



MEETING	Recreational Fishing Saltwater Trust Expenditure Committee (RFSTEC)		
MEETING NO.	Meeting 59	DATE	9-10 December 2020
LOCATION	Novotel Sydney International Airport, 22 Levey Street, Wollri Creek. Videoconference (Zoom)	TIME	9:00am – 5:00pm 9:00am – 12:00pm
INVITEES	Bruce Schumacher AM (Chair), Paul Connellan (Region 1), Lisa Terry (Region 2), Geoff Shelton (Region 3), Karl Attenborough (Region 4), Michael Aubrey (Region 5), Anna Clark (Region 6), Ann Garard (Region 7), Micah Adams (Region 8), Cassie Price (OzFish), Adrian Wayne (AUF), Grahame Williams OAM (NSW GFA), Damian Kerves (AFTA), Peter Turnell (NSW DPI).		

### 1. Chair's introduction and welcome

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

### 2. Apologies

Nil.

### 3. Confirmation of outcomes from previous meeting

The draft outcomes of the 58<sup>th</sup> RFSTEC meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Moved Grahame Williams, Seconded Damian Kerves, Carried.

### 4. Action items from previous meeting

The progress of action items from the previous meeting was noted.

### 5. Recreational Fishing Trust items

#### a) Status of the Saltwater Trust

The status of the Saltwater Trust was presented to members. Statistics and trends of licence sales for the various licence types were discussed.

#### b) Development of the next Recreational Fishing Trust Investment Plan

The current 2018/19-2020/21 Recreational Fishing Trust Investment Plan finishes on 30 June 2021. It is proposed to develop a new 3 year Investment Plan commencing 1 July 2021.

#### c) Review of new Saltwater grant applications

A total of 98 Saltwater Trust grant applications were received following a widely advertised call for applications released in September 2020. Funding recommendations with respect to each project will be forwarded to the Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council for consideration prior to submission to the Minister for approval.

#### d) Crowdy Head fish cleaning tables project variation

Since the approval of funding for new fish cleaning tables to be installed at Crowdy Head harbour, concerns were raised by the local community over the proposed location of the tables prior to installation. MidCoast Council has requested a project variation to relocate the fabricated tables. The Committee supported a project variation to install the cleaning tables at the Moira Parade boat ramp at Hawksnest and at Coomba Foreshore boat ramp at Coomba Park on Wallis Lake.

**e) Appointment of RFSTEC representative on Technical Advisory Group for the Driving Fish Habitat Action with a Landcare NSW/OzFish Unlimited community partnership – Years 2 and 3 project**

The Committee nominated Ann Garard to represent RFSTEC on the Technical Advisory Group to meet at least every six months or as needed to discuss planning and progress of the Landcare/OzFish community partnership project.

**f) Habitat Action Grants recommendations**

A total of 40 saltwater Habitat Action Grant (HAG) applications were received following the 2020/21 annual call for applications. A summary of the Technical Assessment Panel's (TAP) recommendations of projects suitable for funding was provided to committee members.

Efficiency savings were made in the operational budget in 2020/21 and unspent funds of \$40,880 remained from the 2019/20 grants budget where funding offers for previously approved projects were not accepted or grant funds were unspent due to efficiencies. The TAP recommended a reallocation of \$40,880 currently held within the 2019/20 HAG budget and \$5,157 from the 2020/21 HAG operational budget to be utilised for Habitat Action grants in 2020/21. A total of 31 projects with a total value of \$646,037 were recommended for funding.

Recommendations were provided to members for consideration and supported out of session.