

Recreational Fishing Trusts Investment Plan 2015/16 – 2017/18

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Vision

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

Goals

- Innovative projects to boost recreational fishing tourism opportunities
- Contribute to economic growth in NSW through sustainable use and access to our fisheries resources.
- Promotion of recreational fishing as a healthy, outdoors activity for the whole family.
- Educating fishers to fish responsibly and safely.

Background

All money raised by the NSW Recreational Fishing 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. 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 4 million native fish and trout and salmon each year.
- Offshore artificial reefs constructed off Sydney, Shoalhaven Heads, Port Macquarie and most recently the Southern Sydney “JD” reef. 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.
- Fish habitat grants provided each year 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

Applying for funding

An annual expression of interest is advertised each year by DPI calling for funding applications. 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

Partnerships and linkages

It is recognised that some projects can benefit other sectors such as commercial and Indigenous 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.

Decision-making

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 to the Minister's relevant recreational fishing 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 2015/16 – 2017/18

Note: SW and FW denote the Saltwater and Freshwater Trusts, respectively. Amounts shown are the approved funds for each project.

Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

Project	Organisation	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Flagship Habitat Action The Flagship Habitat Action program will work with key stakeholders and attract matching investment to deliver large-scale coastal fish habitat rehabilitation; restoring highly productive fisheries.	NSW DPI		SW \$400,000	SW \$400,000
Implementing the NSW Fish Habitat Partnership 2015-2017 Strategic Plan for improved fish habitat outcomes for NSW This project will implement Strategy 1 and 4 of the 2015-2017 NSW Fish Habitat Partnership Strategic Plan. This includes the development of a stakeholder driven 10 year Fish Habitat Action Plan for the state, through extensive consultation and engagement of key stakeholders.	Fish Habitat Partnership Inc.	SW \$20,000 FW \$10,000		
Pump Fishway Project: development of a new NSW fishway design The innovative Pump Fishway concept aims to address the poor performance and prohibitive costs of NSW fishways. The project will establish proof-of-concept of the 'Pump Fishway' through physical-model development, with hydraulic laboratory observations and experimental trials using hatchery fish.	Harris Research	SW \$26,985 FW \$11,565		
One Tree Reach weir management investigation to improve water quality and fish habitat A hydrological investigation at One Tree Reach wetland will optimise weir management in order to improve wetland processes, water quality and vegetation condition. In doing so fish stocks will also be enhanced.	Hornsby Shire Council	SW \$35,000		
Aquatic habitat protection and fish conservation - South Coast and Greater Murray Regions Provision of fish conservation management services for the south coast and Murray region of NSW to enhance key fish habitat protection and recreational fishery involvement in fish habitat protection and management.	NSW DPI	SW \$173,398 FW \$188,486	SW \$177,693 FW \$193,389	SW \$182,108 FW \$198,441
Habitat Action Project - making more fish... naturally The project provides community grants to Councils, recreational fishing groups etc, to undertake fish habitat restoration projects, such as replanting and protecting river bank vegetation, removing barriers to fish migration, restoring water flows for fish populations etc. These projects support the improvement of recreationally important fish stocks.	NSW DPI (community grants)	SW \$525,000 FW \$210,000	SW \$526,300 FW \$211,300	SW \$528,050 FW \$212,150
Fishing Line Debris Recovery Program To reduce fishing line & tackle littering of Tweed Shire waterways by installing 10 debris bins in 'hotspot' areas. Bins display message 'Dispose of fishing line responsibly' and contact numbers for wildlife rescue groups.	Tweed Shire Council			SW \$5,000

Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement

Project	Organisation	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Research trial stocking of Estuary Perch fingerlings within Brogo Dam To undertake a research trial stocking of up to 20,000 Estuary Perch fingerlings within Brogo dam over 2 years to provide NSW anglers with an exciting new high quality recreational fishing opportunity.	NSW DPI		FW \$40,000	
Give the fingerlings more air - Bingara Hatchery – Small Grant To renew the airline set up to provide more air for the fingerlings at Bingara hatchery.	Bingara Anglers Club and Hatchery		FW \$4,479	
Stocking Prawns and Mulloway in estuaries to enhance recreational fishing opportunity This project involves the stocking of 2 popular fish species (Eastern King Prawns and Mulloway) along the coast (in recruitment limited situations) as part of an ongoing project to enhance recreational fishing opportunities.	NSW DPI	SW \$279,776	SW \$281,836	SW \$283,507
Offshore artificial reef - Merimbula Involves construction of the fifth offshore artificial reef in NSW to provide a new quality recreational fishing location. This builds on the success of the Sydney and Shoalhaven offshore reefs, which are very popular with recreational fishers. The Port Macquarie artificial reef will be constructed later this year followed by the Port Botany reef.	NSW DPI			
Fish aggregation devices (FADs) Involves installation of 30 devices (floating buoy structures) in offshore waters. The FADs create new highly productive fishing locations by attracting Dolphinfish, Marlin and Tunas. The project is very popular with recreational fishers. More FADs in new locations will be deployed in 2015/16.	NSW DPI	SW \$244,150	SW \$247,469	SW \$250,833
Recreational fisheries enhancement (Artificial reefs, FADs and marine stocking coordination) Involves planning, facilitation of approvals (from the Commonwealth) and ongoing project management of NSW Fisheries Enhancement initiatives, including FADs, artificial reefs and marine stocking.	NSW DPI	SW \$193,187	SW \$198,552	SW \$203,185
Developing mangrove jack as a key new species for freshwater recreational fishing in NSW – Phase 3: Maintenance of broodstock through 2015/16. Mangrove Jack, a popular recreational fishing species, were bred and stocked into Clarrie Hall Dam for the first time in NSW in March 2015. This project will cover the costs of maintaining the Mangrove Jack broodstock at the Southern Cross University (National Marine Science Centre – Coffs Harbour) through 2015/16 for future breeding and stocking.	Southern Cross University	SW \$7,750 FW \$7,750		
Dollar for dollar native fish stocking project All funds from this project are provided to stocking groups (as matching funding) to enable the purchase of native fish from private hatcheries to stock into public waterways.	NSW DPI (community grants)	FW \$250,000	FW \$250,000	FW \$250,000
Enhanced fish production for inland stocking These funds provide additional operational funding at four Government fish hatcheries (Ebor, Gaden, Narrandera and Port Stephens) to boost fish production / stocking capabilities to further enhance recreational fishing opportunities.	NSW DPI	FW \$488,316	FW \$496,115	FW \$504,144

