

# Recreational Fishing Saltwater Trust Expenditure Committee (RFSTEC) meeting OUTCOMES

**Meeting Number:** 59      **Date:** 9-10 December 2020 **Time:** 9:00am – 5:00pm  
9:00am – 12:00pm

**Location:** Novotel Sydney International Airport, 22 Levey Street, Wolli Creek.  
Videoconference (Zoom)

**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 58th 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 (Tables 1, 2 & 3) 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 Hawknest 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.

Table 1. Summary of new Saltwater Trust grant applications SUPPORTED for funding by RFSTEC

**Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement programs**

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Enhancing coastal fisheries: Making Reefs and FADs happen	DPI	<p>Artificial reefs and fish aggregating devices (FADs) are two of the most popular programs funded by the Recreational Fishing Trusts providing new high quality, fishing locations for anglers. This project involves a dedicated fisheries enhancement officer to project manage and coordinate the programs to make them happen. The role facilitates environmental assessments, Commonwealth approvals, tenders and monitoring of the reefs. Both programs continue to deliver with proposed expansion of the FADs program and recent deployment of the Tweed Artificial Reef. This program includes new funding of \$50,000 for artificial reef inspection surveys (by contractor) which has replaced the previous DPI artificial reefs research program. <i>(Note: separate funding for the next two reefs at Batemans and Jervis Bay have been previously approved).</i></p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$0	SW \$259,196	SW \$271,621	SW \$284,826
Fish Aggregation Devices (FADs) – more places for people to fish	DPI	<p>The FADs program provides reliable offshore fishing locations where recreational fishers can target a variety of popular pelagic fish over spring, summer and autumn. This project involves a dedicated FADs officer responsible for procurement of hardware, assembly and installation of FADs, replacement and maintenance where required, removal of all FADs at the close of each season and providing fishers with up to date FADs information via a range of media avenues including email, social media and smartphone Apps.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Damian Kerves, Seconded Mick Aubrey, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$0	SW \$299,984	SW \$303,969	SW \$308,054

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Boosting our fisheries: stocking NSW estuaries with popular species to enhance recreational fishing opportunities	DPI	<p>This marine stocking program involves the breeding and release of species such as mullet, dusky flathead and kingfish along the coast of NSW using the world's best stocking practices to enhance recreational fishing in estuaries. Stockings are guided by a Fisheries Management Strategy to ensure a responsible approach.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Mick Aubrey, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$0	SW \$313,128	SW \$315,455	SW \$317,842
Lord Howe Island FADs	Lord Howe Island Game Fishing Club.	<p>Provide two FADs in appropriately zoned State Marine Park waters surrounding Lord Howe Island. Aim is to improve recreational fishing activities in these waters.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Micah Adams, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: DPI to provide advice to the applicant on the current FAD design used by the Department.</b></p>	SW \$12,904	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

## Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Bendalong & Kioloa – Fishing Access Improvements	Shoalhaven City Council	Provide safer access to existing fish cleaning tables located on intertidal rock platforms. <b>SUPPORTED Moved Lisa Terry, Seconded Micah Adams, Carried.</b> <b>Comment: Conditional on providing a detailed design as part of the funding agreement.</b>	SW \$40,490	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Chipping Norton boat ramp wharf	Liverpool Fishing Club	To build a new wharf adjacent to the boat ramp, to re-concrete ramp as current ramp is very slippery to walk down to launch boats at low tide. <b>SUPPORTED FOR \$12,821 Moved Adrian Wayne, Seconded Grahame Williams OAM, Carried.</b> <b>Comment: Conditional on confirming public liability coverage and land owner approval as part of the funding agreement. RFSTEC noted a budget of \$2,800 for purchase of fingerlings for stocking, which was not supported. The stocking requests should be directed to the DPI Marine Stocking Program.</b>	SW \$15,621 Requested \$12,821 Supported	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Cover over fish cleaning table at Allworth NSW	Allworth and District Social Fishing Club Inc.	To install a cover over the fish cleaning table at Allworth. <b>SUPPORTED Moved Adrian Wayne, Seconded Mick Aubrey, Carried.</b>	SW \$3,775	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Fish Cleaning Table With Sheltered Pitched Roof	Brooms Head Holiday Park/Clarence Valley Council	Construct a four-person fish cleaning table with a concrete flooring at ground level which allows disabled access. The structure will be of metal fabrication material with pitched roofing with solar lighting. <b>SUPPORTED Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried.</b>	SW \$9,951	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

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Fishing Platform – Mosman Rowers	Mosman Rowers Limited	<p>Mosman Rowers urgently needs a fishing platform to access Mosman Bay, Sydney Harbour. This will facilitate recreational fishing for the club's 1,500 members, visitors and the general public at large.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED FOR \$105,261 Moved Adrian Wayne, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: Conditional on the applicant agreeing to promotion of the platform as a public fishing access site, including signage, and inclusion of design features to provide for rails to make it an exclusive land based fishing facility as part of the funding agreement. RFSTEC did not support funding for the project management and building adaption components of the budget noting this should be the responsibility of the applicant.</b></p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$144,261 Requested</p> <p>\$105,261 Supported</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>
Replacement MBGLAC Jetty Spencer Park Merimbula	Merimbula Big Game & Lakes Angling Club Inc.	<p>The Merimbula Big Game &amp; Lakes Angling Club Inc. (MBGLAC) maintains a public jetty at its club site in Spencer Park, Merimbula. The jetty is dilapidated. It is proposed to replace with a modern floating pontoon style jetty which will be much safer and wheelchair accessible.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED FOR \$203,610 Moved Micah Adams, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: RFSTEC did not support funding for the budget contingency component.</b></p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$223,970 Requested</p> <p>\$203,610 Supported</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>
G.D.A.C. boat ramp access	Grafton District Anglers Club	<p>Repair potholes and level boat ramp, access road and re-bitumen surface of the GDAC's boat ramp for use by members and the public.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Adrian Wayne, Seconded Cassie Price, Carried.</b></p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$9,872</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>

