

Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing

Outcomes from Meeting 47 – Tuesday 25 August 2009 Cronulla Fisheries Centre

Attendance

Bruce Schumacher (Chair), Kevin McKinnon, Neil Ryan, Charlie Howe, Sanchia Glaskin, Max Castle, John Clarke, Ann Garard, John Humphries, Adrian Wayne, Ron Croker, Claudette Rechterik, Jan McLeod, John Drew

1. Apologies

Peter Cooley.

2. Confirmation of minutes from previous ACoRF meeting

Motion: The council accepted the outcomes as a true and accurate record of discussions from the 46th ACoRF meeting, held 20 May 2009. **Moved:** Ron Croker. **Seconded:** Ann Garard.

Carried.

3. Business arising from the minutes

Nil.

4. Industry & Investment NSW update

George Davey, Deputy Director General Primary Industries, advised that the Premier announced the creation of 13 new "Super" Departments on 11 June 2009, which will deliver a continued high level of service delivery to our clients across all industry sectors. NSW DPI is now part of a new organisation known as Industry and Investment NSW. Other existing agencies to join the new Department include:

- Department of State and Regional Development
- NSW Tourism
- Department of Water and Energy (Energy)
- Screen NSW (Film and Television Office)
- Rural Assistance Authority
- Mine Subsidence Board
- Coal Compensation Board
- Game Council
- NSW Food Authority

The joint focus of our new Department will be on benefiting the whole community by leveraging investment and supporting industry, innovation and economic development with one of the key focuses being to create jobs in NSW. As part of these reforms, the Fisheries Operations Branch is now known as the Fisheries Resource Management Branch.

Mr Davey informed the council that he clearly recognises the importance of recreational fishing in NSW and associated value to individual lifestyles and regional communities and confirmed that the department is committed to maintaining and improving quality recreational fishing opportunities and angler participation rates.

5. Recreational Fishing Trust issues

The Council was advised that a total of \$13.4 million was received from recreational fishing licence sales in 2008/09. It was confirmed that the sale of 3 year licences has increased recently largely as a result of the introduction of plastic cards and renewal notices; the cost/benefit compared to the purchase of a shorter term licence; and a growing understanding by the general public as to how the funds are used.

The Department is currently investigating options for streamlining the manual agent returns and reconciliation process. Methods of additional promotion of the fishing licence fee and sponsorship potential of the various high profile Trust programs are also being investigated.

Action item

Trent Wilson, I&I NSW Fisheries Manager, Business and Investment, to investigate business and investment options for recreational fishing fee (licence) sales and other recreational and charter fishing programs.

Council also discussed the status of the 3 day licence and the cost neutral value of this licence type.

Motion: The department investigate options for the 3 day licence, including potential removal of the licence type. **Moved:** Neil Ryan. **Seconded:** John Drew. **Against:** Max Castle. **Carried.**

Council considered expenditure recommendations arising from the Recreational Fishing Freshwater and Saltwater Expenditure Committee (RFFTEC and RFSTEC) meetings held on 11 & 12 August 2009. Recommendations for new Trust programs were supported by ACoRF as outlined in Table 1. Programs deferred, or not approved by the Expenditure Committees and ACoRF, are summarised in Tables 2 and 3 respectively.

6. Cultural Fishing issues

The *NSW Fisheries Management Act 1994* provides the framework by which fish may be harvested. Currently, the Act does not specifically recognise or provide for cultural fishing. Section 37 of the Act has however allowed for the issue of a special permit for activities such as cultural fishing that may otherwise be defined as "unauthorised". The NSW government has used these provisions, amongst other things to enable Aboriginal people to take fish outside the rules of commercial and recreational fishing to satisfy cultural needs. A discussion paper was distributed earlier this year and meetings held to gain feedback from Aboriginal people and communities about how cultural fishing may be better recognised and accommodated.

