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## Recreational Fishing Trusts Investment Plan 2018/19 – 2020/21

### Vision

Deliver a wide range of programs to boost recreational fishing opportunities in NSW.

### Goals

- Innovative projects to boost recreational fishing tourism opportunities.
- Promotion of recreational fishing as a healthy, outdoors activity for the whole family.
- Educating fishers to fish responsibly and safely.
- Promoting the sustainable growth of recreational fishing.

### Background

All money raised by the NSW Recreational Fishing Licence Fee is placed into the Recreational Fishing Trusts and spent on improving recreational fishing in NSW.

Hundreds of projects have been funded from recreational fishing licence fees in NSW since 2001 and many of these have been completed.

This Investment Plan provides a guide on expenditure of funds on projects in key priority areas from the NSW Recreational Fishing Trusts over the current three year period (see enclosed tables). New projects to take account of any new emerging priorities for expenditure of Trust funds are periodically added to this Plan following annual funding rounds.

A range of partners are undertaking the projects in this Plan, including DPI, other government organisations, fishing clubs, community groups and universities. The NSW Government also continues to contribute funding from general state revenue every year to manage and improve recreational fishing in NSW.

## Priority areas for funding opportunities

1. Fishing enhancement – e.g. fish aggregating devices, artificial reefs and fish stocking.
2. Education – e.g. fishing workshops, Fishcare volunteers, schools education, fishing advisory, increasing participation in recreational fishing.
3. Fishing access and facilities – e.g. fishing platforms, cleaning tables, safety infrastructure & other facilities, protecting fishing access.
4. Aquatic habitat rehabilitation – e.g. habitat action grants to improve fish habitat.
5. Research on recreational fishing – e.g. fishing surveys, stock assessment, angler catch projects.
6. Enforcement of fishing rules – fisheries officers.

## What have Trust investment plans delivered on?

### Fast facts:

- Boosted stocking in creeks and dams to around 5 million native fish and trout and salmon each year.
- Offshore artificial reefs constructed off Sydney, Shoalhaven Heads, Port Macquarie, Southern Sydney ("JD" reef), Newcastle, Wollongong and Tweed Heads. More reefs to follow soon.
- 30 fish aggregating devices deployed each year to boost angler catch.
- Around 100 schools and 5,000 kids participating in 'Get Hooked...it's fun to fish' program each year.
- Around 300 additional fish habitat grants have been provided to remove barriers to fish migration, replanting river bank vegetation and restoring water flows.
- Fish cleaning tables and fishing platforms constructed each year.
- 300 Fishcare Volunteers out and about promoting responsible fishing.

Previous Investment Plans can be downloaded from -

[www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/recreational-fishing-fee/licence-fees-at-work](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/recreational-fishing-fee/licence-fees-at-work)

## Applying for funding

A major round of funding is advertised each year by DPI calling for applications. There are also two minor rounds during each year.

Anyone can apply for funding from the Trusts, including fishing clubs, community groups, universities and even individuals. More information on how to apply for funding can be found at [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/recreational-fishing-fee/licence-fees-at-work/apply-for-funds](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/recreational-fishing-fee/licence-fees-at-work/apply-for-funds)

## **Partnerships and linkages**

It is recognised that some projects can benefit other sectors such as commercial and Aboriginal Fishing, conservation, boating etc. DPI will work with project applicants to identify and leverage funding where there is overlap of benefits and encourage various sector groups to collaborate to boost potential outcomes of projects. Joint funding arrangements are actively encouraged.

## **Assessment**

Applications are carefully assessed against a range of criteria, including the extent of benefits to recreational fishing, cost effectiveness, support from recreational fishing organisations or other relevant groups/agencies, innovation, project team expertise and track record and technically sound methodology. Angler committees provide recommendations to the Minister's Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council which in turn provides advice to the Minister for Primary Industries. Successful projects are promoted in the media to advise fishers about new and ongoing projects to benefit recreational fishing.

## **Financial accountability**

It is important that the Trusts are accountable to the community for how Trust funds are spent. DPI carries out periodic surveys of recreational fishing licence holders to ensure that the broad funding priorities are in line with angler expectations. Trust financial statements are published on the DPI website. Independent audits of the Trusts are also undertaken periodically.

## Summary of projects recommended for funding from the Recreational Fishing Trusts 2018/19 – 2020/21

*Note: SW and FW denote the Saltwater and Freshwater Trusts, respectively. Amounts shown are the approved funds for each project. All projects valued at \$10,000 or less listed below receive funding through the Small Grants Program.*

### Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Project	Partner Organisation	Agency	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>Construction of a shelter over Fitzgerald Bridge fish cleaning table</b> To construct and install a shelter over the fish cleaning table located by the boat launching ramp at Fitzgerald Bridge, Raymond Terrace	Port Stephens Council		SW \$3,200	SW \$0	SW \$0
<b>Construction of two new accessible fishing Platforms - #1 and #2 – on Nambucca Heads boardwalk</b> To upgrade the boardwalk, and construction of accessible fishing platforms at two prime locations, currently used by recreational fishers, is proposed, as part of these works.	Nambucca Shire Council		SW \$77,325	SW \$0	SW \$0
<b>Installation of Disabled Accessible Fish Cleaning table – Gordon Park, Nambucca Heads</b> Provide a new disabled accessible fish cleaning table – relocated position – at Gordon Park, adjacent to the boat ramp, and near to the end of the boardwalk.	Nambucca Shire Council		SW \$10,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
<b>Installation of Disabled Accessible Fish Cleaning table – Stuart Island, Nambucca Heads</b> Provide a new disabled accessible fish cleaning table on Stuart Island, Nambucca Heads, as a replacement of older, outdated, and unhygienic, infrastructure.	Nambucca Shire Council		SW \$10,000	SW \$0	SW \$0

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<b>Mosquito Bay Fishing Table &amp; Boat ramp solar lighting</b> Install 2 x 1000 lumen LED solar powered lights on a powder coated pole on a new structural footing to illuminate the fish cleaning table and boat ramp at Mosquito Bay.	Eurobodalla Shire Council		SW \$7,500	SW \$0	SW \$0
<b>North Haven Boat Ramp Fish Cleaning Table Upgrade</b> Replace an old cleaning table in poor structural condition with a new facility which will be upgraded to include a roof and solar lighting.	Port Macquarie-Hastings Council		SW \$16,125	SW \$0	SW \$0
<b>Port Macquarie (Kooloonbung) Fishermens Wharf</b> Construct new Fishermens Wharf (approximately 10m x 15m) at the former Hastings River Fishermens Cooperative building site at Port Macquarie.		Crown Lands	SW \$100,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
<b>Provision of an accessible fish cleaning table, Aqua Reserve Lake Cathie</b> Provide an accessible fish cleaning table for community use at Aqua Reserve Lake Cathie.	Port Macquarie-Hastings Council		SW \$10,200	SW \$0	SW \$0
<b>Replacement of Tuross Head Wharf fishing table</b> Replace the existing fishing table at Tuross Wharf to increase use by the recreational fishing community.	Eurobodalla Shire Council		SW \$7,500	SW \$0	SW \$0
<b>Tomago Boat Ramp- Fish cleaning table and shelter</b> Install a fish cleaning table and shelter at the Tomago Boat Ramp.	Port Stephens Council		SW \$9,950	SW \$0	SW \$0
<b>Unloading Wharf and Accessible Fishing Platform – Tuncurry NSW</b> Crown Lands is undertaking a project to revitalise the existing timber unloading wharf in front of the Wallis Lake Fishermen's Co-operative in Tuncurry, NSW. This project involves an accessible fishing platform as part of the upgrades to the structure.		Crown Lands	SW \$50,000	SW \$0	SW \$0