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Install a solar floodlight adjacent to boat ramp & fish cleaning table at Joshua Porter Reserve	Chain Valley Bay Progress Association Inc.	Supply and install an intelligent solar floodlight on a 6m pole, adjacent to the boat ramp and fish cleaning table at Joshua Porter Reserve, Lloyd Avenue, Chain Valley Bay.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Adrian Wayne, Seconded Grahame Williams OAM, Carried.</b>  <b>Comment: Conditional on providing additional quotes as part of the funding agreement.</b>	SW \$7,810	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Installation of 2 separate fishing platforms at the Nambucca Heads V-Wall	Nambucca Valley Council	Upgrade works at the Nambucca Heads V-Wall are nearing completion, and a new raised and separate platform for recreational fishers at this very popular location is proposed to ensure safety for all users of this iconic landmark.  <b>SUPPORTED FOR \$153,000 Moved Adrian Wayne, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried.</b>  <b>Comment: RFSTEC did not support funding for the budget contingency.</b>	SW \$170,000 Requested \$153,000 Supported	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Jack Buckley Memorial Park Fishing Platform	Eurobodalla Shire Council	Construct a concrete fishing platform over the existing rock wall.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Lisa Terry, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried.</b>  <b>Comment: Conditional on providing a ramp to the second level of the platform for fishers with limited access and safety bollards for wheelchair access as part of the funding agreement.</b>	SW \$9,865	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Jervis Bay/Currumbene Creek/Myola - Fishing Access Improvements	Shoalhaven City Council	Construction of a fish friendly boardwalk and fishing platform(s) on the Currumbene Creek/ Myola training wall to make access safe and more user friendly for fishers.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Adrian Wayne, Seconded Grahame Williams OAM, Carried.</b>	SW \$78,140	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

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Kennedy Drive Boat Ramp: Recreational Fishing Upgrade	Tweed Shire Council	<p>The existing fish cleaning table is outdated and unstable. The table needs to be replaced and the revetment stabilised. Fishing from the jetty is popular however various aspects require addressing to move towards universal access.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED FOR \$69,619 Moved Lisa Terry, Seconded Paul Connellan, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: Cassie Price declared a potential conflict of interest as she had provided a letter of support. The Chair determined there was no pecuniary interest and Ms Price was permitted to stay in the room during discussion. RFSTEC did not support funding for the revetment component of the budget which was considered to be a Council responsibility.</b></p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$102,119 Requested</p> <p>\$69,619 Supported</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>
Lord Howe Island Boat Ramp – Install new load line	Lord Howe Island Game Fishing Club	<p>To install a mooring and rope system adjacent to the Lord Howe Island Boat Ramp for fishers and other boat users to tie up boats.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Lisa Terry, Seconded Cassie Price, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: Conditional on the use of an eco-friendly mooring as part of the funding agreement.</b></p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$9,775</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>
Recreational fishing access (coastal) – maintaining and enhancing land and boat access for fishers along the NSW coast	DPI	<p>This project involves a dedicated access officer managing saltwater fishing access which is under threat or at risk of being compromised. A key aspect of this role involves highlighting the socio-economic importance of recreational fishing to land managers and other relevant entities to ensure access is retained and where possible enhanced. This involves negotiation with stakeholders to identify access solutions to achieve the best possible outcomes for recreational fishers. Put simply, more access means more fishing opportunities!</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Damian Kerves, Carried.</b></p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$191,256</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$195,911</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$200,684</p>



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Small Grants Program Saltwater	DPI (funds administered by DPI)	Provides funding towards the development of on-ground recreational fishing facilities and other small, local or regional research, education or enhancement projects to deliver recreational fishing benefits.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried.</b>	SW \$0	SW \$100,000	SW \$100,000	SW \$100,000
St Georges Basin – Fishing Access Improvements	Shoalhaven City Council	This project aims to improve the fishing experience in the St Georges Basin Recreational Fishing Haven for boat-based and land based fishers by 1) Renewal and improvement of the existing popular fishing jetty located off Island Point Road; 2) Renewal of the existing fishing jetty off Basin Road and provision of a fish cleaning table and rod holders; and 3) Upgrading of fenders on the Sanctuary Point and Erowal Bay jetties to make more user friendly for boat-based fishers.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Ann Garard, Seconded Mick Aubrey, Carried.</b>	SW \$145,965	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

#### Platform: Enforcement of fishing rules

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Coastal Fisheries Officers x 9	DPI	Funding for 9 coastal fisheries officers maintaining capacity of NSW DPI to enforce fisheries rules and regulations including recreational fishing fee requirement across NSW coastal areas.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Adrian Wayne, Seconded Lisa Terry, Carried.</b>	SW \$0	SW \$1,363,457	SW \$1,397,536	SW \$1,432,482
Coastal Recreational	DPI	Funding for 3 regional mobile squad officers maintaining capacity of NSW DPI to enforce saltwater recreational rules and regulations in particular recreational fishing fee requirements	SW \$0	SW \$459,144	SW \$470,620	SW \$482,389

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Mobile Squad Officers x 3		whilst patrolling popular fishing areas including recreational fishing havens.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Anna Clark , Seconded Paul Connellan, Carried.</b>				

#### Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Aquatic habitat protection and fish conservation – South Coast NSW	DPI	Provision of fish habitat protection and enhancement in South East NSW. Increase awareness of fish habitat amongst all stakeholders and land use managers, to ensure management outcomes that improve fish habitat and promote fisher and community engagement in fish habitat management, protection and rehabilitation.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Adrian Wayne, Seconded Lisa Terry, Carried.</b>	SW \$0	SW \$206,255	SW \$210,912	SW \$215,684
Flagship Habitat Action	DPI (community flagship grants)	The Flagship Habitat Action program will continue to engage and facilitate key stakeholders in the development and delivery of large-scale strategic coastal fish habitat rehabilitation activities; restoring highly productive, resilient fisheries.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Micah Adams, Seconded Lisa Terry, Carried.</b>	SW \$0	SW \$445,632	SW \$448,066	SW \$450,653
Habitat Action Program – “Making more Fish Naturally”	DPI (community habitat grants)	Engagement and support of recreational anglers in fish habitat actions and provision of devolved Habitat Action Grants to enhance fish habitat in NSW and support healthy, resilient recreational fisheries.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Lisa Terry, Carried.</b>	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$751,712 FW \$361,543	SW \$754,971 FW \$362,941	SW \$758,312 FW \$364,372

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Look after your Tackle – fishers tackling litter in local waterways	Tangaroa Blue Foundation	OzFish and Tangaroa Blue have joined forces to tackle fishing and waterway litter at its source, combining their expertise and resources to raise awareness, collect valuable data, change behaviours and take action that prevents and removes litter across NSW's waterways.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Lisa Terry, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried.</b>  <b>Comment: RFSTEC noted fishing litter was a major problem on the coast and supported 100% of project funding.</b>	SW \$161,268	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$0 FW \$0
Tackle Bin Project (formerly known as Fishing Line Debris Recovery Program)	Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers Inc. (TVWC)	Purchase additional debris bins to extend project to other identified 'hotspots' for wildlife injury/deaths and update and re-print 'Tide Times' brochure promotional material.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Damian Kerves, Seconded Anna Clark, Carried.</b>	SW \$4,002	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

#### Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Ciguatera Toxins in NSW Spanish Mackerel: Where, when and how much?	University of Technology Sydney	To determine the factors affecting the amount of Ciguatera Toxins in Spanish Mackerel caught recreationally in NSW over two fishing seasons.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Paul Connellan, Seconded Micah Adams, Carried.</b>  <b>Comment: Anna Clark declared a potential conflict of interest as she was employed by the university but had no association with the project. The Chair determined there was no direct pecuniary interest and Ms Clark was permitted to stay in the room during discussion.</b>	SW \$45,473	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