Some of the major issues being considered include:

- defining cultural fishing activities in the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*;
- introducing possession limits that cater for a group rather than an individual;
- shucking of certain species (e.g. abalone) be allowed in, on or adjacent to waters;
- permits to be issued for large-scale cultural events and consideration for small-scale events to be exempt from permit requirements.

Members stated that I&I NSW's proposals should be consistent with NSW DECC's plans regarding cultural fishing in marine parks, wherever possible. Liz Livingstone, Director Corporate Policy & Government Relations, I&I NSW, distributed contact details to enable members to liaise directly and confirmed that the council will be advised of major developments with the cultural fishing process.

With regards to a permit request relating to fish harvesting in Botany Bay for cultural purposes, the council was unanimous that it does not support the use of commercial fishing gear in a Recreational Fishing Haven for any purpose.

7. Governance project

Mr Trent Wilson, Fisheries Manager Business and Investment, was recently appointed to focus on the Recreational Fishing Governance project. This project is overseeing the Gaden Trout Hatchery Implementation Committee and associated process, including development of an Investment Plan, investigation of land tenure and tourism opportunities. Outcomes from the Implementation Committee meeting held 10 August 2009 were discussed.

8. Proposed amendments to the NSW Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2002 as part of the Staged Repeal 2009

The department discussed proposed legislative amendments, which relate to recreational fishing, as part of the staged repeal process. The council expressed general support for the proposed changes. Proposed amendments that were specifically identified for comment by the council are provided below:

- i) Standardised marking (e.g. 10cm diameter buoy) for recreational fishing gear - this should be introduced where required and/or appropriate;
- ii) Cobia bag limit reduction from 20 to 5;
- iii) Banning chemical substances to take fish - as long as they are clearly defined as immobilizing chemicals i.e. this must not inadvertently include commonly used fishing attractants such as artificial baits/gels etc;
- iv) Reducing fine from \$200 to \$75 (or \$50) for not having the recreational fishing fee receipt in possession and remove the 14 day "compliance policy" provision to produce receipt - it was clarified that if a person does not have a fee receipt then the \$200 fine would still apply,
- v) To provide a more consistent approach to the identification, and associated penalties for non-compliance, of set fishing gear used by recreational fishers;
- vi) Prohibit the taking of finfish when using hoop nets in freshwater;
- vii) Revision of prawn scoop net restrictions;
- viii) Proposal to permit the use of hauling lines by recreational fishers using hand hauled prawning nets;
- ix) To regulate an existing compliance policy that provides conditional flexibility regarding mutilation of fish on board NSW licensed charter fishing boats;
- x) To more clearly define what activities constitute charter fishing;
- xi) The repeal of a number of obsolete regulation clauses (e.g. charter boat licence eligibility criteria);
- xii) To remove the maximum diameter permissible for a landing net.

Council supported the above proposed amendments.

Minister's visit

The Minister attended the meeting to thank ACoRF members for their ongoing efforts relating to the improvement of recreational fishing opportunities and expenditure of funds from the recreational fishing fee in NSW, as well as to discuss some of the major issues and challenges at present.

9. Recreational fishing access

Saltwater fishing access update

Mimosa Rocks and Meroo National Park draft Plans of Management (PoM):

Both I&I NSW submissions on the draft PoMs are currently being reviewed by DECCW.

Prospect Nature Reserve draft PoM:

The PoM does not include Prospect Reservoir (this is managed by Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA)) therefore I&I NSW will seek DECCW consideration of a future access arrangement for recreational anglers through existing tracks/roads within the Reserve should any agreement be reached between SCA and recreational fishers in the future.

Proposed addition to Conjola National Park:

DECCW have referred a package of land acquisition proposals to the Department for comment. One of the proposed additions includes land on the southern side of St Georges Basin. The department will be providing comments on ensuring suitable recreational access arrangements is maintained.

Ben Boyd National Park draft PoM:

In 2006, the Department provided a submission on the draft Plan requesting access to be maintained for recreational fishing. DECCW are currently seeking concurrence from I&I NSW for a revised Plan that will increase vehicular access from that proposed in the exhibited draft Plan.