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<b>Guyra Area Recreational Fishing Plan</b> Involves preparation of a 'Plan' of its local recreational fishing assets, supported by its community, to determine the clubs future direction for improving our local rec. fishing opportunities.	Guyra Hotel Anglers Club Inc.		FW \$2,050	FW \$0	FW \$0
<b>Recreational Fishing Access Project</b> This project involves dedicated access officers tackling situations where fishing access is being compromised. The officers advocate the importance of recreational fishing and negotiate with stakeholders to identify access solutions to achieve the best possible outcomes for recreational fishers. In simple terms, if there's no access, there's no fishing. More access means more fishing opportunities.		NSW DPI	SW \$160,590 FW \$192,634	SW \$162,500 FW \$197,133	SW \$163,100 FW \$201,743
<b>Fisheries Management Officer (Inland Angler Access)</b> This position primarily focuses on addressing the high volume of Crown Lands road closures and securing angler access for the future. The project also assists in the inspection of access sites and maintenance of an angler access media.		NSW DPI	FW \$148,307	FW \$151,625	FW \$155,025
<b>Minnamurra Boat Ramp Fish Cleaning Table</b> Involves construction of a new fish cleaning table at the Minnamurra boat ramp.	The Council of Municipality of Kiama		SW \$11,800	SW \$0	SW \$0
<b>Recreational Fishing Upgrade: Accessibility &amp; Inclusion Works, Ray Pascoe Park, Tweed Heads</b> Park and jetty infrastructure to be modified, fish cleaning table to be replaced and lighting to be provided increasing amenity and safety.	Tweed Shire Council		SW \$20,000	SW \$0	SW \$0

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<b>Rosedale Beach Access Steps and Stairs</b> Involves installation of timber stairs with handrails to improve the track to provide safer access, in all weather conditions to Rosedale Beach, a popular location for recreational fishers.	Eurobodalla Shire Council		SW \$10,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
<b>Install fish cleaning tables for Lake Glenbawn anglers</b> Install 2x fish cleaning tables (1 at each boat ramp) at Lake Glenbawn for public use.	Reflections Holiday Parks		FW \$9,725	FW \$0	FW \$0
<b>Accessibility Upgrades to Gwandalan Jetty – Gwandalan Bowling Club Foreshore Reserve</b> Upgrade of the accessibility of jetty at Gwandalan Foreshore including a designated fishing area to allow for accessible and recreational fishing activities.	Central Coast Council		SW \$24,300	SW \$0	SW \$0
<b>All Abilities Fishing Platform – Marmong Point</b> Involves construction of a purpose built fishing platform structure on the foreshore of Lake Macquarie at Marmong Point.	Lake Macquarie City Council		SW \$67,925	SW \$0	SW \$0
<b>BVSC Fish Cleaning Table Upgrades Phase 1</b> Provision of fish cleaning tables at ramps where presently unavailable and to upgrade existing facilities at frequently used ramps.	Bega Valley Shire Council		SW \$110,005	SW \$0	SW \$0
<b>They're too good to lose! – More Water Police patrols to help keep Sydney Harbour ferry wharves open to fishing</b> Provide water police patrols on Sydney Harbour's 50 ferry wharves during summer to deter littering, excessive noise and anti-social behaviour from anglers.		RMS/Water Police	SW \$180,000	SW \$180,000	SW \$180,000

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<b>Bogan Shire Council - Fish Cleaning Table set up</b> Provide a two person, stainless steel fish cleaning table with roof for protection from weather elements adjacent to the Bogan River in Nyngan.	Bogan Shire Council		FW \$0	FW \$9,500	FW \$0
<b>Sportsmans Creek Fish Cleaning Table Replacement</b> Construct a new fish cleaning table near the new pontoon (pontoon to be constructed in early 2019) at the existing Flo Clark Park boat ramp on Sportsmans Creek, Lawrence.	Clarence Valley Council		SW \$0	SW \$24,556	SW \$0
<b>Northern River Fish Cleaning Station</b> The construction and installation of a fish cleaning station on the northern side of the Evans River.	Evans Head Business & Community Chamber		SW \$0	SW \$10,000	SW \$0
<b>Khancoban Dam Boat Ramp - Fish Cleaning Table</b> Provide fish cleaning facilities at the Khancoban Dam Boat Ramp.	Khancoban Angling Club		FW \$0	FW \$8,300	FW \$0
<b>Manning Point – Fish Cleaning Table Installation</b> Install a low maintenance fish cleaning facility adjacent to Manning Point's primary boat launching ramp.	Mid-Coast Council		SW \$0	SW \$5,800	SW \$0
<b>Endeavour Place, Taree – Fish Cleaning Table Installation</b> Installation of 2 low maintenance fish cleaning facilities adjacent Taree's primary boat launching ramp.	Mid-Coast Council		SW \$0	SW \$9,800	SW \$0
<b>Crowdy Head Fish Cleaning Tables</b> Install fish cleaning facilities at Crowdy Boat Harbour.	Mid-Coast Council		SW \$0	SW \$20,000	SW \$0



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<b>Restoration of Fishing Wharf at Shoalhaven Heads</b> Improve the existing Wharf at Shoalhaven Heads for use as a fishing platform by locals and tourists. Also involves facilities for fishers including a cleaning table, rod holders, lighting and seating for disabled.	Shoalhaven Heads Chamber of Commerce and Tourism		SW \$0	SW \$56,170	SW \$0
<b>Bogolong Dam Project</b> Construct fishing facilities on the Bogolong Dam site.	Weddin Shire Council		FW \$0	FW \$15,000	FW \$0
<b>Quarantine Bay Timber Jetty Renewal</b> Refurbish the existing timber jetty at Quarantine Bay into a level, accessible platform for recreational fishing and associated uses.	Bega Valley Shire Council		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$90,280
<b>Accessibility Upgrades to Gwandalan Jetty – Gwandalan Bowling Club Foreshore Reserve (contingency funding)</b> Provide contingency funding to cover unforeseen costs encountered with the previously Trust funded Gwandalan Jetty accessibility upgrades in order to successfully complete the project.	Central Coast Council		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$22,000
<b>Collarenebri Recreational Fishing Upgrade – Fish Cleaning Station</b> Install a custom orb curved roof fish cleaning station with lighting and pressurised water on the Barwon River at Collarenebri adjacent to the newly developed boat ramp and recreational area.	Collarenebri Fishing Club		FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$13,730
<b>Hanging Rock Fish Cleaning Tables Cover</b> Provide a single, structural cover and lighting over the four fish cleaning tables at Hanging Rock boat ramp.	Eurobodalla Shire Council		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$14,336