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Flow-on benefits to recreational fishers following habitat repair	University of Newcastle	<p>Habitat repair is a key priority, however, flow-on benefits for recreational fishers are unknown. This project will measure recreational fishery enhancement resulting from substantial habitat repair in Burrill Lake.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Lisa Terry, Seconded Anna Clark, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: Cassie Price declared a potential conflict of interest as she had provided a letter of support. The Chair determined there was no pecuniary interest and Ms Price was permitted to stay in the room during discussion.</b></p>	SW \$43,200	SW \$40,700	SW \$0	SW \$0
Identification of the larvae of recreationally important fish species for long-term monitoring	Sydney Institute of Marine Science	<p>Larvae of many recreationally important NSW fish species are not identifiable. Aligning traditional morphology and photographs of larval fish with modern genetics will reveal spawning habitats and changes in distributions.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Lisa Terry, Seconded Micah Adams, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$0	SW \$9,761	SW \$0	SW \$0
Marine stocking - Science-based sustainable and productive fisheries enhancement in NSW	DPI	<p>The marine stocking program relies upon scientific evidence to underpin its success and sustainable growth into the future. This project outlines the ongoing research required as large-scale stocking of new species is commenced.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Lisa Terry, Seconded Mick Aubrey, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$0	SW \$295,546	SW \$288,975	SW \$294,496
Monitoring and Research on Landed Fish at Game Fishing Tournaments in NSW: 2021/2022	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	<p>The project facilitates and conducts monitoring, sampling and biological research on billfish, tuna, sharks and other gamefish captured and weighed at the major game fishing tournaments in NSW.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Damian Kerves, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$32,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

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NSW Game Fish Tagging Program – the largest of its kind in the world	DPI	<p>The NSW DPI Game Fish Tagging Program is the largest citizen science tagging program of its kind in the world and has been in operation since 1973. It uses anglers to obtain vital information on the biology of billfish, tunas, sharks and sport fish while encouraging fishers to participate in the management of the fishery.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved</b> Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Damian Kerves, Carried.</p> <p><b>Comment:</b> Mr Grahame Williams OAM declared a potential conflict of interest as his member organisation had provided a letter of support. The Chair determined there was no pecuniary interest and Mr Williams was permitted to stay in the room during discussion.</p>	SW \$0	SW \$205,337	SW \$209,773	SW \$215,292
NSW Game Fish Tournament Monitoring	Ghosn Consulting Services	<p>Collate data to support fisheries research and management of game fish species and to strengthen negotiations between recreational fishers, Government and other interested organisations regarding fishery access and resource sustainability.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved</b> Damian Kerves, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried.</p> <p><b>Comment:</b> Mr Grahame Williams OAM declared a potential conflict of interest due to a personal affiliation with the applicant and left the room during discussion. Mr Damian Kerves declared a potential conflict of interest as his member organisation had provided a letter of support. The Chair determined there was no pecuniary interest and Mr Kerves was permitted to stay in the room during discussion.</p>	SW \$0	SW \$81,000	SW \$84,000	SW \$87,000

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Provision of Annual Report for the Gamefish Tagging Program for 2020/2021	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	Provision of an informative, attractive and readily accessible report on the Gamefish Tagging Program for the year 2020/2021. <b>SUPPORTED Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Damian Kerves, Carried.</b>	SW \$6,500	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Research Angler Program – Fish into fillets, frames into facts	DPI	The Research Angler Program is a citizen science initiative that aims to provide fishos with interesting and useful information relating to their catch while contributing valuable biological information to stock assessments and the management of key recreational fish species. <b>SUPPORTED Moved Mick Aubrey, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried.</b>	SW \$0	SW \$194,733	SW \$199,710	SW \$203,800
The economic contributions of recreational fishing to NSW	University of Wollongong	A range of economic contributions by recreational fishing will be estimated via a survey of anglers, estimating the economic benefits of recreational fishing to both fishers and to the NSW regional economy. <b>SUPPORTED Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried.</b>	SW \$151,752 FW \$65,036	SW \$57,765 FW \$24,757	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$0 FW \$0
The impacts of physiological stress on visual function in fishes	Macquarie University	This project will assess the physiological changes due to capture stress on the impacts of visual function in fish, with a view to improve post-capture survival. <b>SUPPORTED Moved Anna Clark, Seconded Grahame Williams OAM, Carried.</b>	SW \$9,885	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Where are the big yellowtail kingfish? Satellite-tracking sexually mature kingfish caught in New South Wales to reveal spawning habitats and recruitment 'hotspots'	Sydney Institute of Marine Science (SIMS)	This project will reveal the movements and location of spawning habitats for the NSW kingfish stock, as well as potential key recruitment areas, to address urgent knowledge gaps and increase quality recreational fishing opportunities.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Damian Kerves, Seconded Lisa Terry, Carried.</b>	SW \$0	SW \$256,291	SW \$254,566	SW \$3,450

#### Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Byron Bay High School Fishing Education	Byron Bay High School	Byron Bay High School backs onto Cape Byron National Park and Tallow Beach. This project will provide beach fishing educational materials and equipment for the Commercial and Recreational Fishing component of the school's Marine Studies course. The course is non-ATAR and appeals to students usually from a low socio-economic background.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Adrian Wayne, Seconded Micah Adams, Carried.</b>	SW \$1,965	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

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Family Fishing and Seafood Trails – Developing new opportunities for fishing-related tourism which the whole family can enjoy	DPI	<p>This project involves engaging a suitably qualified contractor to develop and implement an advertising campaign involving fishing trails to promote the unique fishing and lifestyle tourism opportunities offered at key south and north coast regions. This will involve identifying a range of fishing options for the keen angler while also providing non-fishing members of the family with opportunities to explore regional NSW with a focus on enjoying fresh local seafood. The trails aim to promote the socio-economic benefits of recreational fishing by promoting regional locations, fishing hotspots (including RFHs) and local fishing and culinary enterprises.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Micah Adams, Seconded Anna Clark, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: Conditional on commercial industry support</b></p>	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$105,000 FW \$45,000	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$0 FW \$0
Fishcare - Proactively undertaking face to face education of anglers across NSW	DPI	<p>The NSW Fishcare Volunteer program uses a network of six dedicated Education Officers and 230 motivated Fishcare Volunteers across NSW to provide face to face and hands-on education to anglers on the ground. Education Officers and Volunteers use targeted messaging to promote responsible and sustainable fishing ('Fish for Life'). Fishcare also plays a key role in the running of the Get Hooked...its fun to fish schools program and the many fishing workshops involving thousands of kids and community members held each year. Our mission is to create a team of fishing stewards that champion, responsible fishing and a sustainable secure fishing future. Fishcare is one of the flagship programs of the Recreational Fishing Trusts.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Adrian Wayne, Seconded Micah Adams, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$620,000 FW \$390,000	SW \$630,000 FW \$400,000	SW \$640,000 FW \$410,000



