



Recreational Fishing Saltwater Trust Expenditure Committee Outcomes, 41st meeting St George Rowing Club Wollii

12 June 2014

Attendees

Bruce Schumacher (chair), Geoff Shelton (Region 4), Lionel Jones (Region 5), John Paton (Region 6a), Ann Garard (Region 7), Greg Liddell (Region 8), Malcolm Poole (RFA), John Burgess (ANSA), Peter Turnell (DPI).

1. Chairs introduction

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Lisa Terry (Region 2), John Featherstone (Region 3), Stuart Rhodes (Region 6b), David Jones (gamefishing).

3. Confirmation of outcomes from previous RFSTEC meeting

The draft outcomes of the 40th RFSTEC meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Moved: John Paton. Seconded: John Burgess. Carried.

4. Action items from previous meetings

The Committee noted the progress on action items from the previous meeting.

5. Recreational Fishing Trust report

The status of the Saltwater Trust was presented. Meeting reports for Trust funded programs were submitted by project managers to enable committee members to review progress of projects prior to the meeting. DPI advised that the number of electronic licence sales continues to increase with a corresponding decrease in manual methods, such as licence agents. The Government Licensing Service has also recently launched a smartphone application for purchasing and renewing a fishing licence, which includes a facility to store your licence on your phone. DPI also advised that the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has completed a statewide review titled: Reforming licensing in NSW. The review aims to identify all licence types in NSW and prioritise those where reform would produce the most red tape savings. Recreational fishing licences were included in the review and IPART recommended that: By end of 2014, the Government should review the recreational fishing licence using the Licensing Framework with respect to duration, fee setting and administration. DPI will be undertaking the review as recommended.

Action item – RFSTEC recommends that ACoRF provide a submission to the IPART review. Moved Malcolm Poole, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried.

Community EOI for Trust programs

A community expression of interest for Trust funded programs was advertised by the Department and widely circulated using a media release, Newscast, mail outs to fishing clubs, councils, the Department's

website and other networks. The closing date for submission of new applications was Monday 14 April 2014. Over 50 applications were received by DPI.

Ongoing promotion of recreational fishing trust programs

The Committee was advised that the 2014 saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing guides fishing had been reprinted and distributed through the various networks during the busy Easter fishing period, including licence agents, Fisheries Officers and Fishcare Volunteers. It is proposed that another Trust promotional video be produced to enhance community awareness of Trust programs and initiatives. The DPI website will also be updated to show a geographical distribution of fishing licence expenditure in NSW. A DPI Fisheries Facebook page is also being used to promote recreational fishing articles, including programs funded by the Recreational Fishing Trusts.

Action item - DPI to distribute recreational fishing guides to expenditure committee members.

Action item – The Chair write to the various parties involved in the Lagers Point boat ramp project congratulating them on the timely and successful completion of the project.

6. Strategic fisheries research plan

DPI advised the Fisheries NSW Strategic Research Plan 2014-2018 has been developed and published. The strategic plan provides a framework to guide the development of future research projects across a range of priority programs, which include threats to fishery resources; sustainable fish harvest; ecosystem assessment; aquatic biodiversity; sustainable aquaculture; fishery enhancement and fish habitat improvement.

A table of recreational fisheries research priorities previously developed by ACoRF, as part of the previous research strategy titled: Planning Strategic Research for Wild Fisheries, Aquatic Ecosystems and Aquaculture in NSW (updated in 2011), was provided to members. This previous strategy contains a series of priorities previously identified by recreational, commercial, aquaculture, research and conservation consultative committees (note: many of the priorities were jointly identified by various consultative committees).

It was noted that many of the research topics listed in the table had been completed or were underway. The Chair invited committee members to submit specific priorities for the development of a new recreational fishing stakeholder research priority list for 2014 and beyond. A template for listing new research program priorities was distributed to committee members.

Action item - RFSTEC to submit any specific coastal stakeholder research priorities by the next RFSTEC meeting.

7. Review of new 2014/15 Trust funding applications

The committee reviewed new Saltwater and joint Freshwater/Saltwater Trust grant applications (large and small grants). Funding recommendations with respect to each project will be forwarded to ACoRF for subsequent recommendations to the Minister for consideration. Meeting recommendations are provided in Tables 1 to 4.