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<b>Mill Bay Fish Cleaning table replacement</b> Remove an existing fish cleaning table at Mill Bay, Narooma, which is situated in an area suffering erosion and replacing it with a new fish cleaning table in a more suitable location nearby.	Eurobodalla Shire Council		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$9,005
<b>Northern River Fish Cleaning Station (contingency funding)</b> Provide contingency funding to cover unforeseen expenses encountered due to a relocation of the proposed location of the previously Trust funded fish cleaning station to the northern breakwater of the Evans River mouth bringing it into deeper water.	Evans Head Business & Community Chamber		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$5,000
<b>Accessible Fishing Platform Lake Wallace</b> Install a relocatable floating accessible fishing platform at Lake Wallace, Wallerawang, to enable fishers in wheelchairs or with mobility restrictions to fish at this popular and well stocked fishing waterbody.	Lithgow City Council		FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$53,062
<b>Management of Merimbula Fish Cleaning Pontoon – 3 year extension of SS003 which concludes 30 June 2020</b> The Merimbula fish cleaning pontoon is situated near the entrance of Merimbula Lake and provides essential services for fishers. Funding will ensure ongoing management and maintenance of the facility by the club.	Merimbula Big Game & Lakes Angling Club Inc.		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$7,370
<b>Jabiru Fish Cleaning Table</b> Install a new fish cleaning table at Jabiru Reserve, Lake Cathie, providing a safe and hygienic facility and encouraging increased participation by boating and shore-based fishers.	Port Macquarie-Hastings Council		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$18,255

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<b>Installation of Solar LED Lighting at Fish Cleaning Tables across Port Stephens</b> Install solar LED lighting at various fish cleaning tables across the Port Stephens LGA.	Port Stephens Council		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$8,750
<b>Fish Cleaning Table – Copeton Dam</b> Install a fish cleaning table at Fireball Point, Copeton Dam.	Reflections Holiday Parks		FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$9,800
<b>Erowal Bay – Fish Cleaning Table Relocation</b> Relocate and provide a new fish cleaning table closer to deeper water to better manage waste disposal and amenity issues for the purposes of mitigating community and neighbour complaint.	Shoalhaven City Council		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$7,500
<b>Heimdall House Jetty Restoration- an original recreational fishing facility for the Sussex Inlet Community</b> Restore the jetty in front of the site of the original Heimdall House built on the Sussex Inlet estuary. This will enable the jetty to meet safety standards, enhance physical appearance and ensure continued use for fishing, tourism and educational activities.	Sussex Inlet and District Chamber of Commerce Inc		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$63,811
<b>The Mill Pond - A New Public Fishery</b> Wallerawang CAS was approached by a private company who has offered free access to anglers to the Mill Pond, one of their water storages located at the old Portland cement quarries. DPI Fisheries has negotiated a legal deed of access to the waterbody securing managed public access for anglers to the site. The agreement has some access conditions to ensure public safety and requires installation of some infrastructure.	Wallerawang branch CAS		FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$78,418

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<b>Wee Waa Recreational Fishing Upgrade – Fish Cleaning Station</b> Install a custom orb curved roof fish cleaning station with lighting and pressurised water on the Namoi River at “Yellowbanks” Wee Waa adjacent to the newly developed boat ramp, recreational and camp area.	Wee Waa Fishing Club		FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$18,800

**Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement**

Project	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>Creating new fishing locations by building more offshore artificial reefs (2018-2020)</b> Involves implementation of 4 new offshore artificial reefs to maximise benefits and fishing opportunity for recreational fishers.	Subcon Technologies (18/19), Pacific Marine Group (19/20)	Tender administered by NSW DPI	SW \$2,200,000	SW \$2,200,000	SW \$0
<b>Batemans Bay offshore artificial reef</b> Involves implementation of a new offshore artificial reef to maximise benefits and fishing opportunity for recreational fishers.	To be determined by tender	Tender administered by NSW DPI	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$600,000
<b>Bigger fish for Snowy Lakes</b> Construct a new hatchery building to augment production of quality trout fingerlings for stocking within the Snowy Mountains region.		NSW DPI	FW \$30,000	FW \$200,000	FW \$0
<b>Dollar for dollar native fish stocking program</b> To provide funding to match stocking groups in the raising of funds to purchase native fish from private hatcheries to stock into public waterways.	Various fishing clubs, councils, community groups	Grants administered by DPI	FW \$250,000	FW \$250,000	FW \$250,000
<b>Enhanced Fish Production</b> To provide additional operational funding at Government fish hatcheries (Narrandera, Jindabyne, Ebor & Port Stephens) to boost fish production / stocking capabilities and enhance recreational fishing opportunities.		NSW DPI	FW \$388,919	FW \$398,643	FW \$408,530
<b>Fisheries Management Officer (inland recreational fisheries)</b> The role prepares stocking plans, conducting site assessments, analysis of fish stocking data and facilitating hundreds of stocking permits each year as well as correspondence to stocking groups.		NSW DPI	FW \$136,717	FW \$140,135	FW \$143,638

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<b>Gaden trout hatchery</b> To provide operational funding for the Gaden trout hatchery to ensure a continuation in the production and stocking of trout to enhance recreational fishing.	Approx. 40 fishing organisations assist with stocking	NSW DPI	FW \$668,266	FW \$684,973	FW \$702,097
<b>Boosting our fisheries: stocking NSW estuaries with popular species to enhance recreational fishing opportunities</b> This marine stocking program involves the breeding and proposed release of dusky flathead, kingfish mulloway, Eastern king prawns and other species along the coast using the world's best stocking practices to enhance recreational fishing in estuaries.		NSW DPI	SW \$292,150	SW \$295,000	SW \$299,080
<b>Fish Aggregation Devices (FADs) – more places for people to fish</b> Involves assembly and installation of FADs (large buoys) to provide reliable offshore fishing locations where recreational fishers can target a variety of popular pelagic fish over spring, summer and autumn.		NSW DPI	SW \$248,000	SW \$254,000	SW \$260,000
<b>Recreational Fisheries Enhancement Co-ordination: Making Reefs and FADs happen</b> 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 coordinates these programs to ensure their timely implementation with great benefits for fishers.		NSW DPI	SW \$208,500	SW \$213,500	SW \$219,500
<b>Investigations of nodavirus infection in aquaculture reared Australian bass – dollar for dollar (\$ 4 \$) hatcheries</b> Testing of Australian bass and estuary perch produced at marine commercial hatcheries for the purposes of public fish stocking.		NSW DPI	FW \$20,000	FW \$20,000	FW \$20,000

