) One Tree Reach Wetland Stage 2 project (Habitat Action Grant 2009/10)

Motion: RFSTEC supported the project variation. **Moved:** John Burgess. **Seconded:** Ann Garard. **Against:** Malcolm Poole. **Carried.**

ii) Pasargadae Kalang River Riparian Restoration Project (Habitat Action Grant 10/11)

This project has experienced some scouring issues, causing loss of bank and some riparian plantings. A site visit was conducted by NSW DPI and Northern Rivers CMA to determine the scale of the issues and potential solutions. The proponent estimates that all of the first instalment funds of \$6,525 have now been spent to date. The funding agreement will be revised that provides payment of the remaining 50% of funds (\$6,525) linked to the completion of specific milestones over the next few years. NSW DPI will work closely with the proponent to provide continued advice and ensure that the intended outcomes are achieved.

Motion: RFSTEC supported the project variation. **Moved:** John Paton. **Seconded:** Lisa Terry. **Carried.**

8. Recreational Fishing Trust Report

The status of the Saltwater Trust was provided at the meeting. Annual and meeting reports for Trust funded programs were submitted by project managers to enable committee members to review progress of projects prior to the meeting.

A community expression of interest for Trust funded programs was advertised by the Department and widely circulated using a media release, mail outs to fishing clubs, councils, the Department's website and other networks. The Department received many enquiries from the community about funding opportunities and assistance was provided to develop applications. A large number of applications were received by the Department.

Recreational fishing licence fees

As previously supported by RFSTEC and ACoRF, it is proposed to increase the recreational fishing fee in line with CPI next financial year. Potential removal of the 3 day licence will still be considered but will require amendments to the Fisheries Management Act (1994).

Development of the Trust Investment Plan beyond 2012/13

The Department provided an update on planning for the Recreational Fishing Trust Investment Plan beyond 2012/13 noting that the current 5 year Investment Plan finishes 30 June 2013.

The Committee acknowledged that the current Plan has been working well allowing for long term planning of ongoing programs as well as catering for new tactical programs, which have been included in the Plan over time.

Prior to development of last Plan, DPI undertook a Trust survey of licenceholders by an independent consultant on how funds from the NSW recreational fishing licence should be spent. It is has been proposed to run another similar survey in the next 3 months.

Given some large programs have been operating for some time as part of the current Plan, the Expenditure Committees have previously suggested that an appraisal of current programs is required prior to development of any new Plan. It is proposed to hold two day expenditure committee meetings in August to appraise existing programs (many of which are jointly funded by the Saltwater and Freshwater Trusts) and identify any new directions or new priorities.

Action Item: DPI to provide the payment schedule for the Recreational Fishing Haven Loan repayments scheme to members for their information.

9. Appraisal of Investment Plan for 2012/13 Programs

The Recreational Fishing Trust Investment Plan previously supported for funding by the Expenditure Committees and ACoRF and approved by the Minister, was presented to RFFTEC. Annual and meeting reports submitted by program managers had also been prepared for the Committees information and review (refer to Tables 1 and 2). RFSTEC reiterated support for the previously approved programs in the Investment Plan.

10. Review of new 2011/12 Saltwater Trust applications

A community expression of interest for Trust funded programs was advertised by DPI and widely distributed through, mail outs, the DPI website, a media release, and various other grant networks such as www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au, www.ourcommunity.com.au, www.fundbase.com.au, www.grantslink.gov.au and the NSW Grants Network. A large number of applications were received by the Department.

New Trust project applications (large and small grants) supported for funding by the Saltwater Trust are listed in Table 3. New Trust applications not supported for funding by the Saltwater Trust are listed in Table 4. New joint Trust applications supported for funding by the Saltwater and Freshwater Trust are listed in Table 5. New joint Trust applications not supported for funding by the Saltwater and Freshwater Trust are listed in Table 6.

The Committee requested an update on the Greater Sydney recreational fishing survey projects, in particular progress on the web-based data portal component of the project.

11. General business

i) Recreational Fishing Licence Agents

DPI advised that the current licence agent debt is \$115,000.00.

ii) Resource Assessment Review Committee (RARC)

Ann Garard noted that RARC was scheduled to meet in June 2012 and requested that committee members provide her with any issues they would like raised at the meeting.

iii) Communication Plan

DPI advised that the working group comprised of ACoRF and Trust committee members has now met on several occasions to discuss strategies for the development of the plan.

DPI is currently developing a survey for recreational fishers to establish the preferred forms of communication. It's proposed for the working group to hold a further meeting in June 2012 to discuss the survey results and how this will feed into the Communication Plan.

12. Guest Presentations

i) Recfishing Research

Bill Sawynok, Recfishing Research discussed the challenges facing recreational fishing at a national scale, which includes a greater understanding of the social and economics benefits of recreational fishing; improving engagement with government and organisations that can impact on fishing; improving fishing opportunities and sustainability of resources and improving resilience of recreational fishers facing environmental, climate and social change. A business plan has been developed to identify funding priorities and to guide / assist research and development in addressing these challenges.

It was also noted that Recfishing Research has developed a new website www.recfishingresearch.org that include information on a range of recreational fishing research programs.

The Committee discussed the possibility of attending the National Recreational Fishing Conference which is being hosted by Recfishing Research on 17-19 August 2012 at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre. The purpose of the conference is to provide an international perspective on the future of recreational fishing. Delegates will have the opportunity to visit a range of presentations from keynote speakers from across Australia and to establish business relationships with supporting organisations.

ii) Improving survival of released fish

DPI provided an update on recent research projects investigating the use of certain fishing gears and practices to improve the survival of released fish in saltwater. A comprehensive NSW Catch-and-Release Fishing Guide is being produced which will summarise best-practises for maximising post-release survival such as landing and handling catch, releasing catch and minimising deep hooking, air exposure and the impacts of barotrauma. Specific information will also be provided to highlight best practice catch and releases methods for different species.

Action Items from previous meetings

Action	Team responsible	Status
That relevant parties hold a brainstorming session to formulate the most effective model for the Sponsored Life Jacket giveaway project proposed by RFA of NSW in order to better meet the project objectives.	Recreational Fisheries Programs and RFA of NSW	Completed
The Committee develop a specific research plan for recreational fishing.	Science and Research / ACoRF/ RFSTEC & RFFTEC	Pending
ACoRF to nominate a sub-committee to appraise the operational and administration aspects of the recreational fishing licensing system.	ACoRF, Recreational Fisheries Programs	Completed, see item 8.
The Chair of ACoRF and RFSTEC write to the Minister requesting that DPI undertake an environmental assessment and develop a fisheries management strategy for recreational fishing, which could be jointly funded by DPI and the Trusts.	ACoRF	Completed, see item 4.