Project				
<p>Fisheries Management Officer (inland recreational fisheries)</p> <p>A Fisheries Management Officer is required to oversee and assess hundreds of stocking applications prior to approval to ensure responsible stocking practices in line with the stocking fisheries management strategy. The role also prepares draft stocking lists and undertakes consultation with stakeholders prior to stocking.</p>	NSW DPI	FW \$127,145	FW \$130,225	FW \$133,382
<p>Gaden Trout hatchery (operational)</p> <p>These funds support the full operation of the Gaden Trout hatchery to ensure ongoing production and stocking of recreational Trout /Salmon species to enhance recreational fishing.</p>	NSW DPI	FW \$478,450	FW \$486,196	FW \$494,136
<p>Supporting fish hatchery trainees – Small grant</p> <p>This project provides support to increase the number of fisheries students with practical skills learnt in a native fish hatchery. It also improves the number and quality of fish produced at the Narrandera hatchery with the extra staff.</p>	NSW DPI	FW \$5,000	FW \$5,000	FW \$5,000
<p>Investigations of nodavirus infections in Australian bass – dollar for dollar (\$4\$) hatcheries</p> <p>Testing of Australian bass and estuary perch larvae produced at commercial \$4\$ hatcheries for the purposes of fish stocking into NSW impoundments provides an ability to ensure only nodavirus free larvae are stocked into freshwater NSW impoundments.</p>	NSW DPI			FW \$20,000
<p>Development of a NSW trout strategy</p> <p>The Monaro Acclimatisation Society (MAS) has proposed the development of a NSW trout strategy (and supported by RFNSW). The purpose of the strategy is to precis the NSW recreational trout fishery, recognize and outline key challenges facing the fishery and identify actions that both reduce long term risks and increase access to and utilization of, the fishery.</p>	NSW DPI			FW \$40,000
<p>The Final Chapter – Small Grant</p> <p>Bingara Hatchery proposes to build 2 new tanks with covers to replace 2 smaller tanks in need of repair.</p>	Bingara Anglers Club and Hatchery			FW \$4,273
<p>2017/18 Byron Bay Deep Sea Fishing Club FAD replacement – Small Grant</p> <p>A financial RFT contribution to help cover materials purchased and construction of a reserve BBDSFC, Commonwealth licensed FAD located at S28 37 002 E153 43 759.</p>	Byron Bay Deep Sea Fishing Club Inc			SW \$1,991
<p>Developing mangrove jack as a new key species for freshwater recreational fishing in NSW – phase 5, Stocking in the summer of 2017/18</p> <p>The project to develop a recreational fishery of mangrove jack in Clarrie Hall Dam has stocked approximately 7000 juveniles. This project will attempt a further stocking of mangrove jacks in the 2017/18 season.</p>	National Marine Science Centre			SW \$9,996 FW \$10,000
<p>Rearing blue swimmer crabs for stocking to boost NSW recreational fishing opportunities</p> <p>Blue swimmer crabs (BSC) are keenly targeted by recreational fishers. Commercial landings are in decline and similar declines for recreational fishers are likely. This pilot project will produce BSC post-larvae in a hatchery. The practical and economic opportunities and limitations of producing crab post-larvae for stocking for recreational fishing in NSW will be assessed.</p>	National Marine Science Centre			SW \$38,295
<p>Issue fuel cards for fish stocking groups to subsidise fish stocking expenses</p> <p>To provide fuel cards to fish stocking groups to assist with fish stocking transport / delivery costs.</p>	NSW DPI			FW \$15,000

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Project	Organisation	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
<p>Eucumbene River – Vehicle management to prevent damage to lake bed To improve vehicle access to the Eucumbene River at the Denison campground area. The project will construct a car park, install a gate and bollards and erect advisory signage to prevent vehicles from entering and damaging the lake bed, while still maintaining access for recreational fishers.</p>	Snowy Hydro Pty Ltd		FW \$44,295	
<p>New high capacity fish cleaning station Port Kembla boat ramp As part of the NSW Boating Now program, Transport for NSW and RMS have committed \$500,000 towards improving the boating experience at the Port Kembla Boat Ramp. This funding will deliver a significant upgrade to the car and trailer parking as well as a new pontoon to improve the safety and accessibility at the site. RMS is requesting funding for a high capacity fish cleaning station to compliment the upgraded facilities.</p>	Roads and Maritime Services		SW \$30,550	
<p>Disabled Access Recreational Fishing Platform on Ironbark Creek at HWCA Shortland – Small Grant Provide a quality fishing experience on a tidal creek at the Hunter Wetlands Centre for manual and powered wheel chairs, mobility scooters and walking frames. A single purpose fishing platform 4m X 7m will provide access.</p>	Hunter Wetlands Centre		SW \$6,170	
<p>Construct a fishing platform at ANZAC Park, Nambucca Heads Construct a large 6.8 x 12.5 metre fishing platform with a disability ramp from the edge of Anzac Park over the Nambucca River with steps leading to the river.</p>	Lions Club of Nambucca Heads		SW \$50,000	
<p>Eco Fishing Huts – Wilderness Fishing Access - Stage 1 Pilot (2 huts) Develop a system of basic “fishing eco huts” in coastal and inland areas to provide opportunities for anglers to access remote areas for short stays in purpose designed overnight accommodation.</p>	NSW DPI		SW \$193,500	