Consultation was undertaken with local Fisheries officers and local anglers to determine suitable access arrangements within the Park.

Development of guidelines between DECCW and I&I NSW regarding the Department's review of PoM and land acquisitions:

A meeting was held in July 2009 to discuss opportunities for I&I NSW to become more actively involved in DECCW's reserve management processes. The Department is keen to take up this opportunity and will aim to liaise with local Park Managers and officers at an early stage, and where applicable, the NPWS regional advisory committees, during the preparation of draft Plans of Management (PoM) to identify fisheries related issues and develop outcomes that satisfy the objectives of both DECCW and I&I NSW. DECCW recently provided a list of Parks where PoMs are scheduled for preparation or review in 2009/10 to assist with this process.

HMAS Adelaide Reserve:

The NSW Land and Property Management Authority will be exhibiting a draft PoM for the HMAS Adelaide Reserve in September for public review. There has been ongoing liaison between I&I NSW and the Authority to discuss fisheries related issues.

Sydney Harbour National Park online forum:

DECCW has created an online forum for community members to provide comments on the management of Sydney Harbour National Park and contribute to the development of a new Management Plan for the Park. This is an excellent opportunity for recreational fishers and Clubs to put forward ideas on enhancing recreational angling within the Park. The draft Plan will be placed on public exhibition in early 2010.

Freshwater fishing access

Cameron Westaway provided an update on major freshwater access issues, including Heritage Lands for freshwater access and a request from anglers to be able to use lift nets in Lake Lyell.

Motion: The council supports the use of lift nets in Lake Lyell. **Moved:** Kevin McKinnon. **Seconded:** Max Castle. **Carried.**

10. Electric reels

Electric fishing reels are generally used when targeting deep water fish species such as gemfish, blue-eye trevalla (blue-eye cod), hapuku, banded rock cod (bar cod) and bass groper. Electrical reels appear to be increasing in availability and popularity. The current bag and size limits were developed based on traditional harvest methods of deck/hand winches. The bag and size limits are currently 5 deep sea fish in total, only 2 gemfish, and a boat trip limit of 10 gemfish. With such limits in place, deep water species can also be prone to high grading. They also are unlikely to survive any catch and release practices.

I&I NSW is becoming increasingly concerned about the current escalating investment and use of electric reels for fishing in NSW and potential impacts on deep sea fisheries resources. The majority of council members considered the use of electric reels was not a, traditional, acceptable form of recreational fishing and therefore, the use of powered/electric reels should be restricted.

Note: Electric reels are often necessary to allow people with disabilities to fish successfully. It is considered that the use of electric reels by people with disabilities is acceptable. Electric reels are also commonly used by charter boat operators but are already heavily restricted by the boat limit of 10 gemfish.

Motion: The council supports the banning of electric reels, subject to a permit system for acceptable use (e.g. to assist disabled fishers). The council recommends that the ban be implemented during the next review of bag and size limits and that the Minister consider issuing an investment warning in the near future to advise the recreational fishing sector of this position.

Moved: Charlie Howe. **Seconded:** John Drew. **Carried.** (Against: John Humphries, Ann Garard, Neil Ryan).

11. Mooring (bait) buoy in Trial Bay

Mr Bill Harvey, the recreational fishing representative on the Ocean Haul MAC (OHMAC), advised the council that NSW Maritime previously installed 2 mooring buoys in Trial Bay, which are used by recreational fishers to collect bait. Following consultation between sectors, a 100-metre radius net fishing closure was implemented around the buoys and the Coffs Harbour Co-op funded the installation of a commercial bait gathering buoy in the area for longliners to use to collect bait. Mr Harvey's proposal is to increase the 100m commercial netting closure to a 500m radius as it is perceived that the longliners using lights aggregate bait fish from the Maritime mooring buoys.