Action item – RFSTEC recommends that ACoRF write to the Minister to request a review of the Fisheries Scientific Committee process in terms of their jurisdiction over issues in Commonwealth waters.

8. Project update: Closing the loop

Project officers from the University of NSW provided an update on the Trust project titled: Closing the loop: Understanding the relationships between recreational fishing surveys, fishing regulations and fisheries management objectives. The Committee noted that the Management Strategy Evaluation model had been completed, which could now be applied to various management scenarios for analysis.

9. Project update: Get hooked...it's fun to fish update

A total of 95 schools have registered for the Get Hooked program in 2014 with over 4840 school students participating this year, including a large number of schools in regional inland areas. A new Get Hooked teachers manual was launched in 2014. A Get Hooked Crab Mascot naming and colouring in competition was held for all registered schools to promote interest in the program. The end of year Get Hooked fishing workshops were run over an 8 week period including 3 new fishing locations: Jervis Bay; Ballina and Wee

Jasper. The fisheries advisory trailer was used at the Sydney Royal Easter Show and over 81,000 contacts were made during the 14 day event.

Action item – New Get Hooked manual to be sent to committee members.

10. Project update: Fisheries enhancement

DPI advised that following completion of the Environmental Impact Statement for marine stocking, it is proposed to implement a small scale stocking program later this year, which will include the stocking of Eastern king prawns. Stockings will have an associated research and monitoring program. An analysis of listed waterways are being reviewed for suitability.

DPI advised that the past FADs season was very successful based on angler catch reports. The FADs are progressively being removed for winter maintenance. Good catches of dolphinfish have been recorded on all FADs, including the far south coast. It was reported that the tender for the Shoalhaven offshore artificial reef had been released and that constraints mapping to assist with site selection for the Port Macquarie offshore reef was underway.

The NSW Minister for Primary Industries, the Hon. Katrina Hodgkinson, also recently announced that two new offshore artificial reefs will be built off the coast of Port Botany. The reefs will be funded under a \$5 million Port Botany Boating and Fishing Infrastructure Program and will be constructed using large concrete modules. A new fishing platform, to provide an all-weather safe fishing location within Port Botany, will also be constructed from the new program.

Action item – RFSTEC write to Mr Stan Konstantaras, ANSA (NSW) to congratulate ANSA on their efforts to establish two offshore reef and fishing platform projects in the Botany Bay area.

11. Next Meeting

The next expenditure committee meeting is scheduled for 18 September 2014.

Action items from previous meetings

Action	Responsibility	Status
Research plan to be developed for recreational fishing.	DPI/ ACoRF/ RFSTEC & RFFTEC	Pending
DPI to facilitate remittance advices with all payments for sitting fees and travel expenses.	DPI	Underway
Fisheries Research to provide a copy of the Aquaculture Research Plan as an example, and the framework for the Recreational Fishing Research Plan to the Committee for their input and subsequent identification of research priorities.	DPI (Fisheries Research)	Completed
Chair of RFSTEC to write to Russell Spencer to congratulate him on winning the Volunteer award.	RFSTEC	Completed

Action items from this meeting

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RFSTEC recommends that ACoRF provide a submission to the IPART review.	ACoRF	Pending
DPI to distribute recreational fishing guides to expenditure committee members.	DPI	Pending
RFSTEC recommends that ACoRF write to the Minister to request a review of the Fisheries Scientific Committee process in terms of their jurisdiction over issues in Commonwealth waters.	ACoRF	Pending
The Chair write to the various parties involved in the Laggars Point boat ramp project congratulating them on the timely and successful completion of the project.	RFSTEC	Pending
RFSTEC to submit any specific coastal stakeholder research priorities by the next RFSTEC meeting.	RFSTEC	Pending

New Get Hooked manual to be sent to committee members.	DPI	Pending
RFSTEC write to Mr Stan Konstantaras, ANSA (NSW) to congratulate ANSA on their efforts to establish two offshore reef and fishing platform projects in the Botany Bay area.	RFSTEC	Pending

