

# Appendix 21 – Fisheries trust fund reports

## Commercial Fishing Trust Fund

The department provides a range of monitoring, scientific, compliance and administrative services to the commercial fishing industry.

Expenditure by the department on activities relating to commercial fishing is funded from consolidated revenue with a contribution from the Commercial Fishing Trust Fund. Charges are levied for services such as licence administration and management, but are not project specific. The Commercial Fishing Trust Fund also makes a contribution to research and uses funds to leverage research and development support from other sources.

The NSW abalone and rock lobster fisheries are subject to cost recovery of attributable costs, although there is still some degree of government contribution and budgets are negotiated in detail with the relevant management advisory committees.

In 2015-16 the Commercial Fishing Trust Fund contributed \$4.098 million to the department's Commercial Fishery related programs.

## Aquaculture Trust Fund

The department provides a range of monitoring, scientific, compliance and administrative services to the aquaculture industry.

The aquaculture industry is subject to full cost recovery for administration charges only and charges are not project specific.

Expenditure by the department on management and policy development relating to aquaculture is funded from consolidated revenue with a contribution from the Aquaculture Trust Fund. The Aquaculture Trust Fund also makes a contribution to research and uses funds to leverage research and development support from other sources, e.g. Fisheries Research & Development Corporation, Seafood CRC.

In 2015-16 the Aquaculture Fishing Trust Fund contributed \$686,000 to the department's aquaculture related programs

## Fish Conservation Trust Fund

In 2015-16 the Fish Conservation Trust contributed \$227,000 toward fisheries conservation projects within the department.

## Recreational and Charter Fishing Trust Funds

Grants were received by NSW Department of Industry from the Recreational and Charter Fishing Trust Funds to undertake various programs during the year as follows:

Fish Trust Fund	Grant received by NSW Department of Industry 2015-16 (\$'000)
Charter Fishing Trust Fund	482
Recreational Fishing (Freshwater) Trust Fund	4,225
Recreational Fishing (Saltwater) Trust Fund	8,806

In 2015-16 funds from the Charter Fishing Trust Fund were used for the following programs:

Program	Total available 2015-16* (\$'000)	Actual expenses 2015-16 (\$'000)	Carry forward (\$'000)
Charter fishing monitoring	234	35	199
Charter fishing consultation	410	132	278
<b>Total</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>477</b>

\* The total available 2015-16 consists of grants from the trust fund in 2015-16 and amounts carried forward from grants in 2014-15.

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In 2015-16 funds from the Recreational Fishing (Freshwater) Trust Fund were used for the following programs:

Program	Total available 2015-16* (\$'000)	Actual expenses 2015-16 (\$'000)	Carry forward (\$'000)
Basscatch tournament monitoring	60	20	40
Dollar-for-dollar native fish stocking program	210	194	16
Enhanced fish production at hatcheries for stocking in inland waters (Port Stephens Narrandera and Dutton)	406	356	50
Expenditure committee meeting expenses	25	22	3
Fishcare volunteer program	170	159	11
Fishing Platform Quipolly Dam Quirindi	10	10	0
Fisheries officers (inland)	776	745	31
Freshwater recreational management program	174	173	1
Gaden trout hatchery	560	640	-80
Gaden trout hatchery tour guide	74	70	4
Inland fish habitat restoration grants program 2015-16	210	163	47
Inland stocking management	40	31	9
Murray cod research	105	101	4
Murray crayfish recovery	45	23	22
Recreational Fishing Assessments inland NSW	240	241	-1
Recreational fishing access (inland)	230	259	-29
Regional inland fish habitat management	188	192	-4
Small grants program	12	24	-12
Supporting Fish Hatchery Trainees	5	5	0
Wee Jasper fishing access improvements	12	12	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,552</b>	<b>3,440</b>	<b>112</b>

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In 2015-16 funds from the Recreational Fishing (Saltwater) Trust Fund were used for the following programs:

Advisory Council meeting expenses	20	20	0
Angel rings (life buoys) installation for rock fishers	42	38	4
Building Shoalhaven offshore artificial reef	6	7	-1
Building Port Macquarie offshore artificial reef	925	925	0
Coastal fish habitat protection and management	173	153	20
Coastal fish habitat restoration grants program 2015/16	525	447	78
Expenditure committee meeting expenses	18	16	2
Developing environmentally friendly recreational fishing gears and practices	116	66	50
Enhancing estuary perch spawning habitat in the Clyde River trial	38	8	30
Fish aggregation devices (FADs)	244	264	-20
Fishcare volunteer program	545	514	31
Fish cleaning tables – Bega Valley Shire	7	0	7
Fish cleaning tables and shelters– Port Stephens Shire	13	10	3
Fish cleaning shelter – Coffs Harbour Jetty boat ramp	20	20	0
Fish cleaning table – Windsor	15	10	5
Fisheries officers (9 coastal officers)	1106	1021	85
Fisheries officers (mobile squads)	495	493	2
Fishing platform - Camden Haven	20	15	5
Fishing platform – Lake Cathie	140	100	40
Gamefish tagging program	145	140	5
Gamefish tournament monitoring and study of landed fish	102	70	32
Improving assessment of the recreational tailor fishery	24	24	0
Let's Go Fishing - high school students sustainable recreational fishing	110	90	20
Marine stocking of important recreational fish species in coastal waters	280	256	24
Monitoring of marine stocking and artificial reefs	422	418	4
One Tree Reach weir management to improve water quality and fish habitat	35	20	15
Pipi research	19	4	15
Promoting responsible fishing at Port Macquarie Marine Discovery centre	8	0	8
Recreational fish biodiversity assessments in northern NSW	43	23	20
Recreational fishing access (coastal)	130	121	9
Recreational Fisheries Enhancement (Artificial reefs, FADs and marine stocking coordination)	193	184	9
Recreational fishing trust executive officer	172	168	4
Recreational fishing publications program	143	151	-8
Relocation of large fish from Eraring Power Station canal system	53	8	45
Research angler program	168	185	-17
Research on biological assessment of offshore artificial reefs	125	125	0
Research on sustainable and productive invertebrate bait resources	112	50	62
Research on blood worms	6	6	0
Research on recreational fishing and ciguatera poisoning	15	0	15
Small grants program	71	73	-2
Spearfishing safety DVD	4	4	0
Statewide survey of recreational fishing in NSW	77	77	0
Trust grants governance enhancement project	123	146	-23
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,048</b>	<b>6,470</b>	<b>578</b>

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