Motion: The council supports the proposal to extend the net fishing closure around the 2 mooring buoys. **Moved:** Kevin McKinnon. **Seconded:** John Drew. **Carried.**

Mr Harvey has also discussed the proposal to increase the current 'Trial bay bait fishing closure' to a 500m radius of the 'recreational' safety buoys with the OHMAC. Industry members were generally not supportive of a 500m radius closure, as it may impact on beach hauling operations. Committee members supported examining the potential to move the commercial buoy to another suitable location approximately 400-500m away and managing interactions on a 'Gentleman's agreement' incorporated into the Ocean Haul Code of Practice. I&I NSW is investigating suitable alternative locations for the commercial buoy and the number of boats using the area and will discuss with NSW Maritime the potential of moving the commercial buoy to a suitable location approximately 400m from its current position. Subsequently, I&I will discuss with Coffs Harbour Co-op their ability and willingness to move the buoy.

This issue will be discussed further at the OHMAC meeting on 24 November 2009 and outcomes from that meeting will be discussed with ACoRF at the next meeting.

12. Commercial fishing access, Moruya River

The council's support for increased commercial fishing access in the Moruya River, specifically the removal of the current river entrance and weekend closures, was requested due to the loss of fishing opportunities following the creation of the Batemans Marine Park. The main issues of consideration related to the viability of some local commercial fishers and availability of fresh seafood to local residents.

Motion: The council does not support any change to the existing closures. **Moved:** John Humphries. **Seconded:** John Drew. **Carried.**

13. Proposal for a temporary fishing closure at Penrith Weir

A six month fishing closure above and below Penrith Weir is proposed to protect aggregating Australian bass whilst a fish way is being rebuilt at the weir. The weir upgrade forms part of a larger scale project being undertaken by the Sydney Catchment Authority to provide environmental flows and extended fish passage at 13 weirs within the Hawkesbury/Nepean system.

Site visits have been made to establish the appropriate size of the proposed closure and whether there are any useful associated identifying features in place. Council was advised that an existing State Water buoyage barrier line occurs 115m upstream of the weir wall to exclude watercraft/swimmers etc around the weir face area. This line provides a visible/logical location for any such upstream fishing exclusion zone. Peach Tree Creek enters the Hawkesbury River 132m downstream of the weir at the bottom of the weir pool and is an identifiable point for a downstream closure boundary.

Motion: The council reiterated its support for the proposed closure at Penrith Weir to protect aggregating stocks of spawning bass. **Moved:** John Humphries. **Seconded:** John Drew. **Carried.**

14. Prawn trawling near Evans River

Concerns have been expressed regarding prawn trawling near the Evans River during flood events and perceived impacts on stocked fish in the Richmond River. The council was advised that there is a flood response closure provision described in the Ocean Trawl FMS (OT FMS) for Evans Head and other north coast rivers, which can be triggered following flood warnings released by the Bureau of Meteorology for each river. There are also other provisions under the OT FMS that provide for closures in response to high bycatch levels:

A 'trial' or a trawl shot that produces in excess of 2 parts bycatch to 1 part retained catch in the case of prawn trawl, or the case of fish trawl 1 part bycatch to 1 part retained catch.

Local fisheries officers have been requested to closely monitor the situation at Evans Head and I&I NSW will work closely with the commercial fishing industry to implement any necessary closures, when required. Local commercial MAC members understand the benefits of these closures to fish stocks and are generally supportive of temporary closures.

Information noted. No action items or recommendations.

15. Out of Session items

i) Amendment of *Caulerpa taxifolia* fishing closure in Wallagoot Lake

A proposal to amend the boundaries of the Wallagoot Lake *Caulerpa* netting closure was forwarded to council members out of session on 25 May 2009. This was due to a new patch of *Caulerpa* being discovered outside the original closure boundaries to help minimise the spread of *Caulerpa* from this new area. The Aquatic Biosecurity unit was advised on 1 June 2009 that a majority of ACoRF members formally supported the proposed amendment and that no objections were raised. The new boundaries are marked by buoys.

Motion: The council reiterated its support for the amended closure. **Moved:** Kevin McKinnon. **Seconded:** John Clarke. **Carried.**

ii) Proposed Marine Parks Regulation 2009

Information noted. No action items or recommendations.

iii) Torn Blue Fringe scientific appraisal

Information noted. No action items or recommendations.