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<b>Infrastructure redevelopment at the Narrandera Fisheries Centre</b> Construction of new ponds to enable an increase in fish production at Narrandera Fisheries Centre providing fish.		NSW DPI	FW \$155,400	FW \$0	FW \$0
<b>Extra operational funds for emergency native fish rescue and drought recovery activities</b> Undertake native fish recovery operations to protect and restore native fish populations impacted by the drought across the Murray Darling Basin.		NSW DPI	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$180,000
<b>Stocking of Estuary Perch within Brogo, Danjera and Glennies Creek dams</b> Continue to stock up to 20,000 Estuary Perch fingerlings within Brogo Dam over the next 2 years and to commence Estuary Perch stockings within Danjera and Glennies Creek Dams (up to 90,000 Estuary Perch fingerlings), to provide anglers with exciting new high quality recreational fishing opportunities.		NSW DPI	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$25,000
<b>Purchase of an additional fish transportation vehicle for drought response and hatchery expansion activities</b> Purchase a new fish transportation vehicle as part of recovery operations for critical drought response and the expansion of the Narrandera Fisheries Centre Hatchery.		NSW DPI	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$250,000
<b>Manilla Native Fish Hatchery structure and operations</b> Provides operational funding support for the not-for-profit Manilla Native Fish Hatchery to enable golden perch breeding and stocking into local public waterways to continue. The hatchery is run by community volunteers.	Manilla Fishing Hatchery Inc		FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$9,700

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<b>Bingara Fish Hatchery upgrade</b> To improve the community Bingara Fish Hatchery facilities to ensure ongoing stockings of native fish in the New England region. The hatchery is run by volunteers and produces fish for stocking in public waterways.	Bingara Anglers Club		FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$174,905



**Platform: Recreational fishing education**

Project	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>2018 Disadvantaged community members engagement in sustainable recreational angling</b> To educate and promote recreational fishing to members of the public with social, physical and / or intellectual difficulties using theory and practical workshops and supervised outings.	Hunter Native Fish Incorporated		FW \$4,050	FW \$0	FW \$0
<b>Carp We Don't Keepit – Junior Angler Participation</b> OzFish Northwest sub – project in partnership with Lake Keepit Family Fishing Club and The Pub Angling Club aim to provide fun, attractive and age appropriate educational materials as a resources pack for junior participants at the Carp We Don't Keepit Carp Muster.	OzFish Northwest		FW \$4,000	FW \$0	FW \$0
<b>Fishing lures for responsible fishers – reward program</b> Fisheries Officers offer anglers fishing lures as a gift in instances where they are undertaking responsible fishing.		NSW DPI	FW \$8,500	FW \$0	FW \$0
<b>Supporting fish hatchery trainees</b> This project supports fisheries students with practical skills learnt in a native fish hatchery to improve the number and quality of fish produced at the Narrandera hatchery.		NSW DPI	FW \$5,000	FW \$5,000	FW \$5,000
<b>Fishing for a future</b> The Fishing for a Future program encourages young offenders and youth at risk into fishing to divert them from crime and anti-social behaviour.	Lake Macquarie PCYC		SW \$2,200	SW \$0	SW \$0

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<b>Lets Go Fishing – Educating School Children on the Sustainable Benefits of Recreational Fishing : Phase 3</b> Provides fishing equipment in schools fishing kits as part of the Lets Go Fishing project. Also provides online educational support and links between industry and schools.	Australian Fishing Trade Association		SW \$106,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
<b>Fishcare – Volunteers and Education Officers proactively undertaking face to face education of anglers across NSW</b> The NSW Fishcare Volunteer program is one of the flagship programs of the Recreational Fishing Trusts. It uses a network of six dedicated Education Officers and 250 motivated Fishcare Volunteers across NSW to provide face to face and hands-on education to anglers on the ground. Our mission is to create a team of fishing stewards that champion, responsible fishing and a sustainable secure fishing future.	250 Fishcare Volunteers	NSW DPI	SW \$595,000 FW \$305,000	SW \$604,000 FW \$313,500	SW \$613,000 FW \$318,000
<b>Get Hooked...it's fun to fish – providing a fun, interactive recreational fishing program for school students to learn about sustainable fishing</b> Get Hooked is a proactive kid's recreational fishing program aligned to the NSW Curriculum. Our mission is to reach out to students and teachers through fun and interactive fishing programs. Passionate dedicated Fishcare Volunteers, Trust 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 annually to put their new skills into practice.	100 primary schools	NSW DPI	SW \$360,000 FW \$53,800	SW \$366,960 FW \$54,840	SW \$371,400 FW \$55,500

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<b>NSW Fishing Workshops – Fostering new and existing fishers to be the guardians of tomorrow</b> Fishing workshops teach responsible fishing practices to children and the community throughout NSW, providing an enjoyable educational experience that aims to teach the basics of fishing to a newcomer giving them the skills to continue in the sport.	Various non-government organisations in partnership e.g. PCYC, Sydney International Regatta Centre, Guides and Scouts, Landlearn, etc.	NSW DPI	SW \$35,000 FW \$21,000	SW \$35,000 FW \$21,000	SW \$35,000 FW \$21,000
<b>Sydney Game Fishing Club Educational Seminars</b> Sydney Game Fishing Club plans to implement a series of educational and interactive seminars/presentations to our members and the wider general public over a twelve-month period.	Sydney Game Fishing Club		SW \$0	SW \$6,500	SW \$0
<b>SPEARSAFE, safety and sustainability for Spearfishers</b> The Australian Underwater Federation will create some new safety, sustainability and interaction videos for the benefit of freedivers, spearfishers and snorkelers.	Australian Underwater Federation Incorporated		SW \$0	SW \$8,953	SW \$0
<b>Assisting others to enjoy fishing 2019- 2020</b> This project involves holding two Junior Fishing Clinics and 1 CanTeen Cancer Kids visit. Involves teaching how to rig rods, tie knots, bait hooks, cast rods, gather bait from inter tidal zones, cast, catch and release fish and look after the environment.	Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Club inc		SW \$0	SW \$3,950	SW \$0
<b>Fishing Then and Now</b> This 10-week program for primary school students provides them with the opportunity to investigate and learn about local traditional Aboriginal fishing techniques and compare them to common day practices.	William Bayldon Public School		SW \$0	SW \$1,970	SW \$0