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Fishing for the elderly	Nambucca Heads U3A (University of the Third Age)	Provide an opportunity for elderly persons to learn the basics of fishing using known techniques. <b>SUPPORTED Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Damian Kerves, Carried.</b>	SW \$2,340	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Fishing Lake Mac-Youth Clinics	Swansea Community Cottage Inc	This project will encourage youth to participate in recreational fishing. Fishcare volunteers and older residents of our community will provide mentoring and socialisation to divert away from participating in anti-social behaviour. <b>SUPPORTED FOR \$3,043 Moved Anna Clark, Seconded Micah Adams, Carried.</b> <b>Comment: RFSTEC did not support funding of \$336 for recreational fishing licences noting the youth participants would be exempt from the fishing licence requirement.</b>	SW \$3,379 Requested \$3,043 Supported	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Get Hooked with CASPA	CASPA Services Ltd	To educate and skill up young people living in foster and residential care on how to fish for food sustainably through an 8 week program visiting different fishing locations each week. <b>SUPPORTED Moved Adrian Wayne, Seconded Micah Adams, Carried.</b>	SW \$8,520	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

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Get Hooked...it's fun to fish. A fun, interactive recreational fishing program for junior and senior school students to learn about sustainable fishing	DPI	<p>Get Hooked is a proactive student recreational fishing program aligned to the NSW Curriculum. Our aim is to teach sustainable fishing skills for life, how to maximise catch and release, and how to fish safely and responsibly. Passionate dedicated Fishcare Volunteers, Fishcare Education Officers and teachers run Get hooked class lessons with interactive fishing resource kits provided to schools. Once class lessons are completed, Education officers and Fishcare Volunteers run practical fishing workshops for thousands of school students each year, allowing them to put new skills into practice at a local waterway. The program has now been extended to senior schools and plays a part in career development for students.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Ann Garard, Seconded Paul Connellan, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$313,600 FW \$134,400	SW \$320,600 FW \$137,400	SW \$327,600 FW \$140,400
Junior lake & river fishing & fun day	Pambula Fishing Club Inc	<p>Encourage local juniors in the Pambula area to acknowledge the sport of fishing and increase membership and participation in the fishing club using current members to mentor and host.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Micah Adams, Seconded Cassie Price, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$3,560	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Let's Fish NSW - Recreational Fishing awareness & engagement media campaign program	Australian Fishing Trade Association	<p>The "Let's Fish NSW" is a project campaign targeted at those who go, or have been in the past, recreational fishing. Reports though AFTA's network of retail fishing tackle outlets have shown a massive reduction in the number of people engaging in recreational fishing pursuits.</p> <p>AFTA will develop and supply a series of targeted "Let's Fish NSW" short message videos with the aim and objective to engage and encourage people of all ages, backgrounds and genders to make a return to recreational fishing in a post restricted environment.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Karl Attenborough declared a potential conflict of interest as he is an ambassador for Frogley's Offshore, which had association with the application. The Chair determined there was a potential pecuniary interest and Mr Attenborough left the room during discussion. Similarly, Mr Damian Kerves also declared a potential conflict of interest as he was the AFTA representative on RFSTEC. Mr Kerves left the room during discussion.</p>	SW \$110,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Let's Go Fishing – Educating School Children on the Sustainable Benefits of Recreational Fishing : Phase 4	Australian Fishing Trade Association	<p>To progress with Phase 4 of the "Let's Go Fishing" Schools Program in partnership with the Marine Teachers Association following the successful completion of Phases 1, 2 and 3. Phase 4 will comprise of re-stocking and replacing equipment where required in the school's fishing kits, provide fishing equipment to an additional 25 schools and produce and deliver an "intermediate" level online educational support in the form of a six-part video series with supporting Q &amp; A sheets. The project will provide continuity for schools and teachers from Phase 3 in delivering quality education on recreational fishing.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$105,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
		Comment: Karl Attenborough declared a potential conflict of interest as he is an ambassador for Frogley's Offshore, which had association with the application. The Chair determined there was a potential pecuniary interest and Mr Attenborough left the room during discussion. Similarly, Mr Damian Kerves also declared a potential conflict of interest as he was the AFTA representative on RFSTEC. Mr Kerves left the room during discussion. RFSTEC noted that the previous steering committee for previous phases of this project should be extended into this phase.				
Mindfulness through fishing	Psychological Health Assessment and Counselling Services	<p>The project intends to take in seven groups of people, consisting of six individuals per group, totalling 42 people who have been clinically diagnosed with depression, anxiety, and PTSD, along with their treating clinical psychologist. The group will be taken fishing by Southern Sydney Fishing Tours, which provides fully guided fishing trips on both Botany Bay and Port Hacking hosted by fishing expert Scotty Lyons.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Cassie Price, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$7,800	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
NSW Fishing Workshops - Fostering new and existing fishers to be the guardians of tomorrow	DPI	<p>Fishing workshops teach adults and children how to fish throughout NSW in a responsible and sustainable manner. The program provides a fun, enjoyable educational experience that aims to teach the basics of fishing to new entrants giving them the skills to continue in the sport for life. Our mission is to create the fishing steward's and champions of tomorrow. Each year, an average of 8,000 new entrants are introduced to fishing under the program</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Ann Garard, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$42,000 FW \$28,000	SW \$42,000 FW \$28,000	SW \$42,000 FW \$28,000