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<p>Clean, Safe Wharves initiative – keeping Sydney Harbour ferry wharves open to fishing This project contributes to the Clean, Safe Wharves campaign which involves a series of education and maintenance initiatives aimed at encouraging responsible recreational fishing behaviour on the 50 Sydney Harbour ferry wharves and ensuring fishing access is maintained. These funds will contribute to signage, advertising and associated other new initiatives as fisher issues arise.</p>	NSW DPI		SW \$60,000	
<p>Bawley Point heritage fishing platform Upgrade to a historically significant heritage gantry at Bawley Point to create a safe ocean fishing platform. The existing platform is a popular ocean fishing spot, but is currently unsafe due to deterioration and weathering of materials.</p>	Shoalhaven City Council		SW \$60,000	
<p>Warrena Weir, Coonamble fish cleaning table Provision of a fish cleaning facility at Warrena Weir, Coonamble to enhance facilities for all recreational fishers and other users of the Warrena Weir.</p>	Coonamble Shire Council		FW \$14,558	
<p>Improving access to the Lachlan River at Forbes for the disabled, elderly and infirm To construct a disabled accessible fishing platform at Cottons Weir on the Lachlan River at Forbes.</p>	Forbes Shire Council		FW \$60,000	
<p>Morley's Creek, Gundagai fishing platform To construct a 6 meter long fishing platform on Morley's Creek for use by recreational anglers. The jetty will be particularly useful for those teaching kids to fish as it will be a flat and level base away from branches and other obstacles that can make learning to cast difficult.</p>	Gundagai Shire Council		FW \$61,600	
<p>Risk assessment for recreational fishing in Sydney water supply dams To conduct a risk assessment regarding potential recreational fishing activities in water supply reservoirs (including in the Sydney catchment area), which are currently closed to fishing.</p>	NSW DPI		FW \$30,000	
<p>“Our River – Regatta Park, Emu Plains” large fishing platform To construct a large fishing platform, pedestrian access and enhancement of riparian vegetation in accordance with the progressive implementation of the “Our River” Master Plan.</p>	Penrith City Council		FW \$55,000	
<p>Glenriddle Reserve Barraba recreational fishing upgrade – fish cleaning station To install a Curved Roof Fish Cleaning Station with pressurised water beside the new boat ramp at Glenriddle Reserve on the top end of Split Rock Dam (10km south of Barraba).</p>	Tamworth Regional Council		FW \$14,660	
<p>Provision of roof for fish cleaning table at Callala Bay – Small Grant To provide a roof to the existing fish cleaning table located adjacent to the boat ramp at Callala Bay.</p>	Callala Bay Community Association		SW \$6,358	SW \$1,511
<p>Hat Head beach 4WD accessway – Small Grant To provide a 4WD vehicle accessway for a length of 20 meters to provide safe access across the soft, unstable foredune for fishermen using their vehicles to access the beach. This vehicle accessway is the only access to the southern end of the 13 km Smokey Beach. The beach is an important and very popular fishing location and is accessed by many local and tourist fishers throughout the year.</p>	Hat Head Dune Management Trust		SW \$9,550	

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<p>Relocation of Fitzgerald Bridge fish cleaning station, Raymond Terrace – Small Grant Relocation of the existing fish cleaning station to a more suitable nearby location to eliminate the problem of poor drainage and stagnant water.</p>	Port Stephens Council		SW \$2,750	
<p>Creating access - Lake Centenary fishing precinct, Temora – Small Grant To enable access to Lake Centenary for recreational fishing in an area currently inaccessible due to biosecurity considerations of a neighbouring facility by constructing a security fence between the facilities and installing physical access.</p>	Temora Shire Council		FW \$9,820	
<p>Upgrading existing fishing platform to provide disabled access, Tom Ugly's Point, Botany Bay Design and construct a disabled access ramp and associated infrastructure to enable disabled users to access and utilise existing fishing platform.</p>	Kogarah City Council		SW \$4,000 (Dept of Disability Services) \$4,000	
<p>Accessible fishing platform Little Beach, Nelson Bay Construction of an accessible fishing platform off the Little Beach wheelchair access jetty. The jetty will be retrofitted with slip-resistant decking to ensure safe access to the platform.</p>	Port Stephens Council		SW \$49,175 (Dept of Disability Services) \$49,175	
<p>Disabled fishing access ramp and canoe launching area – Lake Oberon The installation of a disabled fishing access track and canoe launching pontoon at Oberon Dam. With the upgrade of access to Lake Oberon there is special consideration for members of the public with limited physical ability.</p>	Central Acclimatisation Society Oberon		FW \$20,000 (Dept of Disability Services) \$20,000	
<p>Additional funding for Moruya and South Durras fishing platforms to upgrade them to best practice accessible fishing platforms Eurobodalla Shire Council is seeking additional funding for two previously Recreational Fishing Trust funded fishing platforms to meet additional best practice accessibility design features.</p>	Eurobodalla Shire Council		SW \$26,500 (Dept of Disability Services) \$26,500	
<p>South West Rocks, Back Creek – Jetty Replacement Demolish existing dilapidated mooring jetty and replace with new fishing platform. The jetty is heavily utilised as a fishing platform by locals and tourists.</p>	NSW Trade and Investment, Crown Lands		SW \$100,000	
<p>Governor Phillip Reserve Fish Cleaning Table This project will install a fish cleaning table to improve facilities for the recreational fishing community at Governor Phillip Reserve, Windsor.</p>	Hawkesbury City Council		SW \$15,000	

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FishAbility: Lake Cathie Accessible Fishing Platform Construction of an accessible fishing platform and connected pathway to the wheelchair accessible car parking space,	Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	SW \$140,000		
Improving fishing opportunities at Bohnock on the Manning River – Small Grant The project proposes to replace ageing facilities with a modern fish cleaning station.	Greater Taree City Council	SW \$5,000		
Queens Wharf Morpeth - fish cleaning station and river bank revegetation – Small Grant The project will supply and install a stainless steel fish cleaning station including water service, concrete slab and path and undertake revegetation of the river bank.	Maitland City Council	SW \$10,000		
Management of Merimbula Fish Cleaning Pontoon – Small Grant Funding for the management and maintenance of the Merimbula Fish Cleaning Platform.	Merimbula Big Game & Lakes Angling Club	SW \$870	SW \$870	SW \$2,620
Disabled Fishing Access Ramp – Jubilee Park, Culcairn Involves the installation of disabled ramps/platforms providing access to fishing activities for the disabled and aged.	Greater Hume Shire Council / Morven Fishing Club	FW \$15,800		
Small Grants Program These funds are set aside for small community based recreational fishing projects to enhance recreational fishing. Projects are limited to \$10,000. <i>Note – projects funded by this project are listed as “Small Grants” in the relevant platforms.</i>	NSW DPI (community grants)	SW \$100,000 FW \$60,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$60,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$60,000
Recreational Fishing Access, Saltwater and Freshwater The Access Fisheries Managers work closely with stakeholders to preserve and enhance long term recreational fishing access, including negotiating with Government agencies, recreational fishing groups and other non-government organisations on behalf of recreational fishers. The role also identifies and facilitates new fishing locations and areas.	NSW DPI	SW \$145,050 FW \$179,785	SW \$148,680 FW \$183,961	SW \$152,400 FW \$188,244
Fisheries Management Officer (Inland Angler Access) This role works specifically with the Crown Lands Division on the Crown Land Disposal project with regard to assessment and negotiation of disposals relevant to recreational fishing access. The role undertakes inspections of access sites and works closely with recreational fishing groups to identify key Crown land water access sites.	NSW DPI	FW \$134,613	FW \$138,834	FW \$141,914
Saltwater Park Adaptive Canoe Launch and Fishing Pontoon To improve public accessibility to Coffs Creek for recreational fishing and canoeing/kayaking, particularly for community members with disabilities and mobility impairment.	Coffs Harbour City Council			SW \$72,000
Gum Flat Reserve Pallamallawa – Fish Cleaning Facility Installation of a fish cleaning table to support and encourage fishing activities as part of ongoing enhancement of recreation facilities on the reserve.	Moree Plains Shire Council			FW \$12,500
Gum Bend Lake BBQ and Fish cleaning station – Small Grant This project has the aim of installing a fish cleaning station adjacent to Gum Bend Lake and the Lachlan River.	Lachlan Shire Council			FW \$10,000