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<b>NSW Gone Fishing Day – promoting fishing as a healthy, fun, outdoors activity</b> Gone Fishing Day will be held in conjunction with the National Day to recognise and promote the importance of recreational fishing as a healthy, fun, outdoors activity. Funding grants or fishing packages are made available to fishing clubs to hold events in regional NSW while our DPI Fishcare Program hosts major events across NSW. The DPI events have a wide of range of fun activities with many other partner organisations attending the events.	Approx. 50 fishing clubs receiving grants and fishing packages	NSW DPI – 6 events, club grants administered by DPI	SW \$0 FW \$0	DPI events SW \$150,000 FW \$50,000  Fishing club grants SW \$40,000 FW \$20,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$40,000
<b>NSW Saltwater and Freshwater Recreational Fishing Guides - One stop shop for essential fishing info</b> These guides provide an easy to read summary of essential information fishers need before they go fishing. The guides are distributed by tackle shops and Fishcare Volunteers.	Distribution by tackle shops and Fishcare Volunteers	NSW DPI	SW \$98,000 FW \$42,000	SW \$98,000 FW \$42,000	SW \$98,000 FW \$42,000
<b>Recreational fishing information – enhancing information to fishers</b> This project involves boosting production and distribution of recreational fishing information to fishers above and beyond what is provided by DPI to promote sustainable fishing and participation. This includes print media such as signage, brochures, social media videos and infomercials while continuing to produce and distribute traditional products such as brochures, signs, guides and the long standing but highly popular sticky measuring ruler.		NSW DPI	SW \$120,000 FW \$20,000	SW \$120,000 FW \$20,000	SW \$120,000 FW \$20,000

Project	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>Servicing our fishers to help ensure our fishing future: Responsible recreational fishing and effective management of fishing competitions</b> This citizen program is all about promoting best recreational fishing practice and competition management techniques based on current science and recreational fishing know-how. The project works with novice to keen anglers, fishing clubs and competition (event) organisers to inform and educate best fishing and handling techniques and drive change in behaviour to increase fisheries performance.	Around 100 fishing tournaments	NSW DPI	SW \$110,320 FW \$36,770	SW \$113,680 FW \$37,890	SW \$116,500 FW \$38,850
<b>Warrawong High School – Project Neptune</b> Project Neptune began in 1998 and involves fishing workshops in school. The highlight is the program's annual deep sea charter.	Warrawong High School		SW \$2,440	SW \$0	SW \$0
<b>Fishing for a future</b> This program aims to encourage young offenders and youth at risk into fishing.	Lake Macquarie PCYC		SW \$2,600	SW \$0	SW \$0
<b>Fish For Life campaign to strengthen social licence and grow recreational fishing in NSW</b> RFNSW has identified the need for recreational fishing in NSW to strengthen its social licence with the wider community. A brand titled 'Fish for Life – Building A Healthy Fishing Future' has been developed to promote the positive aspects of fishing in order to ensure fishing in NSW retains widespread community support and to boost participation in this healthy, outdoors activity. The proposed funding will support the supply of a promotional campaign by an expert marketing company to be sourced by government tender.	To be determined by tender	Tender administered by DPI	SW \$400,000 FW \$100,000	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$0 FW \$0

Project	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>The Fly Program – Men In Flight Program</b> The Fly Program's Men In Flight program will implement a second year of intensive programs, aimed at improving the mental health of men using fishing as a therapeutic activity. It will also promote the significant health and socio-economic benefits recreational fishing has directly on participants and the wider community of family, friends and co-workers that surround each participant in the program.	The Fly Program Ltd.		SW \$57,876	SW \$0	SW \$0
<b>Cull of the carp</b> To print and supply participants of the 2018 Yarrawonga/Mulwala Cod Classic with carp eradication stickers.	Yarrawonga College P-12 Year 12 VCAL PD		FW \$500	FW \$0	FW \$0
<b>Casting for Recovery - a Weekend Fly Fishing Retreat for Women with Breast Cancer. An ACT regional project with vision of it becoming an Australian National Project with regional branches.</b> Provide a free fly fishing retreat including tuition on a one-to-one basis, weekend accommodation and care for up to 14 women who have breast cancer.	ACT Fly Fishers		FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$7,338
<b>Walcha Bowling Club Fishing Club – Kids Fishing Workshop</b> The Club proposes to introduce recreational fishing to the youth of Walcha and surrounding communities by sponsoring children to attend DPI's kids' fishing workshops at the Dutton Trout Hatchery where participants will be educated by DPI staff. It is expected that three events each supporting up to 10 children will be held each year for an initial period of two years.	Walcha Bowling Club Fishing Club		FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$1,920

Project	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>Gone fishing – Supporting Student Learning Through Fishing</b> Involves students disengaged in learning and with low literacy levels to participate in a program where they will actively learn to fish (including using the services of a charter operator) and understand the importance of sustainable fishing. They will also engage in reading in relation to fishing and sustainability and make connections in their community and develop resilience.	Granville Boys High School		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$5,000
<b>Convene a 'Screens for Streams' stakeholder forum to investigate options and pathways for adoption of fish screening technology</b> This project has been developed by RFNSW and involves convening a stakeholder forum to provide an opportunity for knowledge and ideas exchange between local irrigation districts, water managers, the broader scientific and engineering communities and other regional stakeholder communities, including recreational fishing groups. The inclusive forum will discuss and investigate options and potential pathways on how best to promote adoption of fish screening technology across the wide range of gravity and pumped irrigation offtakes. Key organisation contacts could include Water NSW, Cotton Australia, the Murray Darling Basin Authority, Environment, Energy and Science (formerly OEH), Commonwealth Department of Agriculture and Water, Fisheries Research Development Corporation and other relevant groups. Following the forum, an implementation and options strategy will be developed for fish screening initiatives in partnership with industry, which will have demonstrable benefits to native fish stocks but also screening outcomes for irrigators.		NSW DPI (on behalf of RFNSW)	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$148,000

**Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation**

Project	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>Aquatic habitat protection and fish conservation - Greater Murray NSW</b> Provision of fish conservation management services for the Murray, lower Darling and Murrumbidgee catchments of NSW, to enhance key fish habitat protection and recreational fishery involvement in fish habitat protection and management.		NSW DPI	FW \$211,392	FW \$215,927	FW \$220,574
<b>Habitat Action Program - making more fish... naturally</b> Provides habitat action grants to the community to enhance fish habitat in NSW and support healthy, resilient recreational fisheries.	Various fishing clubs, councils, community groups	Grants administered by DPI	SW \$657,631 FW \$267,874	SW \$725,974 FW \$306,983	SW \$794,302 FW \$346,084
<b>Flagship Habitat Action</b> The Flagship Habitat Action program provides funding for on-ground works for large-scale strategic coastal fish habitat rehabilitation activities to restore highly productive, resilient fisheries.	Various fishing clubs, councils, community groups	Grants administered by DPI	SW \$448,000	SW \$448,000	SW \$448,000
<b>NSW Fishway Strategy for Fish Passage Remediation at Priority Barriers</b> Development of a strategic 20-year statewide fishway infrastructure strategy to remediate the top 160 priority barriers to migrating fish to significantly improve native fish populations and recreational fishing opportunities.		NSW DPI	SW \$87,447 FW \$349,788	SW \$89,383 FW \$357,512	SW \$0 FW \$0