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
NSW Saltwater and Freshwater Recreational Fishing Guides - One stop shop for essential fishing info	DPI	<p>These guides provide an easy to read summary of essential information fishers need before they go fishing. This includes fishing rules, gear descriptions, licences and Recreational Fishing Trusts information, sustainable fishing practices and much more. It is proposed to decrease production of the guide by one third to 200,000 per year noting the increasing use of electronic media. Nevertheless, the guides still represent a one stop shop for anglers to access their fishing information. It is especially popular with new or beginner fishos.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Damian Kerves, Seconded Anna Clark, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$84,000 FW \$36,000	SW \$84,000 FW \$36,000	SW \$84,000 FW \$36,000
Project LLaP: Look, Learn and Protect	Individual	<p>Long Reef is an important feeding ground for fish. The protection of the reef and intertidal zone through education is crucial. A microEYE Discovery Microscope will addresses this and Fishcare Volunteers will also utilise this resource.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Adrian Wayne, Seconded Anna Clark, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$5,665	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Recreational fishing waste management education program	Ocean2earth Australia	<p>Developing an education campaign to encourage recreational fishers to ethically and responsibly dispose of their fish frames and other waste in the Bega Valley Local Government Area.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Adrian Wayne, Seconded Micah Adams, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$9,500	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
The Fishing Club – Studio ARTES	Studio ARTES Northside Inc	<p>A group for individuals with a disability to engage in recreational fishing activities in a safe and supported environment including learning to fish safely and sustainably. The project would be run over the funding period with regular sessions at different locations along the Hawkesbury River, Narrabeen Lakes, Cooks River and Georges River.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Adrian Wayne, Seconded Cassie Price, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$10,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Upgrade of website database and phone app for humane dispatch of fish species encountered by recreational fishers in NSW.	DigsFish Services	<p>The www.ikijime.com website and ikijime tool phone applications are world's leading fish welfare tools that improve recreational fisher's access to information on humane dispatch of finfish. However, the mobile phone applications require updates following recent operating system changes by phone manufacturers. This project will deliver those updates.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Lisa Terry, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$9,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
UTS Outdoor Adventure Club (UTSOAC) Recreational Fishing Project	ActivateUTS	<p>This funding will buy fishing tackle for the UTS Outdoor Adventure Club (UTSOAC) acting under ActivateUTS LTD to add recreational fishing to the suite of activities provided for UTS students and affiliates on an ongoing basis. It will also deliver free basic training in estuary and beach fishing to allow fishing outings under a wide range of weather and sea conditions and allow the Club to establish a syllabus for future inhouse training.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Micah Adams, Seconded Mick Aubrey, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$3,240	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Warrawong High School – Project Neptune	Warrawong High School	<p>Project Neptune began in 1998 and involves fishing as a school sport on Thursday afternoons, weather permitting. The highlight is the program's annual deep sea charter.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Damian Kerves, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$2,840	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

**Platform: Fishing fee coordination and payment network** *(Note: these are fee attributable programs)*

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Recreational Fishing Trust Executive Officer	DPI	<p>The officer is responsible for the overall coordination and financial management of the Recreational Fishing Trusts to facilitate a transparent and accountable Trust system, on behalf of the recreational fishing community. This includes implementation of good governance processes to ensure collection and transfer of licence revenue to the Trusts, disbursement of funds to Trust projects and ensuring quality delivery of project outcomes to improve recreational fishing.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Damian Kerves, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$0	SW \$256,560	SW \$262,973	SW \$269,548
Recreational Fishing NSW (RFNSW) consultation and meeting expenses	DPI (on behalf of RFNSW)	<p>RFNSW advises the Minister for Primary Industries on recreational fishery policy issues including maintaining and improving the quality of recreational fishing opportunities.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Damian Kerves, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$63,910 FW \$27,390	SW \$64,750 FW \$27,750	SW \$65,590 FW \$28,110
RFSTEC meeting expenses	DPI (on behalf of RFSTEC)	<p>The Recreational Fishing Saltwater Trust Expenditure Committee (RFSTEC) is an advisory sub-committee of the Ministerial Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council (RFNSW) that reviews applications for funding and makes recommendations on priorities for expenditure from the Recreational Fishing (Saltwater) Trust</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Damian Kerves, Seconded Grahame Williams OAM, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$0	SW \$36,400	SW \$37,300	SW \$38,200

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Recreational Fishing Facilities and Grants Management	DPI	To target angler identified gaps in fishing facilities throughout NSW, including fishing platforms, fish cleaning facilities and waterway access infrastructure, To provide support to the Trust Executive Officer for financial and auditing management of Trust programs to ensure timely and quality service delivery. The role provides quality advice to the public on all Trust enquiries and application development.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Micah Adams, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried.</b>	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$169,430 FW \$18,825	SW \$173,620 FW \$19,291	SW \$177,916 FW \$19,768
Recreational Fishing Trust grants administration program – supporting the delivery of Trust funded projects	DPI	To improve the delivery and performance of Recreational Fishing Trust funded projects by assigning essential resourcing to grants administration and management. The position facilitates funding agreements to applicants, receives milestone reports and final reports, processes project invoices and purchase orders for Trust grants etc. It is an integral position of the Trust management team to facilitate effective governance controls including audits and monitoring to maintain and improve the standard of project delivery and accountability across all Trust funded projects.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Adrian Wayne, Seconded Micah Adams, Carried.</b>	SW \$0	SW \$142,337	SW \$145,770	SW \$149,290
Recreational Fisher Licence Research Database (tender administered by NSW DPI)	DPI (tender administered by NSW DPI)	This project involves data entry of fishers details from 1 and 3 year paper fishing licences by an external consultant onto the Recreational Angling database for research and management purposes. Angler details on paper licences sold at fishing tackle stores are required to be data entered which enables electronic transfer of this data to the main database of licence holders. The data is used to send out licence renewal notices but is also in angler research surveys. This data entry	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$38,500 FW \$16,500	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000	SW \$31,500 FW \$13,500



Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
		project includes data validation and duplication checks of the paper licence information. <b>SUPPORTED Moved Mick Aubrey, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried.</b>				
Recreational Fishing Fee Renewal Notice System	DPI (tender administered by NSW DPI)	Involves an efficient licence renewal notice system (via external contractor) to provide opportunity for recreational fishers to renew their fee when it expires. The notice gets sent out to around 250,000 licence holders per year and has a range of licence payment options to make it convenient for fishers to renew their licence. <b>SUPPORTED Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Damian Kerves, Carried.</b>	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$86,000 FW \$36,850	SW \$86,000 FW \$36,850	SW \$86,000 FW \$36,850
Recreational Fishing Licensing (Fee) project – facilitating fishing licences for fishers	DPI	Provides for the safe and secure collection of recreational fishing licences fees (public money) which are deposited into the Recreational Fishing Trusts on a daily basis. It provides a convenient payment network for anglers using a variety of methods such as a dedicated webpage, sales agents (fishing tackle stores etc) throughout NSW, BPAY, automated telephone, and even mail. It caters for all types of anglers. There is 1) an electronic sales platform provided by Service NSW - Government Licensing Service (GLS) which DPI uses to manage electronic licences and 2) a manual payment system of agents run exclusively by DPI. <b>SUPPORTED Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried.</b>	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$1,056,291 FW \$452,000	SW \$1,088,347 FW \$466,000	SW \$1,113,531 FW \$476,000

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Recreational Fishing Licensing – Government Licensing Service (GLS) fees	DPI (transaction fees payable to Service NSW)	<p>This project provides for payment of licence transaction fees to Service NSW for recreational fishing licences processed through the Government Licensing Service database platform. The GLS platform is utilised by DPI and other government agencies to provide a convenient payment network for the recreational fishing licence and transfer of revenue into the Recreational Fishing Trusts. This application covers transaction fees payable to GLS on a quarterly basis.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Damian Kerves, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$525,000 FW \$225,000	SW \$542,500 FW \$232,500	SW \$560,000 FW \$240,000

Table 2. Summary of new Saltwater Trust grant applications DEFERRED for funding by RFSTEC