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Lake Cargelligo BBQ and Fish cleaning station – Small Grant This project has the aim of installing a fish cleaning station adjacent to Lake Cargelligo and the Lachlan River.	Lachlan Shire Council			FW \$10,000
Construction of three fishing platforms at Deniliquin Recreational Fishing Park and Outdoor Centre – Small Grant Installation of three fishing platforms at Deniliquin Recreational Fishing Park and Outdoor Centre.	Edward River Council			FW \$9,000
Mungindi Fishing Club's Fish Cleaning Station – Small Grant To build a fish cleaning station at the Mungindi Barwon River Park for locals and tourists.	Mungindi RSL & Two Mile Fishing Club			FW \$9,890
Woollamia regional boat ramp cleaning table upgrade Repair and refurbish the 8 person fish cleaning table and add new shelter with lights. Woollamia regional boat ramp is Jervis Bay's main access ramp. The table will address ongoing access, efficiency and public health issues plus cater for expected increases in usage due to growing population and tourist numbers. The upgrade will also coincide with the new \$500,000 infrastructure upgrade being carried out to the boat ramp and car park by RMS and Shoalhaven City Council.	Jervis Bay Game Fishing Club			SW \$37,100
Wharf compliance trial 6 month initiative – Water Police patrols to help keep Sydney Harbour ferry wharves open to fishing This project complements the Clean, Safe Wharves initiative run by DPI and the RFA, which involves education and maintenance programs that encourage responsible recreational fishing behavior on Sydney Harbour ferry wharves. The proposed Water Police patrols is a 6 month trial to provide an enforcement capacity to manage issues involving rubbish, noise and anti-social behavior. This will contribute to the short term effective management of this issue while longer term solutions are developed and implemented.	NSW DPI, Recreational Fishing Alliance			SW \$120,000
Forster Marina, Fish Cleaning Tables Remove existing 3 x (2 m x 2 m) outdated fish cleaning tables at Forster. Fabricate 2 x 4 person new fish cleaning tables as per DPI guidelines with a new slab and adjustment of existing plumbing and install new tables.	Mid Coast Council			SW \$25,340
Chaffey Dam Recreational Fishing Upgrade To install a Custom Orb Curved Roof 4 person fish cleaning station with lighting and gravity fed water at Chaffey Dam Recreational area adjacent to the new boat ramp.	Bowling Alley Point Recreation Reserve Trust			FW \$17,380

Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project	Organisation	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
<p>Gone Fishing NSW Day 2017 – promoting fishing as a healthy, fun, outdoors activity Following on from the success of NSW Gone Fishing Day, it is proposed to again run the third NSW Fishing Day partnered with the national event on the 15 October 2017. The day will recognise and promote the importance of recreational fishing as a healthy, fun, outdoors activity. The NSW event has grown significantly in the past 2 years and early planning of the many coordinated fishing activities, including fishing club involvement, is now required.</p>	NSW DPI		SW \$240,000 FW \$60,000	
<p>Civic Disability Services fishing program, Sutherland Shire To allow delivery of a weekly fishing activity for low-to-high needs individuals with intellectual disability who have an interest in fishing and nature.</p>	Civic Disability Services		SW \$16,400	
<p>Go Fishing NSW Day 2016 – promoting fishing as a healthy, fun, outdoors activity Following the success of the NSW Go Fishing NSW Day in December last year, it is proposed to hold the second day on 16 October 2016. The day will recognise and promote the importance of recreational fishing as a healthy, fun, outdoors activity. The day will coincide with the inaugural National Recreational Fishing Day, which is being run by the Australian Fishing Trade Association.</p>	NSW DPI		SW \$133,000 FW \$57,000	
<p>Communicating more effectively with recreational fishers from Chinese speaking backgrounds To better understand how communications with Chinese speaking recreational fishers can be improved.</p>	University of Wollongong		SW \$81,039	
<p>Inland Fishing Summit Empowering existing recreational fishing groups, by exposing them to highly successful models of fundraising, better enabling them to increase community support and contribute back to the fishery through habitat management.</p>	OzFish Unlimited		FW \$39,500	
<p>Fish Port Stephens - digitally interactive educational display on recreational fishing in Port Stephens at the Visitor Information Centre – Small Grant To develop content and partnerships to create a dedicated digitally interactive educational display on all aspects of recreational fishing in Port Stephens at the Visitor Information Centre Nelson Bay, including mobile friendly web content and comprehensive user-friendly information on recreational fishing in the Port Stephens region. The project will be supported by a marketing campaign to promote Port Stephens as a great destination for fishing – for locals and visitors.</p>	Destination Port Stephens		SW \$10,000	
<p>Warrawong Intensive English Centre – Fishing for Refugees (additional funding sought for existing project) – Small Grant This submission is an extension to SS004 (\$3,406). The objective is to teach refugee new arrivals to Australia responsible and sustainable fishing practices through funding for transport to different fishing locations.</p>	Intensive English Centre, Warrawong		SW \$6,500	
<p>Assisting others to enjoy fishing 2016/2017 – Small Grant Hold three junior Fishing Clinics and 1 CanTeen Cancer Kids visit. Teach 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.</p>	Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Club Inc		SW \$5,000	