16. Correspondence received

- Letter from the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW requesting the development of an Environmental Water Level Policy (relevant water levels of lakes or lagoons to sea level) for Intermittently Closed and Open Coastal Lakes and Lagoons (ICOLLS) along the NSW coast.

Action item

I&I NSW to advise Mr Poole that the new coastal Conservation Manager will liaise with the RFA of NSW regarding the management of water levels in ICOLLS.

- Letter from Andrew Read/Glenn Tritton re: stowed gear definition in sanctuary zones.

Clarification regarding the definition of stowed gear in Marine Park sanctuary zones was not received by the meeting date and will be forwarded to members out of session.

- Email from the NSW RFA requesting an extension of the Patonga Creek/Pittwater commercial fishing closure to protect spawning bass and estuary perch.

Motion: The council supports the proposed closure extension and recommends that the issue be forwarded to the proposed closure review committee for consideration in the future. **Moved:** John Humphries. **Seconded:** Max Castle. **Carried.**

- Proposed Clarence sewerage outfall near the Recreational Fishing Haven - email from John Dunphy on behalf of Mr Allan Townsend.

Clarence Valley Council has undertaken extensive community consultation dating back to 1995 regarding the location of the Iluka and Yamba effluent discharge point. This consultation included the establishment of two community working groups, one each for the Yamba and Iluka sewerage strategies, and both included representatives from the Clarence Professional Fishers Association (CPFA) and Clarence amateur fishers. The amateur fisher representatives were members of the Clarence River Fishing Clubs Association (CRFCA), an umbrella organisation representing 14 clubs in the district and over one thousand members, and an additional amateur fisher representative from Iluka.

I&I NSW is satisfied that Clarence Valley Council has undertaken extensive involvement with the community and particularly fisheries stakeholders regarding the location of the effluent release point in the Clarence River estuary. Council's efforts to date have been over and above the standard community consultation required under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, due to the sensitivity of the issue.

- Letter from Paul Raissis regarding ocean (Chinaman) leatherjackets.

The council expressed strong support for the retention of the existing bag limit for leatherjackets, which is 20 comprised wholly of any single species or a combination of species.

- Proposal to create Lake Innes, Lake Cathie and Cathie Creek Recreational Fishing Haven (RFH) – email from Raymond Dunn.

Action item

I&I NSW to advise Mr Dunn that that the creation of any new RFHs would require community consensus and would need to be undertaken on a regional basis rather than for specific single estuaries.

- Letter from Bruce Lawson, Narooma Aquaculture regarding the production of bass fingerlings.

The council was advised that RFFTEC had previously budgeted \$200,000 for the production of bass fingerlings, golden perch and Murray cod fry/fingerlings, however, an over expenditure in the program in 2008/09 by \$50,000 and increase in funding applications (\$250,000 in total) by stocking groups in 2009/10 has resulted in a funding shortfall for the program.

Motion: The council supports the allocation of an additional \$50,000 from the Freshwater Trust to assist the shortfall in the funding allocation for bass, golden perch and Murray cod production. **Moved:** Kevin McKinnon. **Seconded:** Ron Croker. **Carried.**

- Letter from the Minister to ACoRF regarding the snapper size limit.
Information noted. No action items or recommendations.

17. Other business

NSW representation on Recfish Australia Board

The council nominated Max Castle to replace Bruce Schumacher as the NSW member on the Recfish Board and nominated Max Castle and John Drew as NSW/ACoRF delegates to attend Recfish meetings.

Fin clipping

Motion: The council recommends that I&I NSW consider introducing fin clipping requirements for high value recreational species. **Moved:** Kevin McKinnon. **Seconded:** Charlie Howe. **Carried.**

Action item

I&I NSW to investigate options for introducing fin clipping for recreational fishers.

Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW

The council suggested that the RFA's request for a Trust sub-program platform could be facilitated once specific program applications had been received and reviewed by the Expenditure Committees and ACoRF.

Fishing access in freshwater impoundments (e.g. Murray cod closure)

Motion: The council recommends that I&I NSW investigate opportunities to reduce or remove current restrictions relating to fishing in impoundments during the Murray cod closed season to alleviate pressure on river stocks. **Moved:** John Drew. **Seconded:** Kevin McKinnon. **Carried.**

Fishing competitions in NSW Marine Parks

The council established a sub-committee to assist in the development of a statewide policy on fishing competitions/events in NSW Marine Parks. The ACoRF sub-committee is: Adrian Wayne, John Clarke, Max castle, Sanchia Glaskin and Claudette Rechterik.

18. Next meeting

- ACoRF meeting 48 (3/2009) – Proposed for Wednesday 2 December 2009 at Cronulla Fisheries Centre.

Action items from 47th ACoRF meeting on 25 August 2009

Agenda Item	Action	Team Responsible	Status
5. Recreational Fishing Trust issues	Trent Wilson, I&I NSW Fisheries Manager to investigate business and investment options for recreational fishing fee (licence) sales and other recreational and charter fishing programs.	Recreational Management	Ongoing.
16. Correspondence received Intermittently Closed and Open Coastal Lakes and Lagoons (ICOLLS)	I&I NSW to advise Mr Poole that the new coastal Conservation Manager will liaise with the RFA of NSW regarding ICOLLS.	Recreational Management	Pending.
16. Correspondence received Proposal to create Lake Innes, Lake Cathie and Cathie Creek Recreational Fishing Haven	I&I NSW to advise Mr Dunn that that the creation of any new RFHs would require community consensus and would need to be undertaken on a regional basis rather than for specific single estuaries.	Recreational Management	Pending.
Other business	I&I NSW to investigate options for introducing fin clipping for recreational fishers.	Recreational Management/ Compliance	Pending.

Table 1 - New Trust Project Applications supported by ACoRF (and RFSTEC/RFFTEC) for funding from the Trusts

SALTWATER

Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

Project Title	Organisation	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<p>Coastal fish habitat protection and management - The project will manage fisheries habitat protection issues including fish habitat protection and threatened species management and seek opportunities to actively enhance recreational fisheries and fishing access where possible via development assessment, land use and natural resource management planning processes.</p> <p>Motion: The council supported funding for this program, on the condition that detailed reporting be provided at each RFSTEC and ACoRF meeting, including information on the program role and objectives, strategic planning for the role, details of specific program activity for each reporting period and project milestones. Moved: Charles Howe. Seconded: John Clarke. Carried.</p>	I&I NSW (Conservation Action Unit)	\$162,552	166,678	166,678	

Platform: Fishing Fee coordination and payment network

Project Title	Organisation	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<p>Recreational fishing Fee Administration – top up funds to reach the 10% of fee revenue allocation - To provide and manage a comprehensive administrative liaison service for recreational fee sales agents and recreational fishers. To provide a convenient network of agents for the payment of recreational fishing fees throughout NSW.</p> <p>Motion: The council supported funding for the program. Moved: John Drew. Seconded: John Humphries. Carried.</p>	I&I NSW	\$290,000			

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project Title	Organisation	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<p>Assessment of barotraumas and its mitigation measures on the behaviour and survival of offshore species in NSW - This project will investigate the effects of barotrauma on the behaviour and physiology of key recreational fish species in NSW using a range of novel research techniques.</p> <p>Motion: The council supported funding for the program. The Council requested I&I NSW to seek contributing funding of \$25,000 each year from the Charter Trust. Moved: Max Castle. Seconded: Adrian Wayne. Carried.</p>	I&I NSW	\$89,914	\$155,616	\$88,891	
<p>The final frontier: Recreational fishing and environmental outcomes of responsible stocking practices for mulloway and eastern king prawns - This project will continue the final 2 years of monitoring for Phase 2 of the Mulloway Stocking Project and continue monitoring of angler catch and effort for stocked eastern king prawn fisheries in Wallagoot and Back Lake to determine the contribution of the release programs to the recreational fishery and evaluate the full benefit of the stocking events carried out prior to 2009.</p> <p>Motion: The council supported funding for the program. Moved: Max Castle. Seconded: John Humphries. Carried.</p>	University of New South Wales	\$109,106	\$110,648		