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Table 1: Summary of new Saltwater Trust grant applications recommended for funding by RFSTEC

Project Title and Summary	Organisation	2014/15
<i>Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation</i>		
<p>Removal of three redundant road crossing barriers on the Terania Creek within the Richmond River Catchment (note – this is a proposed reallocation of unspent pre-approved Habitat Action Program funds) Removal of 3 redundant causeway obstructing fish passage within Terania Creek, Richmond River catchment, opening up 10 Km of habitat for fish including Australian Bass. SUPPORTED. Moved Malcolm Poole, Seconded Geoff Shelton, Carried.</p>	Lismore City Council	\$9,750
<i>Platform: Fishing access and facilities</i>		
<p>Installation and Upgrade of Stockton and Horseshoe Beach fish cleaning tables The project will install a fish cleaning table at the Newcastle Foreshore Horseshoe Beach and upgrade the existing fish cleaning table at the Ballast Ground - Fullerton Street, Stockton, to meet angler requirements. SUPPORTED. Moved Malcolm Poole, Seconded Lionel Jones, Carried.</p>	The City of Newcastle	\$20,210
<p>Fish cleaning table and shelter at Shoal Bay Boat Ramp The project will install a fish cleaning table and shelter at the recently upgraded Shoal Bay Boat Ramp SUPPORTED. Moved Lionel Jones, Seconded John Paton, Carried.</p>	Port Stephens Council	\$11,495
<p>Construction of shelters over fish cleaning tables at Soldiers Point, Lemon Tree Passage and Karuah The project will install three shelters over fish cleaning tables located at the Soldiers Point Boat Ramp, Lemon Tree Passage Boat Ramp and Karuah Boat Ramp. SUPPORTED. Moved Malcolm Poole, Seconded Lionel Jones, Carried.</p>	Port Stephens Council	\$16,500
<p>South Durras – Fishing Wharf The project will construct a timber fishing wharf to allow anglers with limited mobility and people who do not have a boat to fish in a safe environment SUPPORTED. Moved Malcolm Poole, Seconded John Burgess, Carried.</p>	Eurobodalla Shire Council	\$22,000
<p>Shelter Over Fish Cleaning table at Bomaderry Creek Boatramp The project will extend the fish cleaning table concrete pad and erect a shelter over the existing table. SUPPORTED. Moved Malcolm Poole, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried.</p>	Bomaderry RSL Fishing Club	\$8,916
<p>Crookhaven Heads Regional Boat Ramp - Fishing Platform (additional Funding Request) This funding application is for supplementary funding for the construction of a timber fishing platform and disability compliant concrete access path on an existing rock groyne to facilitate the recreational fishing experience. The initial 2013 funding application relied on in-kind and voluntary support from the Culburra Beach Bowling and Recreational Fishing Club. The Club has since advised they are unable to assist with the project and the project costs have been reviewed upwards. This supplementary funding application will enable completion of the project. SUPPORTED. Moved John Burgess, Seconded Geoff Shelton, Carried.</p>	Shoalhaven City Council	\$10,000