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Warrawong High School – Project Neptune 2016/17 – Small Grant Project Neptune began in 1998. Fishing is a school sport. Weather permitting, sport is Thursday afternoons. Terms 1 & 4 The highlight is the program's annual deep sea charter.	Warrawong High School		SW \$1,920	
Traditional Fish – Small Grant The project aims to prevent isolation with Aboriginal men with a disability, using fishing and talking group (yarning circle) whilst engaging in recreational fishing.	Deniliquin Local Aboriginal Land Council		FW \$5,435	
Moree Lions Club kids fishing day – Small Grant To promote correct fishing methods with kids under 12 years of age with their families, whilst conducting a community event.	Lions Club of Moree		FW \$9,800	
Lithgow High School aquaculture and fishing sustainability project – Small Grant Determining growth rates and displacement of natural species. Fingerlings to be nurtured at LHS aquaculture facility, transferred to temporary holding dam where growth rates are measured and fish tagged before being released locally to be caught and monitored.	Lithgow High School		FW \$10,000	
Engaging young recreational fishers in the importance of river health – Small Grant This project aims to provide fun, attractive and age appropriate educational materials in the resources pack for competitions at the annual Namoi River Carp Muster at Narrabri.	Narrabri Amateur Fishing Club Inc.		FW \$2,000	
Tenterfield Shire fishing information leaflet for visitors and local residents – Small Grant To provide visitors to the Tenterfield Shire information about locations and regulations related to fishing in the area.	Ratepayers Association of Tenterfield Shire		FW \$1,000	
Delivery of sector representation and consultation services for recreational fishing in NSW. Proposed DPI tender process to seek appointment of an Executive Officer for a NSW recreational fishing organisation, to work with government to enhance representation and consultation with the NSW recreational fishing sector.	NSW DPI			
Improving access to educational information on humane dispatch for fish species encountered by recreational fishers in New South Wales – Small Grant Upgrading the www.ikijime.com website and phone applications to improve user access by allowing fishers based in NSW to search from a list of species that only occur in NSW, rather than the whole database.	DigsFish Services	SW \$6,300	FW \$2,700	
Reproduction of 13,500 NSW Fishing Safely DVDs – Small Grant Reproduction of 13,500 Fishing Safety DVDs and free bulk distribution to NSW DPI, fishing groups, safe fishing clinics, community groups, other agencies and organisations.	Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW	SW \$9,970		
Kinchella Primary School and Hat Head Fishing Club -fishing project – Small Grant Educate students in basic fishing skills including: Hazards, Environment, Fishing gear, Casting, Bait and Practical. To be carried out by Hat Head Fishing Club Volunteers in conjunction with NSW Fisheries "Get Hooked" program	Hat Head Bowling & Rec. Club Amateur Fishing Club	SW \$2,000		

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NSW Fishing Day 2015 – Go fishing in NSW To conduct the inaugural Annual NSW Fishing Day on 6 December 2015 in six locations throughout NSW to recognise and promote the importance of fishing to the community, particularly in regional NSW. The project ultimately aims to encourage people to go fishing, especially new entrants to the sport. Ultimately the aim is to increase participation in recreational fishing.	NSW DPI	SW \$85,000 FW \$40,000		
Recreational fishing Smartphone app (FishSmart) Involves development of a DPI recreational fishing app to provide interactive, easy to find information on various fishing aspects, such as fishing rules, recreational fishing havens, artificial reefs, fish aggregating devices, fishing guides, a newsfeed facility, marine park maps, report illegal fishing, threatened species sightings, pest fish etc. The app will be available free of charge to download by the public and will follow the SharkSmart app previously launched by DPI.	NSW DPI	SW \$18,000 FW \$40,000		
Lets Go Fishing – educating school children on the sustainable benefits of recreational fishing This project provides fishing gear and other resources to enable high school teachers from the Marine Teachers Association to involve students in fishing through supervised practical fishing activities.	Australian Fishing Trade Association	SW \$110,000		
Clean Fishing in Queanbeyan – Small Grant Queanbeyan City Council proposes to install educational signage along the Queanbeyan River to address problems associated with lost and littered recreational fishing line.	Queanbeyan City Council	FW \$2,700		
Fishing for refugees – Small Grant This project will teach high-school aged refugee new arrivals to Australia responsible and sustainable fishing practices.	Intensive English centre, Warrawong High School	SW \$3,406		
Assisting others to enjoy fishing – Small Grant The club will hold 3 junior fishing clinics and 1 canTeen Cancer Kids visit. The clinics teach how to rig rods, tie knots, bait hooks, gather bait from intertidal zones, cast, catch and release fish and how to look after the environment.	Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Club Inc	SW \$5,000		
Warrawong High School's - Project Neptune – Small Grant The high school began Project Neptune in 1998, which involves running a fishing workshop for students and finishing the school term with an annual deep sea charter.	Warrawong High School	SW \$4,596		
NSW Fishing Workshops Each year, DPI runs around 70 regional fishing workshops where children are taught responsible fishing practices and how to fish. The project provides an enjoyable educational experience that aims to teach the basics of fishing to new entrants to the sport.	NSW DPI	SW \$36,310 FW \$19,780	SW \$37,000 FW \$20,000	SW \$37,740 FW \$20,400
Fishcare Project Around 300 Fishcare Volunteers are supported by 5 DPI regional Education Officers to provide face to face education of recreational fishers at 500 events each year. Volunteers and Education Officers make over 50,000 contacts with recreational fishers each year promoting responsible and safe fishing.	NSW DPI	SW \$595,200 FW \$170,000	SW \$610,000 FW \$174,250	SW \$625,300 FW \$178,600