Action Items from this meeting

Action	Team responsible	Status
DPI to provide the payment schedule for the Recreational Fishing Haven Loan repayments scheme to members for their information.	DPI	Pending
DPI to provide an update on the Greater Sydney recreational fishing survey projects, in particular progress on the web-based data portal component of the project.	DPI	Pending

Table 1: Summary of saltwater programs approved by the Minister in the Investment Plan

Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement programs

Project ID	Program	Proponent	Budget				
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
DPI11	Fish aggregating devices (FADs) – a series of fish aggregating devices (FADs) are placed in coastal waters from Byron Bay to Eden to attract pelagic fish such as mahi-mahi and even tunas and marlin.	NSW DPI	\$194,000	\$209,000	\$212,000	\$220,000	\$223,000
DPI13	Building artificial reefs in estuaries- artificial reefs have been built in Lake Macquarie, Botany Bay, St Georges Basin, Lake Conjola and Merimbula Lake to create new fish habitat for recreational fishing. More reefs are being deployed in other estuaries along the coast.	NSW DPI	\$441,000	\$543,000	\$580,000	\$590,000	\$591,000
DPI48	Building artificial reefs in ocean waters – Deployment of a large, purpose built, steel artificial reef units to create offshore fishing locations. The design of the structures will use the worlds best artificial reefs technology to maximise their effectiveness. Further funding for this program will be considered following an assessment of the effectiveness of the reefs in one location.	NSW DPI	\$241,000	\$961,000			
L53	Eastern king prawn stocking in Wallagoot Lake – involves an additional stocking of prawns in 2008 as an extension of the current research prawn stocking program, which is investigating the effectiveness of stocking prawns to enhance recreational fishing.	University of NSW	\$95,000				
DPI51	Marine stocking of important recreational fish species in coastal waters – involves completion of an Environmental Impact Statement and Fisheries Management Strategy for marine stocking followed by implementation of a marine stocking program of key recreational species in NSW to enhance recreational fishing.	NSW DPI	\$364,000	\$236,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
DPI64	Replacement fisheries enhancement offshore vessel	NSW DPI			\$65,910		

Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

Project ID	Program	Proponent	Budget				
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
DPI61	Coastal fish habitat protection and management – this position manages fisheries habitat protection issues, threatened species management and seeks opportunities to actively enhance recreational fisheries and fishing access where possible via development assessment, land use and natural resource management planning processes.	NSW DPI		\$162,552	\$166,678	\$166,678	173,198

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project ID	Program	Proponent	Budget				
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
DPI24	Improving survival of released fish after catch and release – involves research to develop fishing gears and practices that improve the survival of released fish in saltwater.	NSW DPI	\$126,903 Phase 2 \$88,700 Phase 3	\$181,300	\$198,100	\$240,900	
DPI14	Gamefish tagging - provides valuable scientific information on the movement and growth of billfish, tuna, sharks and sportfish and encourages anglers to participate in fisheries management and research.	NSW DPI	\$120,000	\$124,330	\$129,020	\$133,590	\$136,910
L55	Enhancing recreational fisheries through conservation of iconic recreational trophy fish – this project aims to create a spatial model for the presence, distribution and movements of mulloway, bream and flathead in 4 estuaries.	University of NSW		\$133,000	\$70,300	\$35,900	
L56	Examination of recreational fishing fatalities in NSW 2002 to 2007- aims to identify, describe and compare all fishing related drowning deaths in NSW.	Royal Life Saving Society	\$67,000				
DPI53	Development of cost-effective methods for monitoring and assessing spatial management options for recreational fisheries in NSW – this project is using cutting edge technology to develop a cost effective way of monitoring recreational boat-based fishing effort over large geographical scales and development of a GIS system for integrating habitat distributions within the Greater Sydney Region.	NSW DPI		\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	
DPI23	Artificial Reefs Monitoring Program – this program involves the monitoring of Artificial Reefs and communication of the results to the scientific community and the angling public.	NSW DPI	\$165,659	\$164,556 Phase 1 \$82,234 Phase 2	\$276,880	\$268,798	\$265,698
L88	Monitoring and research of landed fish and game fishing tournaments in NSW – this project organises, coordinates and reports on biological research and sampling at NSW game fishing tournaments.	Pepperell Research & Consulting	\$25,500	\$25,500	\$26,000	\$26,500	
DPI46	Investigating the behavioural response to grey nurse sharks to recreational lure and baited lines - examines the interactions between particular fishing methods and the species.	NSW DPI	\$228,570	\$185,946	\$28,146		
L46	Recreational fishing in the Shoalhaven Region: optimising survey methods and assessing sustainability – involves an investigation of recreational fishing by carrying out surveys in the Shoalhaven River, using student scholarships and regional workshops.	University of Wollongong	\$78,775	\$92,000	\$81,650		
L49	Predicting hazardous conditions for rock fishers – investigation of wave group behaviour to educate and ward the fishing community of potentially hazardous fishing conditions.	University of NSW	\$39,000				

Project ID	Program	Proponent	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	Budget		
						2011/12	2012/13	
DPI37	Recreational fishing and fishery independent surveys in the Hawkesbury Shelf Bioregion (additional funding) – obtains detailed information on the catch and effort of anglers in the region.	NSW DPI	\$350,000					
L39	Australian salmon: Population structure, reproduction, diet and composition of commercial and recreational catches in NSW - provides information on the current population structure of salmon along the NSW coast.	NSW DPI	\$28,792					
L36	Environmental impacts and techniques for stocking the eastern king prawn into recruitment limited recreational fishing havens – involves monitoring the growth, mortality and consumption of stocked prawns in two far south coast estuaries (Back and Wallagoot Lakes).	University of NSW	\$83,796					
L25	Enhancing recreational fisheries through responsible stocking of mulloway – involves pilot stockings of mulloway fingerlings in Botany Bay and 3 North Coast estuaries.	University of NSW	\$52,509					
L31	Biology and fishery of estuary perch in coastal catchments in NSW – investigating biology and fishery of the estuary perch in coastal rivers.	University of Wollongong	\$33,315					
L33	Growth and reproduction of striped marlin – an investigation of important life history parameters for this iconic recreational species.	Charles Sturt University	\$4,550					
L61	Production of scientific review – scientific appraisal of the Torn Blue Fringe with respect to recreational fishing.	Emerald Lagoon	\$30,000					
DPI56	Evaluating the recreational fisheries of Recreational Fishing Havens and other key recreationally-fished estuaries in NSW – assessment of long term changes in Recreational Fishing Havens and key recreational fishing species.	NSW DPI		\$139,788	\$146,743	\$75,278		
DPI57	Profiling the biology and fishery of rock blackfish (<i>Girella elevata</i>) in the Sydney Region – investigation of baseline life history information for the management of rock blackfish.	NSW DPI		\$57,615	\$58,699	\$36,826		
DPI58	Movements of key recreational angling species in the Sydney Region – determination of the movements, residence times, habitat interactions and pathways of movements of key recreational fish species in Sydney Harbour.	NSW DPI		\$50,000				
DPI60	Assessment of barotraumas and its mitigation measures on the behaviour and survival of offshore species in NSW - investigates the effects of barotrauma on the behaviour and physiology of key recreational fish species in NSW using a range of novel research techniques.	NSW DPI		\$89,914	\$155,616	\$88,891		