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
A new fish cleaning table for Brunswick Heads boat ramp.	Byron Shire Council	<p>The major public boating access to Byron Shire waterways is at the Brunswick Heads. This facility has a well used boat ramp, floating pontoon and an almost derelict fish cleaning table. Replacement of this table with a modern design made from durable materials will improve hygiene and safety.</p> <p><b>DEFERRED Moved Damian Kerves, Seconded Mick Aubrey, Carried.</b></p> <p>Comment: RFSTEC identified the need for the project at this location, however, noted there was insufficient information on design and costings to enable a detailed assessment. The Committee requested inclusion of this additional information prior to re-submission and further consideration of the application.</p>	SW \$36,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Allworth Fishing Facilities	MidCoast Council	<p>Upgrades to facilities to allow people better access, moor and fish at the Allworth Boat Ramp.</p> <p><b>DEFERRED Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried.</b></p> <p>Comment: RFSTEC identified the merit of the application, however, noted there was insufficient information on design, plans and costings to enable a detailed assessment. The Committee requested inclusion of this additional information prior to re-submission and further consideration of the application.</p>	SW \$100,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Bayside Community Children's Fishing Wharf	Bayside Community Recreation Club Incorporated	<p>Provide a secure environment where children can be educated in recreational fishing through programmes: School sport fishing, Disabled fishing access and facilities, School holiday education clinics, Fishing education workshops, Weekend social fishing. There will be no cost to children or schools to use these facilities.</p> <p><b>DEFERRED Moved Damian Kerves, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment:</b> RFSTEC identified the merit of the application, however, noted there was insufficient information on design, plans, land owner approvals, public access and costings to enable a detailed assessment. The Committee requested inclusion of this additional information prior to re-submission and further consideration of the application, including whether there is public access to the site.</p>	SW \$90,600	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Correa Bay Reserve Fish Cleaning Table	Central Coast Council	<p>Construction of a new fish cleaning table at Correa Bay Reserve to support and promote recreational fishing activities.</p> <p><b>DEFERRED Moved Micah Adams, Seconded Lisa Terry, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment:</b> RFSTEC identified some merit in the application, however, noted there was insufficient information on design, plans and costing breakdown to enable a detailed assessment. The Committee requested inclusion of this additional information prior to re-submission and further consideration of the application. The applicant should also confirm there is adequate parking for boat trailers at the site.</p>	SW \$70,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Seymour Street Laurieton Fish Cleaning Table	Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	<p>Removal of existing fish cleaning table and installation of a new fish cleaning table at Seymour Street Reserve, Laurieton, providing a safe and hygienic facility and encouraging increased participation by boaters and shore-based fishers.</p> <p><b>DEFERRED Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Damian Kerves, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: RFSTEC recognised the merit and need for the project at this location, however, noted there was insufficient information on the budget costings to enable a detailed assessment. The Committee requested inclusion of this additional information prior to re-submission and further consideration of the application.</b></p>	SW \$19,255	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Soft access ramp works at Red Rock	New South Wales Crown Holiday Parks Land Manager T/AS Reflections Holiday Parks	<p>Construct a soft access ramp for launching non-motorised craft including kayaks plus create a land-based fish platform for anglers to fish safely on the Corindi River at Red Rock.</p> <p><b>DEFERRED Moved Adrian Wayne, Seconded Cassie Price, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: RFSTEC recognised the merit and need for the project at this location, however, noted there was insufficient information on the budget costings to enable a detailed assessment. The Committee also requested further information on the beach nourishment component of the project which appears to be additional to the primary kayak launching component. The Committee requested inclusion of this additional information prior to re-submission and further consideration of the application.</b></p>	SW \$77,275	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Woolgoolga Lake accessible fishing platforms and boardwalk for all ages and mobilities	Woolgoolga Lake Working Group Inc	<p>Accessible recreational fishing via boardwalk and fishing platforms for disability inclusion at Woolgoolga Lake in prime locations. Benefiting local community and encourage more tourism visitors of all ages and mobilities.</p> <p><b>DEFFERED Moved Lisa Terry, Seconded Damian Kerves, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: RFSTEC recognised the merit of the fishing platform component of the project but noted other components such as the boardwalk was general recreational amenity. The Committee considered additional funding partners may be appropriate for this project noting the various user groups that would benefit from the overall project. The Committee requested consideration of this issue by the applicant prior to re-submission of the application.</b></p>	SW \$317,500	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Wyang River – Kayak Launching Platform	Central Coast Council	<p>Design and construction of a kayak launching platform on Wyong River to support and promote the use of the waterway for recreational fishers.</p> <p><b>DEFERRED Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Damian Kerves, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: RFSTEC noted there was insufficient information on the project costings to enable a detailed assessment of the application. There was also insufficient information on the level of recreational fishing use of the current and proposed new facility, including consultation with any recreational fishing groups.</b></p>	SW \$0	SW \$250,000	SW \$0	SW \$0

Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Kid's Fishing	SWF Construction Group P/L	<p>To recommence a kids fishing program that started 7 years ago to get families and their kids out after a long week at work and school where they can spend some fun times together fishing though the 6 months of day light saving period Friday nights.</p> <p><b>DEFERRED Moved Cassie Price, Seconded Damian Kerves, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: RFSTEC recognised some merit for the project, however, noted there was a lack of information on project methodology, project management team expertise and costings to enable a detailed assessment prior to re-submission and further consideration of the application.</b></p>	SW \$10,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Promote of Rules & Safety in Ethical Group Fishmens	Individual	<p>Provide rules and safety education in Chinese (Traditional &amp; Simplified) which can be a pilot for other languages (Korean, Indian, etc). Promote recreational fishing as a safe and responsible sport / leisure activity.</p> <p><b>DEFERRED Moved Adrian Wayne, Seconded Damian Kerves, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: RFSTEC recognised some merit for the project, however, noted there was a lack of information on project methodology to enable a detailed assessment. The Committee requested inclusion of this additional information prior to re-submission and further consideration of the application. DPI also advised it was able to reach out to the applicant to discuss its current CALD communities communication methods and potential extension and enhancement of methods used.</b></p>	SW \$5,200	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
UTS Outdoor Adventure Club (UTSOAC) Spearfishing Project	ActivateUTS	<p>This funding will buy spearfishing equipment to complement the diving equipment owned by UTSOAC to enable spearfishing to be added to the suite of activities provided for UTS students and affiliates on an ongoing basis. It will also deliver training by an accredited provider covering basic diving and spearfishing techniques and essential diving safety and will allow the Club to establish a syllabus for future inhouse training.</p> <p><b>DEFERRED Moved Micah Adams, Seconded Damian Kerves, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment:</b> RFSTEC noted there are current safety and interaction spearfishing related issues in busy, metropolitan waters. The Committee recognised the merit of the project, however, requested further information on the proposed safety, accreditation and project location aspects of the project prior to re-submission and further consideration of the application.</p>	SW \$4,975	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0



Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Women's Recreational Fishing League (WRFL) Fishing Skills & Tournament Enclaves	Women's Recreational Fishing League Inc	<p>Annual series of two instructional women's-only recreational fishing workshop enclaves (each culminating in 1.5 day tournament) designed to expand female participation and leadership in our sport, with particular focus on sustainability and environmental stewardship. Each six-day enclave (one inland freshwater, one coastal saltwater) will host a maximum of 100 women, targeting beginner to intermediate skill levels.</p> <p><b>DEFERRED Moved Micah Adams, Seconded Lisa Terry, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment:</b> RFSTEC member Cassie Price declared a potential conflict of interest as she was part of the project steering committee and left the room during discussion of the application. RFSTEC acknowledged the merit of the application and its objectives noting the gap that the project was proposing to address (that is, women participation in fishing). The project benefit:cost ratio was considered low given the very high participant cost. The number of participants was also considered low compared to the high cost. The Committee identified there may be opportunities to increase the benefit:cost ratio and also to investigate the potential for other partnership organisations to be involved to reduce the overall cost of the program.</p>	FW \$209,750  SW \$209,750	FW \$209,750  SW \$209,750	FW \$209,750  SW \$209,750	FW \$0  SW \$0

Table 3. Summary of new Saltwater Trust grant applications NOT SUPPORTED for funding by RFSTEC

**Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement programs**

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Culburra Beach artificial structures off the beach	Individual	<p>Place artificial structures just outside the surf break along Culburra Beach. This will encourage fish to the area and prevent trawlers from coming too close to the beach as has been witnessed by residents. Currently lucky to catch anything along the middle of the beach, with no structures off the coast.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment:</b> RFSTEC noted the application was a concept request from an individual request with no methodology or budget proposed. The Committee noted that an expression of interest for community nomination of future artificial reef sites is proposed in the near future.</p>	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

## Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Fish clean table & shelter at Rathmines boat ramp area	Newcastle Street Furniture	<p>Supply and install a fish cleaning table and shelter at Rathmines boat ramp area. Newcastle Street Furniture is a family run business, a family that is passionate about fishing, that is based in Newcastle and living in Lake Macquarie. We have been communicating with the local community and would like to implement some of the community's requests.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED Moved Adrian Wayne, Seconded Damian Kerves, Carried.</b></p> <p>RFSTEC identified the need for the project at this location, however, noted there was insufficient information on land owner approvals, ongoing maintenance plans and asset ownership to enable a detailed assessment. The Committee requested inclusion of this additional information prior to re-submission and further consideration of the application.</p>	SW \$9,850	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Funding DA application for replacement jetty Spencer Park Merimbula	Merimbula Big Game & Lakes Angling Club Inc.	<p>To provide funding to contribute to the costs of a development application (DA) to the Bega Valley Shire Council for replacement of the public jetty at Spencer Park, Merimbula (separate proposal).</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED Moved Micah Adams, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried.</b></p> <p>Comment: RFSTEC noted this was a duplicate application as the DA funding component had been included in the Replacement MBGLAC Jetty Spencer Park Project budget.</p>	SW \$4,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Gorokan boat ramp	Individual	The Gorokan boat ramp is in need of a upgrade to cater for the amount of locals and tourists putting a strain on existing	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
		<p>infrastructure. This request is for a new pontoon walkway, an undercover fish cleaning area and possible widening of the boat ramp.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED</b> Moved Damian Kerves, Seconded Mick Aubrey, Carried.</p> <p><b>Comment:</b> RFSTEC noted the application was a concept request from an individual with no methodology or budget proposed. The Committee requested the concept request be referred to DPI to discuss with local Council and RMS.</p>				
Initial feasibility study for Merimbula Entrance training wall	Merimbula Big Game & Lakes Angling Club Inc.	<p>To support the cost of an initial feasibility study for a training wall at the Merimbula Lake entrance to be managed by Transport for NSW Maritime's Maritime Infrastructure Delivery Office (MIDO). There are fears that natural processes are causing the entrance to close warranting concerns over safety of vessels transiting the bar and future impacts on the use of Merimbula as a fishing port. A training wall may see the Lake entrance preserved into the future.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED</b> Moved Cassie Price, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried.</p> <p><b>Comment:</b> RFSTEC considered that the NSW Government's Coastal and Estuary Grants Program was a more appropriate funding source for this project. It was noted this funding program provides technical and financial support for projects to help manage the coastal zone. The Committee also recommended the applicant investigate dredging opportunities as a potential alternative option.</p>	SW \$100,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Park series shelter constructed over existing fish cleaning station at	Newcastle Street Furniture	<p>Supply and install a shelter at Bonnells Bay boat ramp area. Newcastle Street Furniture is a family run business, a family that is passionate about fishing, that is based in Newcastle and living in Bonnells Bay. We have been communicating with the local</p>	SW \$6,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Bonnells Bay boat ramp		<p>community and would like to implement some of the community's requests.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED</b> Moved Anna Clark, Seconded Grahame Williams OAM, Carried.</p> <p>Comment: RFSTEC identified the need for the project at this location, however, noted there was insufficient information on land owner approvals, ongoing maintenance plans and asset ownership to enable a detailed assessment. The Committee requested inclusion of this additional information prior to re-submission and further consideration of the application.</p>				
Safety and cleaning	Hot Under Pressure	<p>Mobile hot water pressure cleaning of boat ramps, cleaning tables, wheelie bins, toilet facilities.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED</b> Moved Damian Kerves, Seconded Mick Aubrey, Carried.</p> <p>Comment: RFSTEC noted the application was a concept request from an individual with no budget proposed. DPI to contact the applicant to discuss the application further.</p>	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Swansea Heads shelter and bin tackle recycle bin	Newcastle Street Furniture	<p>Supply and install 3 x shelters over existing picnic tables along the rock bank where recreational fishers congregate in large numbers when the salmon are running. Also have seen large numbers of people with families sitting at these picnic tables without shade while waiting for their family fishing. 2 x Tackle Recycling Bins at either end of the break wall to be supplied to minimise fishing line waste.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED</b> Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Damian Kerves, Carried.</p> <p>Comment: RFSTEC identified the need for the project at this location, however, noted there was insufficient information on land owner approvals, ongoing maintenance plans, asset ownership and the recycling bins to enable a detailed assessment. The Committee requested inclusion of this additional information prior to re-submission and further consideration of the application.</p>	SW \$16,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Upgrade of fish clean table and shelter at Blacksmiths boat ramp area	Newcastle Street Furniture	<p>Upgrade and install a fish cleaning table and shelter at Blacksmiths boat ramp area. Newcastle Street Furniture is a family run business, a family that is passionate about fishing, that is based in Newcastle and living in Lake Macquarie. We have been communicating with the local community and would like to implement some of the community's requests.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED</b> Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Damian Kerves, Carried.</p> <p>Comment: RFSTEC identified the need for the project at this location, however, noted there was insufficient information on land owner approvals, ongoing maintenance plans and asset ownership to enable a detailed assessment. The Committee requested inclusion of this additional information prior to re-submission and further consideration of the application.</p>	SW \$9,850	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Watson's Bay Wharf Fish Cleaning Station	Sydney Game Fishing Club	<p>Install new fish cleaning station at Watsons's Bay Wharf.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED</b> Moved Mick Aubrey, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried.</p> <p><b>Comment:</b> Grahame Williams OAM declared a potential conflict of interest as he was a member of the club. The Chair determined there was no pecuniary interest and Mr Williams was permitted to stay in the room during discussion. RFSTEC understood that there was no full time public access to the fish cleaning table site. The Committee requested that DPI contact the applicant to determine if this issue can be addressed prior to potential re-submission and further consideration of the application.</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$8,635</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>

#### Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Aquatic habitat rehabilitation and cleaning of introduced rubbish	Individual	<p>To freedive and collect lead, fishing line, golf balls, lures, jigs and rubbish along with other fishing and recreational debris from local waters. These products can then be recycled and or disposed of correctly.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED</b> Moved Lisa Terry, Seconded Micah Adams, Carried.</p> <p><b>Comment:</b> RFSTEC acknowledged the proactive nature of Mr Kiggins' application, however recommended the individual application would benefit greatly from a partnership approach to improve the effectiveness of the project. RFSTEC recommended the applicant be referred to OzFish which has established litter programs.</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$9,450</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Copacabana stormwater pollutant trap upgrade	Central Coast Council	<p>Replace the deteriorated stormwater pollutant trap at Del Monte Place, Copacabana. The existing screen is ineffective and needs upgrading. The upgraded trap will capture stormwater pollutants from a 7Ha catchment before they enter Cockrone Lagoon.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED</b> Moved Micah Adams, Seconded Mick Aubrey, Carried.</p> <p><b>Comment:</b> RFSTEC considered that the NSW Government's Coastal and Estuary Grants Program was a more appropriate funding source for this project. It was noted this funding program provides technical and financial support for projects to help manage the coastal zone.</p>	SW \$10,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Supply Tackle Recycle Bins and to NSW popular Fishing Ramps, Beaches and locations	Newcastle Street Furniture & Marine Focus	<p>Supply and install 40 x Tackle Recycle Bins for recreational fishers to dispose of unwanted line so we as a community can decrease the impact of pollution and injuries to marine animals within NSW. Providing education and 100% recycled products from the waste collected.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED</b> Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Damian Kerves, Carried.</p> <p><b>Comment:</b> RFSTEC acknowledged the proactive nature of the application, however recommended the individual application would benefit greatly from a partnership approach to improve the effectiveness of the project, noting there are existing, established tackle bin projects. RFSTEC recommended that DPI advise the applicant about the established programs.</p>	SW \$9,800	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0



Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Developing safety communications for recreational fishers through participant-led design	UNSW Sydney	<p>Using a participant-led design, recreational fishers will be surveyed on factors impacting safety (experience, rurality, ethnicity) and participate in the development of safety communication tools, to be implemented by RLSNSW.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED</b> Moved Micah Adams, Seconded Damian Kerves, Carried.</p> <p><b>Comment:</b> RFSTEC noted there had been no consultation with the recreational fishing sector. RFSTEC noted that various recreational fishing groups have been significantly involved in fishing safety programs in NSW and recommended that the applicant consult with these groups prior to potential re-submission. The Committee requested DPI to provide contact details of these groups to the applicant.</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$24,096</p> <p>FW</p> <p>\$10,327</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p> <p>FW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p> <p>FW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p> <p>FW</p> <p>\$0</p>
Ecology, spatial dynamics, and population structure of sailfish in Australia	The University of Queensland (UQ)	<p>The project will investigate the ecology of sailfish in Australian waters, including spatio-temporal dynamics, habitat use, distribution, and movement patterns. It will also resolve global population structure.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED</b> Moved Mick Aubrey, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried.</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> RFSTEC regarded the project as a multi-jurisdictional program with the majority of the Australian sailfish population in non-NSW waters. RFSTEC recommended that the applicant seek contributing funding from other relevant states and territories.</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$106,274</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Food Web Characteristics of Urchin Barrens: Who is in control?	Individual	<p>Assessing the potential of five known urchin predators (S. verreauxi, C. auratus, A. viridis, H. jacksonii, B. brevicaudata) to control the temperate reef urchin species C. rodgersii and H. erythrogramma.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED</b> Moved Anna Clark, Seconded Lisa Terry, Carried.</p> <p><b>Comment:</b> RFSTEC noted it was apparent the project had not received approval from the University of Newcastle yet, which should be received prior to consideration by RFSTEC.</p>	SW \$33,000	SW \$33,000	SW \$33,000	SW \$0
Impacts of a changing East Australian Current on the distribution of Australian salmon	Sydney Institute of Marine Science	<p>Recent observations suggest that the distribution of Australian salmon in NSW has changed. This study will assess the impact of a changing East Australian Current on the future distribution and recruitment of the species.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED</b> Moved Lisa Terry, Seconded Micah Adams, Carried.</p> <p><b>Comment:</b> RFSTEC questioned the selection of Australian salmon as a species to inform impacts of climate change based on recent anecdotal fisher observations of salmon distribution. Alternative, more ideal species were suggested which included kingfish and snapper.</p>	SW \$0	SW \$80,595	SW \$45,310	SW \$13,800

Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
FISH FOR LIFE 10 part online series	six sixty productions	<p>FISH FOR LIFE is a 10 part broadcast quality series of 3 to 5 minute shows presented by a diverse range of 14 to 18 year old males and females. FISH FOR LIFE aims to promote recreational fishing to their peer group and ages below throughout New South Wales. Kids who love fishing become adults who love fishing.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Damian Kerves, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: It was noted the project had significant overlap/duplication with the current Fish For Life Campaign Program currently being undertaken and supported with funding from the Recreational Fishing Trusts.</b></p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$35,000</p> <p>FW</p> <p>\$15,000</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p> <p>FW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p> <p>FW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p> <p>FW</p> <p>\$0</p>
What's in my fish? Assessing pollutants in our estuary species	DMCP Operations Ltd	<p>The Local Aboriginal Lands Council, the youth group EcoGroms and the CSIRO Scientist In Schools Program will collaborate to analyse pollutants in fish caught in coastal estuaries.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Damian Kerves, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: RFSTEC expressed concern about the scientific rigour of the proposed methodology and also noted the stated deliverables are focused on community engagement about fishing sustainability rather than scientific outputs.</b></p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$58,250</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>