Project	Organisation	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Fishing competitions and events: responsible recreational fishing promotion and effective management The project works closely with anglers from fishing clubs, fishing competitions and their organisers to help them improve the environmental performance of their events whilst helping to promote the positive benefits of fishing for the community. The project promotes best practice recreational fishing and competition management techniques.	NSW DPI	SW \$101,505 FW \$25,376	SW \$103,618 FW \$25,904	SW \$105,624 FW \$26,406
Get Hooked...its Fun to Fish This involves an interactive and discovery based recreational fishing project for primary schools, which meets the NSW Department of Education and Training Environmental Education Policy and curriculum. Primary schools register for the project and receive a comprehensive resource kit free of charge so that teachers can teach about recreational fishing fish species, the importance of healthy aquatic life for fish stocks and responsible fishing. In term 4, fishing workshops are held throughout NSW where the students can put their new skills and knowledge into practice. Over 100 schools and 5,000 participate in the project each year.	NSW DPI	SW \$396,000 FW \$39,000	SW \$396,000 FW \$39,000	SW \$396,000 FW \$39,000
Sydney International Boat Show 2015 – attendance of Fishcare trailer 'Bluey' This project purchases retail space at the Boat Show for 'Bluey' the Trust recreational fishing advisory trailer. DPI staff and Fishcare Volunteers attend the trailer promoting safe and responsible recreational fishing to the general public attending the Show.	NSW DPI/ Fishcare Volunteers	SW \$18,000		
Recreational Fishing Guides The project involves the printing of 300,000 comprehensive saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing guides each year. The guides have a wide range of information, including fishing rules, sustainable fishing practices, where fishing fee revenue is spent etc. The guides are distributed to fishers free of charge.	NSW DPI	SW \$135,000 FW \$55,000	SW \$135,000 FW \$55,000	SW \$135,000 FW \$55,000
Fishing fee awareness This project raises awareness of the need to pay the fishing licence fee and where licence fees is spent using advertising and promotion in fishing magazines and videos.	NSW DPI	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000
Tour Guide, Gaden Trout hatchery This provides funding for a Tour Guide at the Gaden Trout hatchery to run the visitor's centre and tourist complex. The guide conducts guided tours and other informative visitor information services, undertakes marketing / promotion of the hatchery and assists with the running of hatchery children's fishing workshops	NSW DPI	FW \$73,523	FW \$75,361	FW \$77,245
The Fly Program Ltd. Men in Flight Program The purpose of the The Fly Program's Men in Flight program is to raise awareness of and coordinate programs that address depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and suicide in the Australian male community. The program focuses on education and peer support through recreational fishing in the natural environment.	The Fly Program Ltd			SW \$41,000
Let's Go Fishing Target 100 – educating school children on the sustainable benefits of recreational fishing (target 100) This project builds on phase 1 of the previous similar projects by extending the program of increasing the knowledge of school age children about sustainable recreational fishing through supervised practical involvement from 50 to 100 schools in NSW.	Australian Fishing Trade Association			SW \$90,000

Project	Organisation	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
<p>Communication initiatives to promote responsible fishing and boating around oyster leases – Small Grant DPI, Oceanwatch, RMS and representatives from the oyster industry have been working together to implement a communications plan involving production of high quality online videos to educate anglers on responsible fishing and boating practices around oyster leases. The aims of the campaign are to maintain access to these important fishing fishing locations and to minimise impacts on the oyster industry by limiting damage, theft and water quality issues.</p>	NSW DPI and Oceanwatch			SW \$8,000
<p>Redfern Men's Cave Fishing Trips – Small Grant Project to take a group of 10-15 men from Redfern Men's Cave (indigenous and non-indigenous background who live in public housing in the inner city of Sydney) for a fishing trip every 2 months over the course of 1 year in order to connect them to the broader community, build authentic relationships and learn new skills around responsible fishing practices.</p>	Weave Youth and Community Services			SW \$6,300
<p>NSW Gone Fishing Day 2018 – promoting fishing as a healthy, fun, outdoors activity The 2017 NSW Gone Fishing Day was a great success with 20,000 people attending 6 DPI events across NSW with thousands more attending the 42 fishing club events from Evans Head to Eden and out to Broken Hill. It is proposed to run the 4th Gone Fishing Day in 2018. The day will continue to promote the importance of recreational fishing as a healthy, fun, outdoors activity. The NSW event has grown significantly and early planning of the many coordinated fishing activities, engagement of partners and fishing club involvement in the grant EOI process is required.</p>	NSW DPI			SW \$182,000 FW \$78,000
<p>Assisting others to Enjoy Fishing – Small Grant Hold two junior Fishing Clinics and 1 CanTeen Cancer Kids visit. Teach 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.</p>	Narooma Sport and Game Fishing Club			SW \$3,950
<p>Clean Safe Wharves Video – Small Grant This project contributes to Clean, Safe Wharves which involves a series of education and maintenance initiatives aimed at encouraging responsible recreational fishing behaviour on the 50 Sydney Harbour ferry wharves and ensuring fishing access is maintained. This application for funding is for the filming of a series of short videos for use on social media platforms and build on the engagement of Tim Mannah as a role model for young Lebanese men and role models like Al McGlashan to the wider community to deliver the clean and safe wharves initiative.</p>	Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW			SW \$9,195

Platform: Enforcement of fishing rules

Project	Organisation	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Coastal recreational mobile squads There are 3 mobile compliance squads with two Fisheries Officers in each, which enforce saltwater recreational fishing regulations, in particular recreational fishing fee requirements whilst patrolling popular fishing areas including recreational fishing havens. This project provides funding for three of the six mobile Fisheries Officers.	NSW DPI	SW \$495,261	SW \$500,754	SW \$506,452
9 coastal fisheries officers This project provides funding for 9 coastal fisheries officers which maintain capacity of DPI to enforce fisheries rules and regulations, including the recreational fishing fee requirement across NSW coastal areas.	NSW DPI	SW \$1,105,641	SW \$1,120,614	SW \$1,135,927
6 inland fisheries officers This project provides funding for 6 additional inland fisheries officers maintaining capacity of DPI to enforce fisheries rules and regulations including the recreational fishing fee requirement across NSW inland areas.	NSW DPI	FW \$855,809	FW \$867,086	FW \$878,619

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project	Organisation	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Monitoring Murray cod populations in the Dumaresq River, northern NSW – Small Grant Undertake two tag-and-recapture events in the Dumaresq River; one each in March-April 2017 and 2018. Additional data will strengthen estimates of population size and structure of Murray cod populations across the region.	Glenlyon Dam Fish Restocking Group Inc		FW \$10,000	
Assessing the interactions of threatened frog species and trout in the Central Tablelands of NSW – Small Grant To evaluate the distribution of threatened frogs in the Turon River catchment relative to available habitat and Trout stocking, including the relative abundance of threatened frogs in areas where fish stocking occurs versus non-stocked areas.	Office of Environment & Heritage		FW \$10,000	
Environmental drivers of spawning migration in Australian Bass in the Hunter River, NSW – Small Grant Acoustic tracking of Australian bass in the Hunter river to determine natural and artificial drivers and impediments of movement behaviour and spawning migration.	Deakin University		SW \$9,750	
Laying the foundations for shellfish reef restoration: Review of available ecosystem services data for Sydney rock oysters – Small Grant Desktop review of the ability of Sydney rock oysters to improve water quality and fisheries production to estimate the extent of lost ecosystem services in our estuaries and inform efforts to restore shellfish reefs in NSW.	DigsFish Services		SW \$10,000	