Project Title and Summary	Organisation	2014/15
Platform: Fishing fee coordination and payment network		
<p>Recreational Fishing Trust grants governance enhancement and improvements To improve the performance of Recreational Fishing Trust funded projects by increasing essential resourcing to grants administration and management. To ensure the administration and governance of the expenditure of Recreational Fishing Trust funding is proactively managed and to improve the standard of project management and communication across all Trust funded projects. Peter Turnell declared a conflict of interest and did not vote, DPI staff left while project discussed. SUPPORTED. Moved John Paton, Seconded Greg Liddell, Carried.</p>	NSW DPI	\$122,127
Platform: Recreational fishing education		
<p>Reels, Rambles, Reefs and Rubbish This recreational fishing program involves a three-tiered approach to raise awareness about the importance of the marine environment and responsible fishing practices in the Mosman area. These three aspects are artificial reef construction, recreational fishing education and underwater clean-ups. SUPPORTED. Moved John Paton, Seconded Malcolm Poole, Carried. <i>Note - Reduced amount of \$10,000 supported for clean up and educational signage and DPI to provide Reefballs inc assessment and project management of that component.</i></p>	Mosman Municipal Council	\$10,000
<p>Phase three of the Guide to Spearfishing in New South Wales This project follows the success of the 1st and 2nd editions of the Guide to Spearfishing in New South Wales and involves reprinting and distribution of a further approximate 15,000 copies. Publications are to be distributed to industry, government, media, relevant associations, the general public and the spearfishing community Malcolm Poole and John Burgess declared an interest. SUPPORTED. Moved Ann Garard, Seconded Geoff Shelton, Carried.</p>	Underwater Skindivers and Fishermen's Association (USFA)	\$17,000
<p>Improving recreational angler relations with the wider community and media by building capacity for SEA LIFE Rescue in Sydney Harbour and surrounds. The project offers the opportunity for recreational anglers to support and build capacity for aquatic animal rescue involving fishing gear entanglement/ingestion in Sydney Harbour and surrounds. Initially this would involve the de-hooking of GNS at Magic Point. SUPPORTED. Moved Ann Garard, Seconded John Paton, Carried. <i>Note - Supported subject to partnership arrangement with ANSA and DPI outlining the treatment of evidence, rescues and media.</i></p>	SEA LIFE Conservation Fund	\$6,600
<p>Sydney International Boat Show – Fishcare Bluey Advisory Trailer The NSW DPI Fisheries Advisory Trailer 'Bluey' will feature at the Sydney International Boat Show to promote and educate responsible, sustainable and safe fishing practices to the large audience of approx 80,000 people. Peter Turnell declared a conflict of interest and did not vote, DPI staff left while project discussed. SUPPORTED. Moved Greg Liddell, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried.</p>	NSW DPI	\$16,500

Project Title and Summary	Organisation	2014/15
<i>Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing</i>		
<p>Essential infrastructure to support fisheries enhancement monitoring activities in New South Wales This project will purchase infrastructure items required to support the fisheries enhancement research program, including monitoring required under permits for enhancement activities. SUPPORTED. Moved John Burgess, Seconded John Paton, Carried.</p>	NSW DPI	\$51,635
<p>Improving assessment and management of the recreational tailor fishery in NSW The project will provide information on the tailor stock and the recreational tailor fishery in NSW. The information will enable stock assessment and improved management of this important species. SUPPORTED. Moved Malcolm Poole, Seconded John Paton, Carried.</p>	NSW DPI	\$164,986
<p>Safeguarding recreational fishing in NSW from ciguatera fish poisoning This project will provide an assessment of ciguatoxins present in recreational fishing species in NSW, enabling deciding organisations to set size limitations and avoid further human intoxication events. Malcolm Poole declared an interest in project. SUPPORTED. Moved Ann Garard, Seconded John Burgess, Carried.</p>	University of Technology, Sydney	\$35,000
<p>First implementation of an independent observer program for the Charter Boat Industry of NSW: data for industry-driven resource sustainability Deliver quantitative information on the diversity, composition and lengths of species retained and released in the NSW coastal charter boat fishery for industry, fisheries managers and scientists for resource sustainability. SUPPORTED. Moved Malcolm Poole, Seconded John Burgess, Carried. <i>Note - RSFTEC supports this application and refers the application to MERCMAC for endorsement and a funding contribution</i></p>	WildFish Research SW Trust	\$111,500 \$47,800 Charter Trust
<p>Provision of Annual Report for the Gamefish Tagging Program for 2013/2014. Provision of an informative, attractive and readily accessible report on the Gamefish Tagging Program for the year 2013/2014 SUPPORTED. Moved John Burgess, Seconded John Paton, Carried.</p>	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	\$6,000
<p>Ensuring long-term security of tissue samples collected from marine gamefish at tournaments since 2003 Insure against loss of gamefish tissue samples by dividing each existing muscle sample into three sets, leaving one set frozen at -18°C, freezing another at a minimum of -20°C and preserving the third in liquid preserving fluid. SUPPORTED. Moved John Burgess, Seconded John Paton, Carried.</p>	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	\$7,500
<p>Preparation of a professional, scientific submission on the proposed listing of gemfish as vulnerable by the NSW Fisheries Scientific Committee This project involves preparation of a professional, scientific submission by a reputable scientific consultant on the proposed listing of gemfish. SUPPORTED supported by RFSTEC and ACoRF out of session.</p>	Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW	\$2,750