<p>Species Impact Statement (environmental assessment) of recreational southern bluefin tuna fishing arrangements - The species was listed as endangered under the NSW Fisheries Management Act 1994 (FM Act) in December 2004. In order for an assessment to be made about ongoing recreational access to the species, an environmental assessment (or Species Impact Statement) is required to be undertaken. Motion: The council supported funding for the program. Moved: Sanchia Glaskin. Seconded: Max Castle. Carried.</p>	I&I NSW	\$10,000			
<p>Examination of recreational Fishing Fatalities in NSW 2000- 2002, Additional Research - This project seek additional funds for the examination of recreational fishing fatalities in NSW from 2000–2002 to address the gap between the previous report "Investigation into the coronial files of rock fishing fatalities that have occurred in NSW between 1992 and 2000" and the current report. This is an expansion of an existing project "Examination of recreational fishing fatalities in NSW 2002-2007". Motion: The council supported funding for the program. Moved: John Drew. Seconded: John Humphries. Carried.</p>	The Royal Life Saving Society Australia	\$10,000			

Platform: Recreational Fishing Education

Project Title	Organisation	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<p>NSW Rock Fishing Safety Workshops – to educate non English speaking anglers on safe rockfishing practices via 5 workshops. Motion: The council supported funding for the program. Moved: Neil Ryan. Seconded: Kevin McKinnon. Carried.</p>	South Sydney Amateur fishing Association	\$12,925			

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Project Title	Organisation	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<p>Iluka Fish Cleaning Table (extension, resurface and roof) - Upgrade existing table at Spenser St. boat ramp to provide adequate, hygienic, covered cleaning tables to cope with present demand as well as the influx of holiday makers at peak times. Motion: The council supported funding for the program. Moved: Max Castle. Seconded: John Drew. Carried.</p>	Iluka Fishing Club	\$8,000			

Platform: recreational fishing enhancement programs

Project Title	Organisation	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<p>Korean artificial Reef Cooperation Project - This project proposes to build on the cooperation to date by seeking out Korean companies involved in the design and construction of artificial reefs, and relevant researchers, to obtain details of artificial reef designs suitable for use in Australia. These details would be published and distributed to interested government agencies, fishing organisations and other stakeholders to promote their utilisation. Motion: The council supported funding for the program. Moved: Ann Garard. Seconded: Charlie Howe. Carried.</p>	Hamata Pty Ltd	\$2,970			

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Platform: recreational fishing enhancement programs					
Project Title	Organisation	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<p>Top up funding for existing enhanced fish production program budget – The aim is to adjust the existing enhanced fish production program budget within the Trust Investment Plan to ensure a balanced budget for the program in future years. The project will provide funding for additional hatchery staff at the Gaden trout hatchery, Narrandera Fisheries Centre and Port Stephens Fisheries Centre for increased fish production and education, advisory functions associated with hatchery tours and fishing clinics. It will also provide funds for overtime for fish delivery from these facilities and the Dutton trout hatchery</p> <p>Motion: The council supported funding for the program for 2009/10 however would like to review in 2010/11. Moved: Kevin McKinnon. Seconded: Ron Croker. Carried.</p>	I&I NSW	\$50,311	\$59,147	\$81,393	\$106,010
<p>Gaden Trout Hatchery Tour Guide</p> <p>Motion: The council supported funding for the program for a 6 month trial period to see if it will be self sustaining thereafter. Moved: Ron Croker. Seconded: Neil Ryan. Carried.</p>	I&I NSW	\$17, 000			

Note: The council supported the expenditure committees' recommendations regarding deferred programs (Table 2) and programs that were not supported (Table 3), as outlined below.