Project	Organisation	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Provision of Annual Report for the Gamefish Tagging Program for 2015/2016 and 2016/17 – Small Grant Provision of an informative, attractive and readily accessible report on the Gamefish Tagging Program for 2015/2016 and 2016/2017.	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd		SW \$6,000	SW \$6,000
Habitat use and movements between estuaries and the coastal ocean by Hairtail – Small Grant Gather information on the movements of hairtail in different life stages between estuaries and the coastal ocean using chemical analysis of fish ear bones (otoliths) collected under an existing student project.	Western Sydney University, School of Science and Health		SW \$9,912	
Developing mangrove jack as a new key species for freshwater recreational fishing in NSW – Phase 4: Fishery survey of Clarrie Hall dam and continuation of stocking The development of a recreational fishery based on mangrove jack in Clarrie Hall Dam is well underway, but now requires a post-stocking survey (24 months post first fingerling release), and further stocking effort. This application will cover the costs of a comprehensive post-stocking survey by electrofishing, netting and trapping, and the production of a further batch of 8,000 fingerlings for release in the 2016/17 summer.	Southern Cross University		SW \$26,279 FW \$26,279	
Integrated Angler Monitoring Program: Comprehensive ongoing assessment of recreational fishing in NSW to get better angler catch information quicker and more reliably Currently recreational surveys and assessments have been carried periodically providing snapshots of patterns of recreational catch and effort (e.g. 12 years between statewide surveys). This proposal outlines an alternative to the current piecemeal approach by integrating a regular assessment of the NSW angler population, including getting information from key industry stakeholders (such as charter fishers).	NSW DPI		SW \$322,700	SW \$397,100
Monitoring and Research on Landed Fish at Game Fishing Tournaments in NSW: 2016/2017 & 2017/2018 The project facilitates and conducts monitoring, sampling and biological research on billfish, tuna, sharks and other gamefish captured and weighed at major game fishing tournaments in NSW.	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd		SW \$29,500	SW \$30,500
Rock fishing safety monitoring camera Provide a camera system for the monitoring of anglers and their safety equipment use on rock platforms, and determining the characteristics of dangerous rogue waves on the platforms.	UNSW Australia Water Research Laboratory (WRL)		SW \$45,000	
Macquarie perch refuge project The continued monitoring and management of the Retreat River Macquarie Perch refuge population and the continued holding of Lachlan Macquarie perch bred at Narrandera for future possible captive breeding.	NSW DPI		FW \$36,000	
Fishing for answers: unlocking the secrets of spawning and recruitment for Murray-Darling recreational species This project will identify and map spawning and recruitment zones for Murray cod, silver perch and golden perch.	Charles Sturt University		FW \$50,000	FW \$50,000
Providing vital information necessary to enhance and manage the iconic Murray crayfish recreational fishery The project will monitor the recovery of blackwater affected populations and the status of open areas as well as undertake stock enhancement to aid the management of the recreational fishery.	Nature Glenelg Trust		FW \$95,000	

Project	Organisation	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
<p>Teaching predator avoidance skills in hatchery yellowfin bream and mangrove jack fingerlings to improve efficiency of stock enhancement programmes – Small Grant</p> <p>This project aims to boost survival rates of hatchery-reared fish in stock enhancement programmes by developing methods to teach predator avoidance behaviours fingerlings prior to release.</p>	Southern Cross University	SW \$9,950 FW \$9,950		
<p>Developing cost-effective recreational angler data collection and survey methods in NSW through the use of interactive smartphone technology.</p> <p>Develop and trial interactive web based and smartphone technology as a monitoring and assessment tool for recreational fisheries in NSW, in particular recording angler effort, catch and harvest.</p>	Field GIS Australia	SW \$34,230 FW \$14,670		
<p>NSW Game Fish Tournament Monitoring</p> <p>This project collects catch and fishing effort research information from around 25 game fishing tournaments each year, which is used to support management of the game fishery and assist with negotiations with Commonwealth agencies on fisheries issues.</p>	Ghosn Consulting Services	SW \$63,000	SW \$66,250	SW \$69,700
<p>Bait Security – Ensuring sustainable and productive NSW invertebrate bait resources</p> <p>This new research project will contribute to our understanding of bait population dynamics to support sustainable management and identify opportunities for population enhancement or recovery of pipis, nippers and beach worms. Project outcomes will secure NSW bait species for recreational fishers through: 'Best practice' harvest guidelines'.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$112,180	SW \$106,380	SW \$104,880
<p>Game Fish Tagging Project</p> <p>The NSW DPI Game Fish Tagging Project of Australia is the largest saltwater tagging project of its kind in the world and has been in operation since 1973. It uses anglers to obtain vital information on the biology of billfish, tunas, sharks and sport fish and encourages fishers to participate in the management of the fishery through fish tagging initiatives. Thousands of fish are tagged each year by anglers as part of the project.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$145,101	SW \$148,390	SW \$151,950
<p>The New South Wales Research Angler Project – Saltwater</p> <p>Biological knowledge gaps for some of NSW's key recreational fish species can be filled by utilising fishers to collect biological information (e.g. otoliths or earbones for fish ageing) on the fish they catch. This 'citizen science' project allows fishers to actively contribute to stock assessment and better management of their favourite species. The project has previously focussed on Mulloway but will expand to other species such as Snapper, Kingfish, Tailor and Flathead.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$300,646	SW \$316,440	SW \$335,372
<p>NSW Fisheries Enhancement Research and Monitoring Project</p> <p>This project addresses the research and monitoring requirements (as determined by the Commonwealth) of the offshore artificial reefs and marine stocking projects. As part of the approvals for these two projects, there are a range of monitoring requirements which are undertaken under this project. The project also furthers our understanding of the effectiveness of these fisheries enhancement project.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$492,192	SW \$519,248	SW \$550,998
<p>Enhancing Estuary Perch spawning habitat in the Clyde River: Trial and evaluation</p> <p>This small project will monitor the efficacy of enhancing Estuary Perch spawning habitat (funded separately under a Habitat Action Grant) at strategic locations within the lower Clyde River (where Estuary Perch spawning habitat is limited). Spawning habitat will be enhanced via the deployment of reef balls (artificial reefs) and snags.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$37,639	SW \$24,527	