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						2011/12	2012/13
L69	The final frontier: Recreational fishing and environmental outcomes of responsible stocking practices for mulloway and Eastern king prawns - continues the final 2 years of monitoring of mulloway and Eastern king prawn stockings in estuaries to determine the effectiveness of the programs.	University of New South Wales		\$109,106	\$110,648		
DPI63	Solving bycatch and discard problems in NSW's recreational mud crab fishery - this project will develop solutions to the problems of bycatch and discarding of undersize mud crabs in recreational traps using experimental manipulations of trap design.	NSW DPI		\$20,281			
DPI66	Statewide survey of recreational fishing in NSW workshops – a team of experts will design the most appropriate methodology for a statewide survey of recreational fishing in NSW.	NSW DPI			\$50,000		
L79	Why do anglers decide not to renew their recreational fishing licence? A statewide survey of licence churn.	Hamata Pty Ltd			\$42,498		
L80	Closing the loop: understanding the relationships between recreational fishing surveys, bag and size limits and fisheries management objectives.	University of Sydney			\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
DPI67	Getting research results to grass-roots anglers - Web based portal - extension plan for the project "Recreational Fishing Surveys in the Greater Sydney Region to facilitate dissemination of survey information to anglers.	NSW DPI			\$50,000		
L84	Fisheries biology and movement of Mangrove Jack in NSW - an investigation of the diet, growth, age, longevity and movement of juvenile and adult Mangrove Jack in northern NSW.	NMSC, SCU			\$53,784	\$69,378	\$46,489
DPI68	Why have the numbers of pipis on beaches declined? - investigating the reasons for the reduction in pipi populations from beaches along the NSW coast.	NSW DPI				\$40,000	\$40,000
L85	Biological Assessment of Offshore Artificial Reefs - this project is addressing priority 2 monitoring requirements of the Offshore Artificial Reefs program.	UNSW				\$74,130	\$64,503
DPI69	Statewide survey of recreational fishing in NSW – implementation of a statewide phone/diary survey of recreational fishing in NSW.	NSW DPI			\$1,435,000		
L89	The USFA Project - determine relative fish abundance off the Sydney coast using spearfishing competition catch data from 2000 to 2010.	Underwater Skindivers and Fisherman's Association				\$16,500	

Platform: Enforcement of fishing rules

Project ID	Program	Proponent	Budget				
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
DPI25	Coastal recreational mobile squads (enhancement activities) - three fisheries officers conduct a range of activities to enhance voluntary compliance with fishing rules by providing advisory and education services and creating effective deterrence to illegal activity by undertaking patrols and enforcement operations.	NSW DPI	\$414,577	\$428,024	\$442,008	\$456,552	\$471,678
DPI26	9 Coastal Fisheries Officers (fee compliance) – this contribution of 9 coastal Officers ensures compliance with the requirement to pay the recreational fishing fee. This program complements the other Fisheries Officers funded by NSW DPI and other sources.	NSW DPI	\$1,053,476	\$1,053,476	\$1,053,476	\$1,053,476	\$1,053,476

Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project ID	Program	Proponent	Budget				
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
L50	NSW Future Leaders – capacity development program for the next generation of recreational fishing leaders to contribute in fisheries management.	Recreational Fishing Alliance NSW	\$23,500				
DPI50	World Recreational Fishing Conference - this conference is held every three years and is a key meeting for exchange on recreational fisheries management issues.	RFSTEC/ NSW DPI	\$17,208				
DPI27	Recreational fishing information - a range of fishing brochures and stickers are produced every year to help anglers keep up-to-date on the latest fishing rules and good practices. Large print runs are distributed free of charge to anglers.	NSW DPI	\$142,500	\$142,500	\$142,500	\$142,500	\$142,500
L59	Creating recreational fishing aquariums displays that inspire the public about recreational fishing – involves installation of large fish tanks to engage high school students and the public at the Centre.	National Marine Science Centre	\$19,750				
L63	RFA rockfishing safety resource folder mailout 2009 to 2011 – production of an additional 15,000 DVD/CDs and 5000 resource folders for distribution to anglers free of charge.	Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW		\$41,750	\$4,500	\$4,500	
L70	NSW rock fishing safety workshops – to educate non English speaking anglers on safe rockfishing practices using a series of 5 workshops.	Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW		\$33,175			

Project ID	Program	Proponent	Budget				
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
L77 L83	Sydney International Boat Show fishing clinic – NSW DPI staff will make daily presentations on recreational fishing programs to educate the public at the clinic and Bluey the advisory trailer will be on display at the clinic.	Boating Industry Association of NSW Ltd			\$20,000	\$30,000	
L82	Eurobodalla Sustainable Recreational Fishing Education Program - to educate years 5 and 6 students at schools throughout the Eurobodalla Shire to promote sustainable fishing practices and the protection of fish habitat.	Eurobodalla Shire Council			\$13,560	\$3,000	
L87	Distribution of the RFA of NSW Spearfishing Safety DVD in NSW	Underwater Skindivers and Fisherman's Association (USFA)				\$34,500	