Table 2: Summary of new Saltwater/Freshwater Trust grant applications recommended for funding by RFSTEC

Project Title and Summary	Organisation	2013/14
<i>Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation</i>		
<p>Support for the NSW Fish Habitat Partnership, Working together for healthy fish habitat Provision of administration Support for the NSW Fish Habitat Partnership in the form of contributions towards the salary of an Executive Officer (EO), meeting, communication and administrative costs and Chairperson expense allowances. John Burgess and Malcolm Poole declared an interest. SUPPORTED. Moved Ann Garard, Seconded John Paton, Carried. <i>Note - Supported subject to all other funding partners contributing.</i></p>	NSW Fish Habitat Partnership	\$20,000 SW \$10,000 FW
<i>Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing</i>		
<p>Improving our understanding of the values, beliefs, motivations and attitudes of recreational fishers in NSW This study will explore how the values, beliefs and motivations of fishers influence the attitudes and behaviours of different segments of the recreational fishing community. SUPPORTED. Moved John Paton, Seconded Greg Liddell, Carried.</p>	University of Wollongong, Australian Centre for Ocean Resources and Security	\$75,000 SW \$31,034 FW

Table 3: Summary of new Saltwater Trust grant applications NOT recommended for funding by RFSTEC

Project Title and Summary	Organisation	2014/15
<i>Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation</i>		
<p>Milperra Creek Riparian Restoration Project Stage 1 Milperra Creek drains from a small wetland near the intersection of Henry Lawson Drive and Milperra Road into the Georges River. This project aims to carry out bush regeneration and revegetation works in the riparian zone of this creek targeting both noxious and environmental weeds including Weeds of National Significance such as Alligator weed and Blackberry. NOT SUPPORTED – Moved John Paton, Seconded Malcolm Poole, Carried.</p>	Bankstown Bushland Society (BBS)	\$39,925
<i>Platform: Fishing access and facilities</i>		
<p>Bohnock Fishing Pontoon and Fish Cleaning Stations at Bohnock and Andrews Reserve The project will install a fishing pontoon at Bohnock Reserve (boatramp with existing old concrete jetty for fishing access), as well as fish cleaning stations at both Bohnock Reserve (to replace the existing old table on the jetty with a new concrete cleaning station located on the river bank), and at Andrew's Reserve Taree (boatramp with no fish cleaning facility). NOT SUPPORTED – Moved John Paton, Seconded Greg Liddell, Carried.</p>	Greater Taree City Council	\$75,000
<p>Ironbark Creek Community Fishing Initiative The project will create land based platforms and a boardwalk to facilitate recreational angler (including wheelchairs) access to key areas of Ironbark Creek to undertake catch and release fishing. The primary access point will be at the junction of Ironbark Creek, Astra Street Creek and the Hunter Wetland Centre Canoe Channel. NOT SUPPORTED – Moved John Paton, Seconded John Burgess, Carried.</p>	Shortland Wetland Centre Ltd t/as Hunter Wetland Centre Australia	\$15,500
<p>Signposting - Fisheries NSW Hot Line Number The proposal is to erect signs at local boat ramps, cleaning tables and beach access points displaying the Fisheries NSW hot line number NOT SUPPORTED – Moved Malcolm Poole, Seconded John Burgess, Carried. To be undertaken by DPI.</p>	Nambucca Heads Fishing Club	\$0
<p>Fisherman's Paradise (Lake Conjola) Boat Launching Ramp Solar Light This project involves provision of a solar powered light at the Fisherman's Paradise Boat Launching Ramp NOT SUPPORTED – Moved Greg Liddell, Seconded John Paton, Carried.</p>	Shoalhaven City Council	\$8,000
<i>Platform: Recreational fishing education</i>		
<p>Educating the next generation of recreational fishers on mangrove ecosystems The project aims to promote greater awareness and understanding of mangrove ecosystems and their importance to recreational fishers through the construction of a 4 tonne mangrove tank display located within the Solitary Islands Aquarium's recreational fishing exhibit. The objective is to educate the next generation of recreational fishers on mangrove ecosystems as important nursery grounds for the next generation of recreational fish species NOT SUPPORTED – Moved Lionel Jones, Seconded John Burgess, Carried.</p>	Southern Cross University, National Marine Science Centre	\$33,000