Project	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>Aquatic habitat protection and fish conservation - South Coast NSW</b> Provision of fish conservation management services for the south coast, Snowy Mountains and Southern Tablelands of NSW to enhance key fish habitat protection and recreational fishery involvement in fish habitat protection and management.		NSW DPI	SW \$188,768	SW \$195,739	SW \$201,393
<b>Open top pyramid / opera house yabby trap replacement scheme</b> This project will purchase open top pyramid (kalkyne) traps to replace opera house traps. The open top pyramid yabby trap will supersede the opera house yabby trap, which will become prohibited for use, to protect platypus and other wildlife from inadvertent capture.		Supply of traps to fishers administered by NSW DPI	FW \$0	FW \$50,000	FW \$0
<b>Driving Fish Habitat Action with a Landcare NSW/OzFish Unlimited community partnership</b> It is planned to establish sixty fish habitat restoration sites by OzFish and Landcare combining resources across NSW, building a network of skilled volunteers to continue the work well into the future.	OzFish Unlimited		SW \$114,050 FW \$90,700	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$0 FW \$0
<b>Peel River pollution prevention</b> Preventing rubbish pollution in the Peel River by installing Gross Pollutant Traps on stormwater drain outlets flowing into the Peel River. Repurposed shopping trolleys by the local Mens Shed will be used as grill "wings" on either side of storm water outlets to collect excess litter during high flow periods	Tamworth Regional Council		FW \$6,500	FW \$0	FW \$0
<b>Restoring fish habitat off Merimbula Fishing Platform (Wharf)</b> Reduce sea urchin densities by culling to restore weedy habitat and fishing opportunities in fishing areas adjacent to Merimbula wharf.	Merimbula Big Game & Lakes Angling Club Inc.		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$6,000

Project	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>Tackle Bin Project (formerly known as Fishing Line Debris Recovery Program)</b> Purchase additional debris bins to extend project to other identified hotspots for interactions between fishers and wildlife and update and re-print Tide Times brochure promotional material.	Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers Inc. (TVWC)		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$3,097
<b>Driving Fish Habitat Action with a Landcare NSW/OzFish Unlimited community partnership – Years 2 and 3</b> This project involves Ozfish working with Local Landcare Coordinators to develop and facilitate priority fish habitat rehabilitation projects throughout NSW. The first phase of the project in 2019/20 saw the development of 15 habitat restoration projects during the first 12 months. Funding for years 2 and 3 will enable 60 fish habitat restoration sites to be established by OzFish and Landcare combining resources across NSW. The project will build a network of skilled volunteers to continue the work well into the future. The project complements the DPI Habitat Action Grants program (although there is no overlap between projects).	OzFish Unlimited		SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$105,000 FW \$84,700	SW \$174,500 FW \$131,000
<b>NSW Fish Passage Strategy – Finalise Phase 1 Development</b> The NSW Fish Passage Strategy is a coordinated 20-year plan to proactively restore unimpeded fish passage to 165 high priority weirs, which will significantly improve native fish access to 8,885 km of mainstem rivers and key off-channel habitats below all major storage dams in the State. This will significantly improve native fish populations and recreational fishing opportunities. This stage of the project will finalise development and secure funding for fish passage remediation at 47 of the highest priority sites in NSW.		NSW DPI	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$90,612 FW \$90,612	SW \$0 FW \$0

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

Project	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>Building a stronger more sustainable freshwater recreational fishery in NSW</b> This project builds on the long-term recreational fishing research program undertaken throughout the freshwater rivers and impoundments of NSW. The aim is to improve freshwater recreational fisheries in NSW which will result in increased economic, social and environmental benefits.		NSW DPI	FW \$684,801	FW \$704,911	FW \$687,470
<b>Pump Fishway Project: Phase 2 - Fish transfer</b> The Pump Fishway innovation aims to transform fishways' performance and costs. Phase 1 proved the concept; Phase 2 seeks to transfer fish safely over 8m walls, ready for field implementation.	University of New South Wales		FW \$88,601	FW \$0	FW \$0
<b>Screens for Streams: Boosting native fish stocks through improved water extraction practices</b> Will showcase effectiveness of innovative fish screens on irrigation pumps at selected sites across NSW and will facilitate broad-scale uptake of fish screening technologies on irrigation infrastructure across the MDB, to prevent large scale fish losses from water extraction practices.	Charles Sturt University	NSW DPI	FW \$100,000	FW \$100,000	FW \$100,000
<b>Bait Security – building on a solid foundation. To improve access and availability of beachworms to NSW recreational fishers</b> The project supports an evidence-base for improved access, availability and management of NSW beachworms; Quantify fishery selectivity, density and size-structures within fished and unfished areas (e.g. Sanctuary Zones) to inform management options for improved sector access and allocation.		NSW DPI	SW \$62,494	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>Fisheries Enhancement Research and Monitoring Program – Marine Stocking</b> This project will address research and monitoring in relation to Marine Fish Stocking activities to determine effectiveness of stockings.		NSW DPI	SW \$180,410	SW \$186,927	SW \$184,141
<b>Fisheries Enhancement Research and Monitoring Program - Regional plan to monitor NSW offshore artificial reefs</b> This project provides essential monitoring for the Offshore Artificial Reefs program as part of the long term management plan for each reef.		NSW DPI	SW \$240,014	SW \$258,852	SW \$283,585
<b>Monitoring and Research on Landed Fish at Game Fishing Tournaments in NSW: 2018/2019</b> 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.	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd		SW \$30,500	SW \$0	SW \$0
<b>NSW Game Fish Tagging Program</b> The NSW Game Fish Tagging Program of Australia is the largest saltwater tagging program of its kind in the world and has been in operation since 1973. It is used to obtain vital information on the biology of highly migratory fish species. Over 455,000 fish have been tagged by over 50,000 anglers since the beginning of the program. The program has recently extended to key sportfish species such as mulloway, dusky flathead and snapper.	NSW GFA	NSW DPI	SW \$159,590	SW \$164,270	SW \$169,600