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Project ID	Program	Proponent	Budget				
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
L52	Recreational fishing and habitat map for the Lower Hawkesbury – involves the production of maps that educate and inform recreational fishers on fishing locations and seagrass habitats.	Hornsby Shire Council	\$12,000				
L57	Installation of fish cleaning tables, measuring stations and signage at 7 Tweed Coast Holiday Parks – construction of quality recreational fishing infrastructure.	Tweed Coast Holiday Parks Reserve Trust	\$28,000				
L32 L73	Annual Membership of Recfish Australia – provides a funding base for Recfish Australia as the peak national recreational fishing body to carry out its role.	Recfish Australia	\$23,000		\$46,000		
L48	Erection of replacement radio tower at Swansea with safe access to maintain 24 hour operation for recreational boaters, including recreational fishers.	Australian Volunteer Coastguard	\$35,300				
L58	Accessible fishing platform on Stockton Foreshore for disabled people - this project involves the building of a cantilevered platform which will extend over the rocks enabling people with a disability or those that are elderly the opportunity to fish.	Newcastle City Council	\$44,000				
L65	Fish cleaning tables and shelters, Gosford area – construction of 13 fish cleaning tables and 6 associated shelters.	Gosford City Council		\$85,250			

Project ID	Program	Proponent	Budget				
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
L66	Clifton Gardens jetty rehabilitation works, Mosman – to contribute to the upgrade of Clifton Gardens jetty and promote its use as an angling facility.	Mosman Council		\$50,000			
L67	Merimbula public jetty upgrade – to provide a fishing platform with fish cleaning facility, as part of the upgrade to the Merimbula public jetty.	Bega Valley Shire Council		\$45,000			
DPI41	Recreational fishing governance – investigating a framework to provide for improved governance of recreational fishing.	NSW DPI		\$150,000			
L62	Angel Rings 2009 to 2011 – continuation of the Angel Rings project which installs and maintains Angel Rings in popular rockfishing locations.	ANSW NSW		\$19,250	\$20,855	\$22,570	
L68	New Handrails for Long Jetty, located at Tuggerah Parade– this will improve accessibility and safety of this iconic fishing spot.	Wyong Shire Council		\$11,875			
L72	Cooperook fishing platform with fish cleaning facility, Manning River -The proposed project involves the construction of a fishing platform incorporating fish cleaning facilities on the Lansdowne River Foreshore adjacent to the Cooperook Foreshore Reserve. This project forms part of a larger project which includes improvement of boating facilities in the reserve.	Greater Taree City Council		\$46,185			
L74	Fish cleaning table installation and improvement project, Lake Macquarie - installation of four new fish cleaning tables and replacement of an existing table at: Croudace Bay (T H Halton Park); Swansea (Cnr Lake St and The Esplanade); Cams Wharf; Toronto Lions Park (Anzac Parade); and Pelican (Lakeview Parade).	Lake Macquarie City Council			\$22,500	\$22,500	
L75	Upgrading fish cleaning tables at various locations in the Eurobodalla Shire, including Narooma (5), Mossy Point and Batemans Bay	Eurobodalla Shire Council			\$60,500		
L81	Moruya River Anglers' Fishing Platform	Land & Property Management Authority			\$8,000	\$50,000	
L86	Crookhaven Heads Fish cleaning facility improvements	Shoalhaven City Council				\$14,000	

Platform: Fishing fee coordination and payment network

Project ID	Program	Proponent	Budget				
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
DPI01	Recreational fishing havens – involves repayment of a loan used for the buyout of commercial fishing entitlements to create 30 recreational fishing havens.	NSW DPI	\$2 million	\$2 million	\$2 million	\$2 million	\$2 million
DPI07	ACoRF meeting expenses – the Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing (ACoRF) provides high quality advice to the Minister for Primary Industries on issues relating to recreational fishing.	ACoRF/ NSW DPI	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$29,000	\$29,500	\$30,000
DPI03	Trust Executive Officer – this position coordinates the Recreational Fishing Trusts and associated projects to ensure quality service delivery, accountability and transparency.	NSW DPI	\$150,590	\$157,000	\$164,000	\$164,000	\$164,000

Table 2: Summary of joint freshwater and saltwater programs approved by the Minister in the Investment Plan

Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

Project ID	Program	Proponent	Budget				
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
FT11	Aquatic habitat protection and fish conservation in the south west region – a conservation manager based in Albury manages fish habitat protection and aquatic threatened species management issues in south west NSW amongst government and non-government organisations, landholders, catchment management authorities and recreational fishing groups.	NSW DPI	FW \$158,646	FW \$158,646	FW \$162,623	FW \$181,623	FW \$181,623
DPI52	Habitat Action Program...Making more fish naturally – involves development of a series of on-grounds works programs to improve habitat rehabilitation and fish stocks in consultation with the CMAs.	NSW DPI	SW \$200,000 FW \$200,000	SW \$500,000 FW \$200,000	SW \$500,000 FW \$200,000	SW \$500,000 FW \$200,000	SW \$500,000 FW \$200,000

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project ID	Program	Proponent	Budget				
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
DPI47	Scientific data collection from recreational fishing tournaments in NSW – aims to sample the catch and effort from Basscatch and other freshwater native fish events and club-based gamefishing in NSW in support of the assessment of billfish, tuna and sharks and freshwater native fish.	NSW DPI	SW \$80,359 FW \$34,439	SW \$86,422 FW \$37,038	SW \$151,426 FW \$37,857	SW \$161,074 FW \$40,268	SW \$175,852 FW \$43,963

Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project ID	Program	Proponent	Budget				
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
DPI38	Recreational Fishing Promotion and Event Management – involves working with fishing tournament organisers and the community to promote events that operate in a safe and environmentally and socially responsible way. This also includes implementing codes of practice for recreational fishing in NSW.	NSW DPI	SW \$108,110 FW \$27,030	SW \$109,780 FW \$27,440	SW \$109,780 FW \$27,440	SW \$109,780 FW \$27,440	SW \$115,760 FW \$28,940
DPI09	Fishcare Volunteers – this is the flagship program of the Trusts. Over 300 trained volunteers are involved in face to face education with anglers to help them to be familiar with fishing rules and to promote responsible fishing practices.	NSW DPI	SW \$620,201 FW \$175,771	SW \$594,100 FW \$169,500	SW \$595,200 FW \$170,000	SW \$595,200 FW \$170,000	SW \$595,200 FW \$170,000
DPI45	Get hooked...Its fun to fish - this schools education program is designed to teach children at an early age about the importance of aquatic habitats and to introduce them to safe and responsible fishing practices.	NSW DPI	\$435,500	SW \$364,600 FW \$40,000	SW \$386,000 FW \$38,000	SW \$361,000 FW \$40,000	SW \$396,000 FW \$39,000
DPI29	Recreational fishing awareness raising - provides information on fishing rules to anglers and encourages responsible and sustainable fishing practices through a range of media (newspaper, magazines, radio, billboards) at peak fishing periods.	NSW DPI	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000
DPI10	Fishing workshops – a series of fishing workshops for children are held in Sydney, at Government hatcheries and across regional NSW, including workshops for special needs groups and NESB communities.	NSW DPI	SW \$36,250 FW \$19,750	SW \$36,250 FW \$19,750	SW \$36,310 FW \$19,780	SW \$36,310 FW \$19,780	SW \$36,310 FW \$19,780
DPI28	Recreational Fishing Guides – 300,000 Freshwater and saltwater fishing guides are produced each year to help recreational anglers identify their catch and summarise the fishing rules.	NSW DPI	SW \$100,000 FW \$40,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$40,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$40,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$40,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$40,000
L47	RFA of NSW Fishing Safely DVD and resource material – involves production of high quality DVD modules on fishing safely in saltwater and freshwater.	RFA NSW	FW \$12,000 SW \$28,000				
DPI65	Recreational fishing calendar and photo competition 2012 & 2013	NSW DPI			SW \$9,750 FW \$9,750	SW \$9,750 FW \$9,750	