Project Title and Summary	Organisation	2014/15
<p>Splash Into... Responsible Fishing! Be Prepared! Scouts and Girl Guides take the marine world by storm! This project involves a hands on education program with members of the Girl Guide and Scout Associations about the importance of the marine environment. Empowering them to interact with their local marine environment in a respectful and practical way NOT SUPPORTED – Moved Malcolm Poole, Seconded Geoff Shelton, Carried.</p>	Splash Into...	\$14,875
<p>Pre-proposal - Rock fishing hazard forecast website To help improve rock fishing safety in NSW it is proposed to develop the first map based coastal wave forecast website designed specifically for rock fishing <i>Project was provided for interest of committee only. Malcolm Poole declared an interest.</i></p>	Australian National Sportfishing Association NSW Branch (ANSA NSW)	\$386,580
<p>Pre-proposal - Extension of Life jacket wear it campaign to rock fishing safety (DPI & Transport NSW-Maritime) Aims to leverage from the Transport NSW Boating Lifejackets Wear it Campaign 2014/15 to encourage rock fishers to wear lifejackets Peter Turnell declared a conflict of interest and did not vote, DPI staff left while project discussed. NOT SUPPORTED – Moved Malcolm Poole, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried.</p>	NSW DPI	\$103,558
<p>Developing a sustainable community based “How to Fish” education program in regional NSW- A pilot project linking coastal schools, clubs, industry and the community. The goal is to increase participation by school-age children in recreational fishing. The project will also identify collaboration opportunities and address access, constraints and gaps in delivering a community based schools education program. NOT SUPPORTED – Moved Lionel Jones, Seconded Geoff Shelton, Carried.</p>	National Marine Science Centre (NMSC), Southern Cross University.	\$79,500
<p>Sydney International Boat Show, MyBoatingLife Education & Entertainment Precinct Fishing Clinic As part of the MyBoatingLife Education & Entertainment Precinct, the Fishing Clinic runs at the Sydney International Boat Show on a yearly basis. Over the last 10 years, 80,000 people on average have visited the show. Of those that attend 47% have an interest in fishing. This is the largest interest group that visits the show. NOT SUPPORTED – this application was reviewed out of session and not supported.</p>	Boating Industry Association of NSW Ltd (BIA)	\$66,200
<i>Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement programs</i>		
<p>Lake Illawarra Recreational Fishing Haven (RFH) (Pre-proposal) Request for creation of a recreational fishing haven in Lake Illawarra. NOT SUPPORTED – Cannot be considered by this committee</p>	Andrew Connor	\$0
<p>Fish Attracting Device – Nambucca Heads (Pre-proposal) Request for a new FAD to be deployed off Nambucca Heads NOT SUPPORTED – Referred to Fisheries Enhancement Program for inclusion.</p>	Nambucca Heads Offshore Fishing Club Inc.	\$0