Project	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>NSW Game Fish Tournament Monitoring</b> This project collates 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 sustainability.	Ghosn Consulting Services		SW \$72,450	SW \$75,150	SW \$78,400
<b>Provision of Annual Report for the Gamefish Tagging Program for 2017/2018</b> Provision of an informative, attractive and readily accessible report on the Gamefish Tagging Program for the year 2017/2018.	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd		SW \$6,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
<b>Rock Fishing Safety Survey</b> An analysis of rock fishing deaths in the coronial database supported by observational surveys of rock fishers to enable more effective rock fishing safety messages content and delivery.	Central Queensland University		SW \$3,629	SW \$0	SW \$0
<b>The Great Swordfish Race</b> Use key recreational fishers to deploy satellite tags into 10 swordfish off the NSW coast to provide movement, behaviour and post-release survival of fish tagged in NSW in the newly emerging day time deep-drop fishery. A key component of the project will be to establish the world's first "Great Swordfish Race" to engage recreational fishers and the general public in an interactive experience.	ANSA (NSW)	NSW DPI	SW \$74,800	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>Understanding the variable nature of Blue Swimmer Crab populations in NSW estuaries</b> This project will collect information on the reproductive biology and recruitment dynamics of Blue Swimmer Crab to inform future management arrangements, broodstock collection and targeted stocking for this species.		NSW DPI	SW \$100,000	SW \$50,000	SW \$0
<b>Identifying risk from marine debris sourced from recreational fishing and, where appropriate, determining solutions to key issues</b>	Cardno NSW/ACT		SW \$0	SW \$59,000	SW \$0
<b>Revealing the emergence of fish viruses in Australia</b> This study will characterise fish viruses across the Murray-Darling to determine virus host-jumping between native and invasive fish, and assess the safety of virus biocontrol.	Macquarie University		FW \$0	FW \$9,900	FW \$0
<b>Robust resource assessment and stock enhancement for the iconic Murray Crayfish recreational fishery</b> The project will provide (a) targeted and benchmarking monitoring to allow robust resource assessment and (b) consolidation of stock enhancement for this important recreational fishery.	Nature Glenelg Trust		FW \$0	FW \$48,000	FW \$136,000
<b>Integrating recreational fishing information into harvest strategies for multi-sector fisheries in NSW</b> The project will develop defensible methods and a framework for including recreational fishing data into harvest strategies being developed for NSW fisheries.		NSW DPI	SW \$0	SW \$96,422	SW \$99,903

Project	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>Monitoring and Research on Landed Fish at Game Fishing Tournaments in NSW: 2019/2020</b> 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.	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd		SW \$0	SW \$31,000	SW \$0
<b>Provision of Annual Report for the Gamefish Tagging Program for 2018/2019</b> Provision of an informative, attractive and readily accessible report on the Gamefish Tagging Program for the year 2018/2019.	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd		SW \$0	SW \$6,000	SW \$0
<b>Burrowing Behaviour, Mating System and Population Genetics of the Burrowing Mud Shrimp, <i>Trypaea australiensis</i></b> This project will investigate the burrowing behaviour, mating system and population genetics of the mud shrimp to gain a better understanding of its importance as a bait source.	University of Wollongong		SW \$0	SW \$11,259	SW \$0
<b>Integrated Monitoring Program (IMP): Comprehensive ongoing assessment of recreational fishing in NSW – 2019/2021 – using state-wide diary surveys and biological sampling from the charter boat fishery</b> The IMP is the largest recreational fishery citizen-science project in NSW providing a cost-effective platform for collecting high quality information for assessment of recreational fisheries. This program provides reliable catch and effort estimates for key recreational species for stock assessment purposes.	Kewagama Research	Administered by NSW DPI	SW \$573,569	SW \$900,957	SW \$626,512

Project	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>NSW Research Angler Program</b> The Research Angler Program (RAP) is an important, established citizen science and extension project involves collection of fish frames from fishers for a range of important recreational species age, which are then processed to provide essential age information for stock assessments.		NSW DPI	SW \$84,680	SW \$190,600	SW \$192,600
<b>Evaluation of survival behaviour of fish to inform re-stocking programs for recreational fisheries and conservation of wild fish</b> To examine the behaviour of larval and juvenile fish to improve survival of recreational and conservation in stocking programs.	Charles Sturt University		FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$48,883
<b>What can ectoparasites tell us about apex marine predators? A marlin's story</b> Investigate feeding patterns and movement characteristics of striped, black and blue marlin caught in recreational fishing tournaments through ectoparasite taxonomy, morphometrics and stable isotope patterns.	Macquarie University		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$9,900
<b>Citizen Science BRUV Artificial Reef Monitoring Program</b> Develop a pilot citizen science program designed to determine the potential for incorporating citizen science based on baited remote underwater video (BRUV) for artificial reefs. Members of the community who have expressed an interest in participating will be inducted into the project.		NSW DPI	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$34,350
<b>Managing the black bream fishery in southern NSW – understanding genetic spatial distribution</b> Evaluate the genetic spatial distribution of the black bream fishery in southern NSW. This data will form the basis for a future stock assessment and potential stocking activities.		NSW DPI	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$65,303



Project	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>Enhance and upgrade the Gamefish Tagging Program's recapture database through an online GIS platform</b> Recapture information for billfish, tuna and sharks will be verified and migrated to a user-friendly online GIS platform. Visualising recaptures on maps with embedded data will greatly enhance the Program's utility for all stakeholders.	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$19,800
<b>Monitoring and Research on Landed Fish at Game Fishing Tournaments in NSW: 2020/2021</b> Facilitate and conduct monitoring, sampling and biological research on billfish, tuna, sharks and other gamefish captured and weighed at the major game fishing tournaments in NSW.	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$31,000
<b>Provision of Annual Report for the Gamefish Tagging Program for 2019/2020</b> Provision of an informative, attractive and readily accessible report on the Gamefish Tagging Program for the year 2019/2020.	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$6,500
<b>Fish and fish habitats around the estuarine artificial reefs (Reef Balls) in Botany Bay</b> The artificial reefs deployed in 2006-2009 in Botany Bay have not been recently surveyed for fish or seagrass. This project will monitor fish abundance, diversity at rocky reef, sea grass and reef ball habitats to assist in environmental assessments for the proposed cruise ship terminal which may threaten biodiversity, fish habitats and fisher access.	Sydney Institute of Marine Science		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$20,685

Project	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>Literature review on fish habitats in Botany Bay with respect to the proposed cruise ship terminal</b> Extensive fish populations support large recreational fisheries in Botany Bay. However, knowledge about the habitats supporting stocks is outdated and urgently needed given the proposed cruise ship terminal in Yarra Bay.	Sydney Institute of Marine Science (SIMS)		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$80,500
<b>Quantifying the benefits of fish friendly seawalls</b> Quantify the benefits of seawall greening to fish. It will document changes in the community structure and behaviour of seawall-associated fish following interventions adding complexity and seaweeds.	Sydney Institute of Marine Science		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$159,975
<b>Valuing Recreational Spearfishing Competitions – Pilot Study</b> Pilot project to calculate the economic value of two regional recreational spearfishing competitions using an economic analysis technique (travel cost method) based upon surveys of participants.	Sydney Institute of Marine Science		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$9,944
<b>Research observations of water temperature, dissolved oxygen and pH values on trout waters in the Barrington Tops</b> Conduct a 3 year program compiling a detailed log of key indices on varying sites in streams and dams on the Barrington Tops, including the Upper Manning, Hunter and Barrington Rivers and their tributaries with a view to confirm suitability for trout stocking for recreational fishing opportunities.	The Barrington Club Inc.		FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$3,766