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Project ID	Program	Proponent	Budget				
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
DPI43	Recreational fishing infrastructure grants manager – facilitates the development of quality recreational fishing infrastructure in key locations for use by recreational fishers, identifies key gaps in the availability of existing infrastructure and develops a list of potential works to guide new applications.	NSW DPI	SW \$86,800 FW \$37,200	SW \$113,348 FW \$13,000	SW \$121,559 FW \$13,000	SW \$124,645 FW \$14,000	SW \$128,645 FW \$14,000
DPI55 FT35	Recreational fishing access – 2 fisheries managers work closely with government agencies and other landowners to maintain and improve current access to popular local fishing spots.	NSW DPI	SW \$118,000 FW \$127,954	SW \$125,400 FW \$149,059	SW \$133,700 FW \$158,623	SW \$138,145 FW \$159,123	SW \$138,145 FW \$160,623
DPI12	Small grants program - provides seed funding for community groups for recreational fishing infrastructure programs such as fish cleaning tables and fishing platforms.	Community groups/ Councils etc	SW \$100,000 FW \$60,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$60,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$60,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$60,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$60,000
L71	RFA NSW – NSW Crown Lands and Reserves vesting and securing recreational fishing access for the future – This project will identify Crown parcels of land, which could be formed into reserves dedicated for recreational usage, including fishing, under the Crown Lands Act.	Recreational fishing Alliance of NSW			SW \$128,695 FW \$55,155		

Platform: Fishing fee coordination and payment network

Project ID	Program	Proponent	Budget				
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
DPI08 FT29	Expenditure Committee meeting expenses – the saltwater and freshwater committees of expert anglers reviews Trust funding applications and ongoing progress of programs.	RFSTEC/ RFFTEC/ NSW DPI	SW \$35,000 FW \$30,000	SW \$30,000 FW \$30,000	SW \$31,000 FW \$31,000	SW \$32,000 FW \$32,000	SW \$33,000 FW \$33,000
DPI02	Recreational fishing fee administration – provides for the convenient payment of the fishing fee at fishing tackle stores, other outlets and via the web and phone, plastic licences and a renewal function.	NSW DPI	SW \$750,000 FW \$300,000	SW \$1,040,000 FW \$300,000	SW \$750,000 FW \$400,000	SW \$1,402,800 FW \$601,200	SW \$750,000 FW \$300,000
DPI05	Fee research database – this database collects information on the details of fee receipt holders and other demographic information for use in research surveys.	NSW DPI	SW \$63,000 FW \$27,000	SW \$63,000 FW \$27,000	SW \$63,000 FW \$27,000	SW \$63,000 FW \$27,000	SW \$63,000 FW \$27,000
DPI04	Licence fee renewal facility – enhanced fee renewal service for anglers.	NSW DPI	SW \$115,000 FW \$50,000	SW \$115,000 FW \$50,000	SW \$115,000 FW \$50,000	SW \$115,000 FW \$50,000	SW \$115,000 FW \$50,000

Table 3: New Trust Project Applications supported by RFSTEC for funding

Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement programs

Project	Organisation	2012 / 13	2013 / 14	2014 / 15
<p>Regional Offshore Artificial Reefs (Stage 1) This project aims to construct the first regional concrete design-specific offshore artificial reef (>800 m3) in NSW to enhance recreational fishing opportunities (Stage 1) following the success of the deployment of the first metropolitan steel artificial reef off Sydney. Motion: RFSTEC supports funding for this program with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The location of the OAR is based on a thorough assessment of existing natural, reefs, constraints mapping (to identify existing user groups and marine bed uses e.g. shipwrecks etc) and recreational fishing stakeholder benefits (without political influence). - ACoRF is consulted on the chosen location. - Local Government is committed to maintaining essential infrastructure (parking, boat ramps etc). - ACoRF writes to the Minister for Primary Industries asking her to investigate additional funding pathways e.g. corporate sponsorship or partnership funding by Local Government. <p>Moved: Lionel Jones. Seconded: John Burgess. Carried.</p>	NSW DPI	\$397,500	\$557,500	\$0

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Project	Organisation	2012 / 13	2013 / 14	2014 / 15
<p>Upgrading and expansion of fish cleaning tables at South Durras, Tuross River Bridge and Tomakin. To provide improved cleaning facilities for recreational anglers at South Durras, Tuross River and Tomakin. Motion: RFSTEC supports funding for this program. Moved: John Burgess. Seconded: Malcolm Poole. Carried. Note: RFSTEC recommended that Eurobodalla Shire Council consult local fishers regarding a more suitable location for the fish cleaning table at South Durras.</p>	Eurobodalla Shire Council	\$16,500	\$0	\$0