Project Title and Summary	Organisation	2014/15
Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing		
<p>Development of a Strategic Research Plan for the Saltwater Recreational Fishing Sector of NSW Through a series of workshops, desktop benchmarking work, meetings and drafting sessions, we will deliver a 5 year strategic research plan for the saltwater recreational fishing sector of NSW, against which subsequent research proposals can be assessed so that the major objectives of the sector can be achieved. DEFERRED - Review of the application was deferred to out of session discussion.</p>	IC Independent Consulting	\$62,005
<p>Recreational fishing survey in Lake Illawarra (Phase 1: Site inspection, development and costing of an optimal probability-based survey design). This proposed project (Phase 1) seeks to develop an optimal, customised survey design that can be used to make an evidence-based assessment of the recreational fishery in Lake Illawarra and address the concerns of local recreational fishers. NOT SUPPORTED – Moved Ann Garard, Seconded Greg Liddell, Carried.</p>	Fishing Survey Solutions Pty. Ltd.	\$10,940
<p>Enhancing estuary perch spawning habitat in the Clyde River: Trial and evaluation This project will evaluate the fisheries enhancement potential for reef balls and snags as estuary perch spawning habitat at strategic locations within the lower Clyde River estuary (where estuary perch spawning habitat is limited). NOT SUPPORTED – Moved Greg Liddell, Seconded Lionel Jones, Carried.</p>	NSW DPI	\$97,523
<p>Implementation of a cost-effective monitoring program to collect time-series information on the size and age composition of landings from the NSW recreational charter boat fishery Recreational fishing surveys are expensive and usually done periodically. As a result, no ongoing time series data is available for recreational fishers which makes assessment of recreational fishing very difficult. The project is designed to implement a cost-effective monitoring program to collect recreational fishing and biological information from the NSW recreational charter boat fishery. This will provide ongoing time-series data for the recreational fishery. NOT SUPPORTED - Moved John Paton, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried.</p>	NSW DPI	\$175,000
<p>Reducing shark interactions with recreational fishers This project will assess visual and olfactory methods to reduce or eliminate shark interactions with recreational fishing gears. Successful deterrents may also assist in protecting spearfishers from sharks. NOT SUPPORTED – Moved Geoff Shelton, Seconded Lionel Jones, Carried.</p>	Wildlife Marine	\$225,351
<p>State-wide survey of recreational fishing in NSW and development of novel methods – analysis and final reporting This analysis study will provide in-depth analyses and report findings for data collected in the 2013/14 state-wide survey of recreational fishing in NSW. NOT SUPPORTED – Moved Malcolm Poole, Seconded Greg Liddell, Carried.</p>	NSW DPI	\$158,900

Table 4: Summary of new Saltwater/Freshwater Trust grant applications NOT recommended for funding by RFSTEC

Project Title and Summary	Organisation	2013/14
<i>Platform: Recreational fishing education</i>		
<p>Additional community Fishing Sports Shows at clubs and organisations in regional NSW in 2014/15 To provide, promote and engage regional communities with an entertaining informative and interactive fishing show/clinic in conjunction with a sporting show, media and sporting personalities, entertainment and coaching. NOT SUPPORTED – Moved Greg Liddell, Seconded Lionel Jones, Carried.</p>	2SM Hi-Tide	\$25,000
<i>Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing</i>		
<p>Evaluating recreational fishers' knowledge of, and adherence to, sustainable fishing principles Distribution and analysis of a survey assessing knowledge of and adherence to sustainable fishing principles will provide data that could inform decisions regarding effective communication strategies for evidence-based sustainable fishing guidelines NOT SUPPORTED – Moved John Burgess, Seconded Lionel Jones, Carried.</p>	National Marine Science Centre (NMSC), Southern Cross University	\$18,034
<p>Identifying the health, well-being benefits and potential to use recreational fishing as a rehabilitative service to the Disabled/Special Needs Community This project aims to investigate the physical, mental health and rehabilitative benefits of recreational angling within the disabled/special needs community by way of provision of regular fishing clinics resulting in data collection and analysis throughout the Western Sydney region. NOT SUPPORTED – Moved Greg Liddell, Seconded Lionel Jones, Carried.</p>	Professional Fishing Instructors & Guides Association (PFIGA)	\$96,000
<p>Women in Fishing Initiative This project involves a scoping study to identify the current barriers and constraints for women and fishing; identify current drivers and opportunities; and develop an action plan for the future. The study would examine international case studies and draw on the successes in places such as Canada and United States of America. The project would also run a scoping workshop with relevant stakeholders to help develop the action plan. NOT SUPPORTED – Moved Lionel Jones, Seconded John Paton, Carried.</p>	Victorian Recreational Fishing Peak Body (VRFish)	\$24,354
<i>Platform: Fishing fee coordination and payment network</i>		
<p>Improving the efficiency of the sale of rec fishing licenses To establish a pilot study to assess the efficiency gains from establishing online-in store sales of NSW recreational fishing licenses. The lower the administration cost the more money for recreational fishing projects. NOT SUPPORTED – Moved Ann Garard, Seconded John Paton, Carried</p>	Australian Fishing Trade Association	\$92,000