Table 2 – New Trust Project Applications deferred by RFSTEC, RFFTEC and ACoRF

SALTWATER

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Project Title	Organisation	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Coopernook recreational Fishing Infrastructure project - The project involves the construction of a fishing platform incorporating fish cleaning facilities on the Landsdowne River foreshore adjacent to the Coopernook Foreshore Reserve.	Greater Taree Council	\$31,000			

Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project Title	Organisation	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Manning River recreational Fishing Support Project (Research and Education) - production of a Manning River Recreational Fishing Haven brochure including research to identify priority areas for habitat rehabilitation and inform environmental planning decisions.	Greater Taree City Council	\$19,575			

Platform: Fishing Access and facilities

Project Title	Organisation	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Kurnell Desalination Plant – Review of new scientific data related to potential environmental human and aquatic animal health impacts – To provide improved understanding of the likely impacts of the Kurnell desalination plant on the health of the environmental, fish assemblages and humans in the region.	South Sydney Amateur fishing Association	\$30,175			

Platform: Recreational Fishing Research

Project Title	Organisation	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Pesticide Toxicology Study of Aquatic Species in the Shoalhaven Region - This project aims to investigate the effects of pesticides, currently used in NSW catchment, on aquatic catchments.	Shoalhaven Marine and Freshwater Centre, University of Wollongong	\$10,000			

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Platform: Aquatic Rehabilitation

Project Title	Organisation	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Bringin' back the natives – The project aims to reduce carp populations in the Collaburragundy and Talbragar Rivers. This will be achieved through annual carp muster event. Following the carp muster event, several sites will be rehabilitated with native vegetation.	Dunedoo Area Community Group Inc	\$4,000			

Table 3 – New Trust Project Applications not supported by RFSTEC, RFFTEC and ACoRF

SALTWATER

Platform: Recreational Fishing Education

Project Title	Organisation	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Fish Safe and Sound Radio Program - The project aims to establish a regular radio program, at least one hour per week, to raise the awareness of safe and environmentally friendly recreational fishing.	Planina-Macedonian-Australian Fishing & Hunting Association	\$6,460			

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project Title	Organisation	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Great Australian Shark Count (NSW) or Shark Watch (NSW) - This project will involve community monitoring and education of sharks throughout NSW waters (particularly in areas of high interest such as Marine Parks and Sydney).	Australian Underwater Federation	\$54,000	\$48,000	\$48,000	

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Dredging sand to provide safe and easy access for rescue vessels at the RVCP Base, Point Clare – To dredge the waters immediately in front of the Point Clare base to enable safe operations of rescue boats during all conditions, both day and night.	Central Coast Division - RVCP	\$16,700			
Weigh station, lighting and winch replacement - The weigh station is 22 years old and exposed to weather. All lighting, wiring and 1983 model 1 ton winch are in a very weathered state and continue to fail. The weigh station urgently requires repair and replacement.	Newcastle and Port Stephens Game Fish Club Ltd	\$8,479			

Platform: Recreational fishing education

Australian Anglers Association Convention 2011- 26th July 2011 to 11th August 2011. In 2011 the NSW FCA Inc. will host the Australian Anglers Association Convention. The key components this grant application seeks support for are: 1. Refurbishment of the main notice and score board 2. IT infrastructure – 3 x Dell Studio XPS 16 Laptops 3. One HP high speed printer.	NSW Fishing Clubs Association Inc (NSW FCA INC)	\$9,896			
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FRESHWATER

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Shannon Park Riverside Fishing Platform/River Access Structure - To provide locals & visitors with safe and easy access to the Orara River for shore-based and canoe-based fishing activities. The structure will replace the town's old fishing platform which was destroyed by a flood event in Feb 2009.	Clarence Valley Council	\$18,288			
Mobile Catering / Fish Station - To provide a mobile catering trailer, including BBQ and measuring/weigh and cleaning station for the fishing club to take on outings	Tullibigeal Amateur Fishing Club	\$4,150			