<p>South Durras Headland Stairway To construct a timber and platform stairway from the headland at South Durras to the rock platform below to provide safe and secure access for recreational anglers. Motion: RFSTEC supports funding for this program. Moved: Stuart Rhodes. Seconded: John Burgess. Carried.</p>	Eurobodalla Shire Council	\$15,000	\$0	\$0
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<p>Harrington riverside fish cleaning table replacement and provision of water supply Replace the outdated fish cleaning table on the riverside at Harrington and establish a permanent and reliable town water supply to the recreational facility. Motion: RFSTEC supports funding for this program. Moved: Lionel Jones. Seconded: John Burgess. Carried.</p>	Greater Taree City Council	\$4,750	\$0	\$0
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<p>Fish cleaning facility – Rowland reserve, Bayview To construct a fish cleaning table at Rowland Reserve, Bayview, Pittwater. Motion: RFSTEC supports funding for this program. Moved: Stuart Rhodes. Seconded: John Burgess. Carried.</p>	Pittwater Council	\$8,200	\$0	\$0
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<p>Fish cleaning facility – Clifton Gardens Wharf To construct a fish cleaning table on the Clifton Gardens Wharf Motion: RFSTEC supports funding for this program. Moved: Malcolm Poole. Seconded: John Burgess. Carried.</p>	Mosman Council	\$6,837	\$0	\$0
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<p>Shelter Construction – Hat Head fish cleaning facility – To construct a shelter for the fish cleaning table at Hat Head boat ramp. Motion: RFSTEC supports funding for this program. Moved: Claudette Rechterik. Seconded: Greg Liddell. Carried.</p>	Hat Head Bowling & Recreational Club Ltd. (Hat Head Amateur Fishing Club)	\$7,900	\$0	\$0
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Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project	Organisation	2012 / 13	2013 / 14	2014 / 15
<p>Sydney International Boat Show 2012 – Entertainment and Education Centre featuring the Fishing Clinic and Better Boating Lounge. The Fishing Clinic has run at the Sydney International Boat Show on a yearly basis. Over the last 10 years, average visitation has been 80,000 people. Of those that attend 51% have an interest in fishing. This is the largest interest group that visits the show. The Fishing Clinic will grow further in 2012 to become the Education and Entertainment Centre. The new</p>	Boating Industry Association of NSW Ltd	\$40,000	\$0	\$0

<p>Education and Entertainment Centre will include 11 to 13 daily 30 minute fishing presentations.</p> <p>Motion: RFTSEC supported reduced funding for this program to the amount of \$40,000 with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DPI 'Bluey' and ANSA Angel Ring trailers are allocated central locations - DPI/Trust is allocated two Trust presentations for each day. - Funds from the Trust are not used to fund appearance fees for guest fishing presenters. <p>Moved: John Burgess. Seconded: Lionel Jones. Carried.</p>				
<p>Fishing 4 Therapy – Recreational fishing workshops for the physically and mentally disabled</p> <p>Involves running 50 fishing days of fishing clinics for the disabled at Centennial Park Lake.</p> <p>Motion: RFSTEC supports funding for this program.</p> <p>Moved: John Paton. Seconded: Ann Garard. Carried.</p>	<p>Australian National Sportfishing Association – NSW Branch</p>	<p>\$21,500</p>	<p>\$0</p>	<p>\$0</p>
<p>Recreational Fishing Safety Officer Project</p> <p>The ongoing promotion of fishing safety, from coastal rock platforms, beaches, rivers or alpine lakes is essential so that all recreational fishers are aware of advancements in technologies around personal or fishing related safety and equipment. Involves recruitment of a dedicated safety officer to run a series of fishing safety programs.</p> <p>Motion: RFTSEC supported reduced funding for this program to the amount of \$126k with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A RFSTEC member (not associated with RFA) is on the recruitment panel for the safety officer position. - The funding amount may be reviewed pending the outcome of the NSW RFA Black Spot funding application. <p>Moved: Claudette Rechterik. Seconded: John Paton. Carried.</p>	<p>Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW</p>	<p>\$126,000</p>	<p>\$0</p>	<p>\$0</p>

Small Projects

<p>Fishing for Family Fun Fishing for Family Fun will work to build family relationships with hard to reach families in the disadvantaged communities of Raymond Terrace and Karuah using recreational fishing as a culturally appropriate entry point into Family Support Services. Motion: RFSTEC supports funding for this program. Moved: Lisa Terry. Seconded: John Burgess. Carried. Note: <i>The Committee recommended the applicants consult with DPI for advice on running fishing workshops.</i></p>	Port Stephens Family Support Service Inc	\$7,500	\$0	\$0
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Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project	Organisation	2012 / 13	2013 / 14	2014 / 15
<p>An economic survey of the recreational fishing charter boat industry in NSW (additional funding) The project is evaluating the economic expenditure and contribution of the recreational fishing sector in NSW and determine the most cost effective approach for future expenditure surveys. Additional funding is required to adequately sample the charter industry. Motion: RFSTEC supports funding for this program. Moved: John Paton. Seconded: Malcolm Poole. Against: Claudette Rechterik. Carried.</p>	Dominion Consulting Pty Ltd	\$37,500	\$0	\$0
<p>Monitoring and Research on Landed Fish at Game Fishing Tournaments in NSW: 2012/2013 The project facilitates monitoring and biological research on billfish, tuna, sharks and other gamefish captured at major game fishing tournaments in NSW. Motion: RFSTEC supports funding for this program. Moved: John Paton. Seconded: David Litchfield. Against: Claudette Rechterik and Lisa Terry. Carried.</p>	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	\$27,500	\$0	\$0

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<p>Provision of Annual Reports for the Gamefish Tagging Program for 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 Provision of informative, attractive and readily accessible reports on the Gamefish Tagging Program for the years 2010/2011 and 2011/2012. Motion: RFSTEC supports funding for this program. Moved: John Paton. Seconded: David Litchfield. Carried.</p>	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
<p>Development of methods for obtaining national estimates of the recreational catch of Southern Bluefin Tuna (SBT) in southern and eastern Australia Design a routine monitoring program and estimate Australia's 2012/13 recreational catch of SBT. Motion: RFSTEC supports funding for this program. Moved: John Paton. Seconded: John Burgess. Carried.</p>	Australian Bureau of Agricultural & Resource Economics & Sciences	\$10,000	\$0	\$0

Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

Project	Organisation	2012 / 13	2013 / 14	2014 / 15
<p>Increasing the capacity of recreational fishing clubs to undertake habitat projects (Coastal Pilot) The project will employ an officer to provide the necessary technical advice and support to recreational fishing clubs to improve their understanding of issues and threats facing native fish and how they can apply for funds and manage habitat action projects. The officer will also provide any training and assistance required to enable proponents to successfully complete their projects. Motion: RFSTEC supports funding for this pilot program. Moved: Malcolm Poole. Seconded: John Paton. Carried. Note: <i>The Committee noted that this is a pilot project and indicated that to be effective, the project should result in new habitat restoration applications from a minimum of 10 recreational fishing clubs/organisations.</i></p>	NSW DPI	\$167,267		
<p>Restoration of missing underwater forests in Sydney [stage 2] Habitat-forming crayweed has gone extinct along the Sydney metropolitan region, impacting abalone, lobsters and key fish species. We will restore populations of these missing algal forests in an ecologically sensible way, enhancing local diversity of fish and other marine organisms. This will improve opportunities for recreational spear and line fishing adjacent to</p>	University of New South Wales (UNSW) and Sydney Institute of Marine Science (SIMS)	\$44,060	\$0	\$0