Project	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>Restoring Lake Macquarie's <i>Posidonia australis</i> meadows</b> Use recent innovations in restoration to revegetate meadows of the endangered seagrass <i>Posidonia australis</i> in Lake Macquarie while actively involving local recreational fishers. Donor shoots will be collected by volunteers following storms to avoid damaging existing meadows, transferred to growing tanks or ponds until there are enough for restoration, replanted in unvegetated habitat adjacent to environmental friendly moorings and monitored for associated fish and invertebrates.	UNSW Sydney		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$39,935
<b>Citizen science fish monitoring at Leeton Bidgee Classic Fishing Competition</b> The project involves anglers measuring, photographing and recording Murray Cod and Golden Perch caught during the Leeton Bidgee Classic catch and release fishing event held on the Murrumbidgee River above Gogeldrie Weir. The data is provided to DPI Fisheries scientists for monitoring fish stocks. The funds will support purchase of receivers and boosters as well as incentives for catch and release reporting.	Leeton Bidgee Classic Fishing Competition - MIA		FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$9,900

**Platform: Enforcement of fishing rules**

Project	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>6 inland fisheries officers</b> Funding for 6 inland fisheries officers maintaining capacity of NSW DPI to enforce fisheries rules and regulations including recreational fishing fee requirement across NSW inland areas.		NSW DPI	FW \$900,584	FW \$923,099	FW \$946,177
<b>9 coastal fisheries officers</b> 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		NSW DPI	SW \$1,164,325	SW \$1,193,433	SW \$1,223,269
<b>Coastal recreational mobile squads</b> Funding for 3 recreational mobile squad officers maintaining capacity of NSW DPI to enforce saltwater recreational rules and regulations in particular recreational fishing fee requirements whilst patrolling popular fishing areas including recreational fishing havens.		NSW DPI	SW \$519,113	SW \$532,091	SW \$545,393

**Platform: Licence fee payment system & Trust management**

Project	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>RFFTEC/RFSTEC meeting expenses</b>	RFSTEC/RFFTEC		SW	FW	FW
Supports regular meetings of the Recreational Fishing Saltwater and Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committees in order to review trust fund applications and make recommendations to RFNSW Advisory Council and the Minister for Primary Industries on priorities for expenditure from the Recreational Fishing Trusts.			\$33,800	\$34,600	\$35,500
			FW	SW	SW
			\$33,800	\$34,600	\$35,500
<b>Recreational Fishing Infrastructure Co-ordination – Enhancing The Shore-based Fishing Experience For Coastal and Inland Fishers</b>		NSW DPI	SW	SW	SW
To target stakeholder identified gaps in fishing infrastructure in NSW, including fish cleaning facilities and accessible fishing platforms. To provide support to the Trust Executive Officer for financial and auditing management of Trust programs to ensure timely and quality service delivery.			\$144,527	\$148,795	\$151,921
			FW	FW	FW
			\$16,059	\$16,533	\$17,732
<b>Fisheries Manager (inland recreational fisheries)</b>		NSW DPI	FW	FW	FW
The program assists with freshwater legislative review, advisory and policy development. The role co-ordinates the Recreational Fishing Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committee and Gaden Trout Hatchery Management Advisory Committee, management of the dollar for dollar native fish stocking program, enhanced fish production program and Gaden trout hatchery operational program.			\$187,328	\$192,011	\$196,811

Project	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>Recreational Fisher Research Database</b> This project involves data entry of 1 and 3 year fishing fee receipt holders by an external consultant onto the Recreational Angling database for research and management purposes.	To be determined by tender	Tender administered by NSW DPI	SW \$49,000 FW \$21,000	SW \$45,500 FW \$19,500	SW \$42,000 FW \$18,000
<b>Recreational fishing fee awareness program</b> This project seeks to raise awareness amongst the recreational fishing sector of the need for a fishing licence and where licence fees go by using advertising in key fishing magazines, signage, social media and other initiatives (to be identified in the recreational fishing communications plan).		NSW DPI	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$0 FW \$0
<b>Recreational Fishing Fee Renewal Notice System</b> Involves an efficient licence renewal notice system to encourage recreational fishers to renew their fee when it expires. The notice gets sent out to around 250,000 licence holders per year.	To be determined by tender	Tender administered by NSW DPI	SW \$86,000 FW \$36,850	SW \$86,000 FW \$36,850	SW \$86,000 FW \$36,850
<b>Recreational Fishing Licensing (Fee) project</b> This project provides for the safe and secure collection of recreational fishing licences fees (public money) which are deposited into the Recreational Fishing Trusts. It provides a convenient payment network, catering for all types of anglers using a variety of payment methods such as: a dedicated webpage, BPAY, automated telephone, EFTPOS terminals, mail and a manual payment system of sales agents (fishing tackle stores etc) throughout NSW, run by DPI.		Agent network administered by NSW DPI	NSW DPI SW \$955,430 FW \$409,470	NSW DPI SW \$1,044,050 FW \$447,450	NSW DPI SW \$1,059,310 FW \$453,990

Project	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>Recreational Fishing Licensing – Government Licensing Service (GLS) fees</b> This project is part of the licensing system that provides for a convenient payment network for the recreational fishing licence and transfer of revenue into the Recreational Fishing Trusts. The payment network system includes an electronic platform run by Service NSW - Government Licensing Service (GLS) for payment of licence fees electronically as well as for backend management of the licence system. This application covers transaction fees payable to GLS on an annual basis.	Government Licensing Service (GLS)	Department of Primary Industries/ Department of Customer Service (Service NSW)	GLS SW \$560,000 FW \$240,000	GLS SW \$525,000 FW \$225,000	GLS SW \$525,000 FW \$225,000
<b>Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council (RFNSW) consultation and meeting expenses</b> Supports regular meetings of RFNSW which advises the Minister for Primary Industries on recreational fishery policy issues including maintaining and improving the quality of recreational fishing opportunities.	RFNSW		SW \$62,500 FW \$26,700	SW \$63,300 FW \$27,100	SW \$64,100 FW \$27,500
<b>Recreational Fishing Trust Executive Officer</b> The role 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.		NSW DPI	SW \$186,000	SW \$193,000	SW \$199,000

Project	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>Recreational Fishing Trust grants administration program – supporting the delivery of Trust funded projects</b> To improve the delivery and performance of Recreational Fishing Trust funded projects by assigning essential resourcing to grants administration and management. The role facilitates funding agreements to applicants, receives milestones reports, processes project invoices 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.		NSW DPI	SW \$132,941	SW \$136,177	SW \$139,494