Sydney, an area which contains almost 50% of NSW's fishers. Motion: RFSTEC supports funding for this program. Moved: Claudette Rehtorik. Seconded: Ann Garard. Carried.				
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Table 4: New joint Trust Project Applications supported by RFSTEC & RFFTEC for funding

Platform: Fishing fee coordination and payment network

Project	Organisation	2012 / 13	2013 / 14	2014 / 15
<p>Recreational fishing licence fee administration 2012-13 Provision of a cost-effective and efficient licensing administration system integrated to the Government Licensing Service. The system provides a convenient network for payment of the recreational fishing licence fees and distribution of plastic licence cards to anglers. Motion: RFSTEC supports funding for this program. Moved: John Burgess. Seconded: Lionel Jones. Carried.</p>	NSW DPI	\$528,000 FW \$1,232,000SW	\$0	\$0

Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project	Organisation	2012 / 13	2013 / 14	2014 / 15
<p>Recreational Fishing Guides: additional funding for removal of advertising To remove paid advertising content from the saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing guides which is currently spread throughout the publication. This will create a more appealing / easier to read publication. Removal of advertising from the body of the publications will require an increase to the program budget to compensate for the loss of the major portion of advertising revenue. Motion: RFSTEC supports funding for this program. Moved: Lionel Jones. Seconded: Malcolm Poole. Carried.</p>	NSW DPI	\$15,000 FW \$35,000 SW	\$0	\$0

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project	Organisation	2012 / 13	2013 / 14	2014 / 15
<p>Developing mangrove jack as a new key species for freshwater recreational fishing in northern NSW impoundments – a pilot program. The aim of this project is to provide NSW anglers with an exciting new high quality recreational fishing opportunity – mangrove jack in Clarrie Hall Dam. Motion: RFSTEC supports funding for this program. Moved: John Burgess. Seconded: John Paton. Carried.</p>	National Marine Science Centre (NMSC), Southern Cross University	\$10,000 FW \$25,312 SW	\$0	\$0

Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement programs

Project	Organisation	2012 / 13	2013 / 14	2014 / 15
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<p>NSW Recreational Fishing Environmental Assessment and Fisheries Management Strategy</p> <p>To carry out a structured and thorough Environmental Assessment of recreational fishing in NSW and develop an associated Fisheries Management Strategy (FMS) to address the environmental risks and guide the future management of the recreational fishery. The project will be partially completed by contractor (55%) and DPI (45%).</p> <p>Motion: RFSTEC supports funding for this program.</p> <p>Moved: Claudette Rechterik. Seconded: John Paton. Carried.</p>	NSW DPI	\$0	\$97,000 FW \$291,000 SW	\$107,500 FW \$322,500 SW
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Table 5: New Trust Project Applications *not supported* by RFSTEC

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Project	Organisation	2012 / 13	2013 / 14	2014 / 15
<p>Rock Fishing Drowning Prevention Action Plan (Randwick and Sutherland) SLSNSW have been recommended to receive funding from the NSW Government's Black Spot Fund to conduct a Coastal Public Risk Assessment for beaches and rock platforms in NSW. As a result of completing these risk assessments, a number of risk treatment options will be recommended to council/land owners and stakeholders. SLSNSW is applying to the Recreational Fishing Trust to be able to support councils, land owners and wider stakeholders in the implementation of the recreational fishing treatment options at 2 of the top rock fishing drowning locations in NSW; Randwick and Sutherland. Motion: RFSTEC did not support funding for this program. Moved: Stuart Rhodes. Seconded: John Paton. Carried. Note: RFSTEC considered the application to be pre-emptive given the Risk Assessment had not yet been undertaken.</p>	Surf Life Saving NSW	\$60,000	\$0	\$0
<p>Replacement of fish cleaning table, Paddon Park, Evans Head Construct a new fish cleaning table at Paddon Park, Evans Head to relocate the fish cleaning table off the boat ramp and to provide shelter and lighting. Motion: RFSTEC did not support funding for this program. Moved: John Burgess. Seconded: Malcolm Poole. Carried. Note: The Committee suggested that the DPI Angling Facilities Manager consult with the applicants on alternative table designs that don't require ongoing maintenance and incorporate suitable water requirements.</p>	Richmond Valley Council	\$20,226	\$0	\$0
<p>Brunswick Heads boat ramp pontoon Install a pontoon at Brunswick Heads boat ramp. Motion: RFSTEC supports funding for this program. Moved: Malcolm Poole. Seconded: Stuart Rhodes. Carried. Note: RFSTEC considered the application to have merit but recommended that it be referred to the NSW Maritime 'Better Boating Program' in consultation with the DPI Angling Facilities Manager.</p>	Ocean Shores Fishing Club	\$0	\$0	\$0

Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project	Organisation	2012 / 13	2013 / 14	2014 / 15
<p>Parramatta Fishing Project This project seeks to increase angler knowledge, educate and engage young people to improve sustainability, health and promote interest in rehabilitating fish stocks in the Parramatta River. Motion: RFSTEC did not support funding for this program. Moved: Lionel Jones. Seconded: Lisa Terry. Carried. Note: RFSTEC recommended the application be referred to the DPI State Coordinator for Community Programs and Angling Facilities Manager for advice on facilitating the education and infrastructure components of this project.</p>	Parramatta City Council	\$14,500	\$0	\$0
<p>Educating for sustainable recreational fishing – Ballina Marine Discovery Centre The project will explain and promote the principles and benefits of sustainable use of fish resources and habitats to 4000 visitors to the Centre each year. Motion: RFSTEC did not support funding for this program. Moved: Lionel Jones. Seconded: Ann Garard. Carried. Note: RFSTEC recognised the project had merit however requested further details on what will be included in the different sections of the display. The Committee also sought clarification on public access and timing. RSFTEC recommended the DPI Angling Facilities Manager visit the site and gain further details on the recreational fishing section and ensure the key recreational fishing education message are incorporated in any displays.</p>	Ballina Marine Discovery Centre	\$77,750	\$0	\$0
<p>Oasis Hunter Sustainable Recreational Fishing Education Program The program will provide practical education to youth enabling skills important to the promotion of Sustainable Recreational Fishing via in-house training and field activities in using best practice promoted by NSW Fisheries. Motion: RFSTEC supports funding for this program. Moved: Lionel Jones. Seconded: Lisa Terry. Carried. Note: The Committee advised that provision of funding for a boat was inappropriate, however suggested the applicant request a letter of support from DPI recognising the social and health benefits of this project to assist with funding from other sources such as boat manufactures and/or the</p>	The Oasis Hunter Youth Network – Salvation Army	\$9,710	\$0	\$0

fishing tackle industry.				
Assisting others to enjoy fishing To hold four one day junior clinics and one two day CanTeen clinic. Motion: RFSTEC did not support funding for this program. Moved: Ann Garard. Seconded: John Burgess. Carried. Note: The Committee noted the merit of this project for recreational fishers however raised concerns about the organisation as insufficient detail was provided, including suitable liability insurance, ABN and working with children certification.	Mystery Bay Fishing Clinics	\$5,000	\$0	\$0

Platform: Recreational fishing education continued...

Project	Organisation	2012 / 13	2013 / 14	2014 / 15
Research on a suitable LED light for boat and trailer To research and advise on appropriate LED lighting for boats and trailers for promotion in the fishing media column "Catch & Kiss" for The Northern Star newspaper. Motion: RFSTEC did not support funding for this program. Moved: John Paton. Seconded: Ann Garard. Carried. Note: The Committee noted this project would mainly benefit the boating industry and suggested the applicant pursue funding opportunities from that industry.	William Goode	\$1,000	\$0	\$0

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project	Organisation	2012 / 13	2013 / 14	2014 / 15
Wild shark social networks: impacts of human interventions [Project pre-proposal] Using the Port Jackson shark as a model species the project aims to employ a combination of modern analytical, molecular and novel acoustic techniques to assess shark social structure; and assess the impacts of placing artificial refuge sites on the spatio-temporal structure of shark aggregations. Motion: RFSTEC did not support funding for this program. Moved: Malcolm Poole. Seconded: Lisa Terry. Carried. Note: The Committee noted that this project had limited direct benefit to	Dr Tristan Guttridge	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000

recreational fishers.				
<p>Promoting fish survival by mitigating deep hooking and associated impacts</p> <p>The project will provide ongoing, clear and applied solutions for maximising the survival of released fish and, in doing so, promote the sustainability of recreational fishing to the broader community.</p> <p>Motion: RFSTEC did not support funding for this program.</p> <p>Moved: Malcolm Poole. Seconded: Claudette Rechterik. Carried.</p> <p>Note: The Committee noted the excellent work undertaken by the application over the last four years. However, it was considered that a substantial amount of work on release survival, gear modification and developing enhanced fishing practices had been undertaken in NSW and Australia. It was identified that efforts should focus on extension of research results to the angling community. RFSTEC also reiterated the need for a recreational fishing research plan as previously requested.</p>	NSW DPI	\$218,607	\$111,588	\$0
<p>Using fishers' knowledge and historical archives to establish baseline abundances and distribution of recreationally fished species in New South Wales</p> <p>The project aims to reconstruct long-term changes in New South Wales fisheries, gear technology and fishing methods using questionnaires and oral history interviews from recreational fishers.</p> <p>Motion: RFSTEC did not support funding for this program.</p> <p>Moved: Lionel Jones. Seconded: Stuart Rhodes. Carried.</p> <p>Note: The Committee considered this project to be a low priority.</p>	University of Queensland	\$65,100	\$18,470	\$0
<p>The New South Wales Research Angler Program – Mulloway</p> <p>The project will establish a network that facilitates anglers contributing to biological and fishery assessments for key recreational species in NSW. The program will start with mulloway because information is urgently needed for the mulloway recovery program and is the highest priority for management.</p> <p>Motion: RFSTEC did not support funding for this program.</p> <p>Moved: Malcolm Poole. Seconded: John Burgess. Carried.</p> <p>Note: The Committee agreed that the research model using anglers was excellent however reiterated the requirement for implementation of recovery management arrangements for mulloway.</p>	NSW DPI	\$182,094	\$185,362	\$183,229
<p>Molecular tools for the assessment of genetic variation in NSW</p>	University of	\$57,000	\$37,000	\$32,000

<p>estuarine fishes to support marine restocking Develop molecular tools (primers) to assess the genetic diversity and strength of connections between populations of estuarine fish of key recreational importance. Motion: RFSTEC did not support funding for this program. Moved: Malcolm Poole. Seconded: John Paton. Carried. Note: The Committee noted that this project was a low priority at this time given the Marine Stocking Environmental Assessment was still being finalised.</p>	Wollongong			
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Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

Project	Organisation	2012 / 13	2013 / 14	2014 / 15
Small Projects				
<p>NSWFCA Convention fishing spots cleanup To conduct a clean up activity in association with the NSWFCA Convention in Forster in April 2012. Motion: RFSTEC did not support funding for this program. Moved: Lisa Jones. Seconded: Claudette Rechterik. Carried. Note: The Committee noted the event date had passed.</p>	NSW Fishing Clubs Association Inc.	\$2,000	\$0	\$0

Table 6: New joint Trust Project Applications *not supported* by RFSTEC & RFFTEC

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project	Organisation	2012 / 13	2013 / 14	2014 / 15
<p>Australian Boater Survey Proposed is a NSW state module of a national research project called the Australian Boater Survey. The NSW module will establish the economic value of recreational boating and fishing in NSW. Motion: RFSTEC did not support funding for this program. Moved: John Paton. Seconded: Lionel Jones. Carried. Note: The Committee recommended that the Association submit a national funding application to FRDC for the project.</p>	Boating Industries Alliance Australia and the Marina Industries Association of Australia	\$16,250 FW \$48,750 SW	\$16,250 FW \$48,750 SW	\$18,250 FW \$54,750 SW
<p>Never miss a bite: Development of strong, ultra-sharp, inexpensive fish hooks from new patented metal alloys. To build and mechanically test prototypes of fish hooks using new metal alloys. The project will potentially lead to the development of the world's first surgically-sharp hook leaving no environmental contamination. Motion: RFSTEC did not support funding for this program. Moved: Ann Garard. Seconded: Stuart Rhodes. Carried. Note: RFTSEC considered this to be outside the scope of the Trust.</p>	University of New South Wales	\$15,098 FW \$45,294 SW	\$0	\$0