Project	Organisation	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
<p>Monitoring and Research on Landed Fish at Game Fishing Tournaments in NSW: 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 This project facilitates sampling of billfish, tuna, sharks and other gamefish captured and weighed at the major game fishing tournaments to obtain biological information, which contributes to a range of studies in Australia and worldwide.</p>	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	SW \$29,000		
<p>Recreational fish biodiversity assessments will direct on-grounds remediation works to reduce threats to key estuarine habitats in northern NSW The Group will use in-water estuarine video and observational surveys to determine the presence of key recreational fish species and identify critical habitat that they rely upon. Seagrass and complex habitats will be mapped and seasonal patterns of fish habitat utilisation will be recorded. Threats to key fish habitats will be identified for future habitat restoration work.</p>	Solitary Islands Underwater Research Group Inc. (SURG)	SW \$22,970	SW \$12,200	SW \$7,640
<p>Provision of an informative, attractive and readily accessible report on the Gamefish Tagging Project for the year 2014/2015 – Small Grant This project will provide a quality angler Annual Report for the Gamefish Tagging Project for 2014/15</p>	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	SW \$6,000		
<p>Building a stronger, more resilient and sustainable Murray Cod fishery in NSW This proposal is to complete and build on the current research project funded by the Trusts and the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation. It will use new and innovative techniques to obtain new stock assessment information on Murray cod populations across NSW as well as the wider Murray-Darling Basin.</p>	NSW DPI		FW \$113,891	FW \$137,905
<p>Monitoring the Australian bass fishery in NSW: “Bass Catch” The Australian bass fishery is very popular in NSW coastal rivers and impoundments. The Bass Catch Project has been running since 1988 and collects catch and effort information from a series of Bass catch events on various waterways along the coast.</p>	NSW DPI	FW \$59,614	FW \$71,616	
<p>Movement patterns of the freshwater Catfish, <i>Tandanus tandanus</i>, in the Gwydir River, northern Murray-Darling Basin Using acoustic bio-telemetry this project will describe the movement patterns of Catfish in the Gwydir and Mehi Rivers in relation to flow, season and sex. This will provide information to better understand what factors may be limiting recovery of the species in the Basin, which will ultimately allow us to move toward the conservation of the species and hopefully their delisting as endangered.</p>	NSW DPI	FW \$10,000	FW \$10,000	
<p>Recreational Fishing Assessments in NSW This research project is designed to inform fishery managers on knowledge gaps that exist in both trout and native inland fisheries. It involves undertaking assessments using various sampling methods e.g. creel surveys, electrofishing surveys etc. to obtain key biological and fishery related information for stock assessment.</p>	NSW DPI	FW \$240,449	FW \$246,460	FW \$252,622
<p>Minimising the potential for interactions between shore-based anglers and grey nurse sharks Investigations would be done and a code of conduct written to improve the sustainability of shore-based fishing by minimizing potential interactions between shore-based anglers and grey nurse sharks.</p>	Cardno NSW/ACT			SW \$25,000
<p>Understanding the variable nature of Blue Swimmer Crab populations in NSW estuaries This project will collect information on the reproductive biology and recruitment dynamics of Blue Swimmer Crabs to inform future management arrangements, broodstock collection and targeted stocking for the species.</p>	NSW DPI			SW \$100,000

Project	Organisation	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
<p>Bait Security – building on a solid foundation. To improve access and availability of beachworms to NSW recreational fishers</p> <p>This 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.</p>	NSW DPI			SW \$65,728
<p>Where have all the yellowfin tuna gone? Investigating the disjunct between commercial and recreational catches off NSW</p> <p>This project will focus on the investigation of an apparent lack of correlation between inshore catches of yellowfin tuna by recreational fishers and offshore catches by commercial fishers.</p>	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd			SW \$40,000
<p>Coastal Engineering study of sand deposits, their causes and possible remediation (long and short term) in the navigation channel – Small Grant</p> <p>Commissioning a professional study of the movements affecting the depositing of sand in and around the entry to the channel to the boat ramp with recommendations and costings for remediation long term.</p>	St George and Sutherland Shire Anglers Club Inc.			SW \$1,650
<p>Can citizen science help build social license for the recreational fishing sector? – Small Grant</p> <p>We will explore if social license of recreational fisheries can be created through citizen science and how we can bolster this social license for the benefit of recreational fishing in Australia.</p>	Centre for Marine Socioecology			SW \$9,930
<p>Assessing fish populations and follow up threatened frog research in the Central Tablelands of NSW</p> <p>To conduct native fish and trout surveys in the Turon River catchment. To continue monitoring of threatened frog populations at sites around Sofala subject to trout stocking.</p>	NSW DPI / OEH			FW \$21,000

Platform: Fishing fee coordination and payment network

Project	Organisation	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Recreational fishing information – enhanced production for fishers Production and distribution of Recreational Fishing Trust recreational fishing advisory brochures and information (your fishing licence at work brochures, recreational fishing haven signage, catch and release guides, sticky rules etc). All funds are spent on printing and distribution.	NSW DPI	SW \$142,500	SW \$142,500	SW \$142,500
Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council (RFNSW) consultation and meeting expenses RFNSW will advise the Minister for Primary Industries on recreational fishery issues including maintaining and improving the quality of recreational fishing opportunities and access, and recommendations regarding allocation of recreational fishing fee funds to programs that benefit recreational fishing.	NSW DPI	SW \$40,000	SW \$88,000	SW \$62,000 FW \$26,000
Expenditure committee meeting expenses The Recreational Fishing Salt and Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committees are sub-committees of the Ministerial recreational fishing advisory council. The committees review applications for funding and make recommendations on priorities for expenditure from the Recreational Fishing Trusts.	NSW DPI	SW \$33,000 FW \$33,000	SW \$33,000 FW \$33,000	SW \$33,000 FW \$33,000
Recreational Fishing Trust Executive Officer This role is responsible for the overall coordination of the Recreational Fishing Trusts to facilitate a transparent and accountable Trust system, which is supported by the recreational fishing community. The responsibility includes implementation of good governance processes to ensure collection and transfer of licence revenue to the Trusts and disbursement of funds to Trust projects.	NSW DPI	SW \$172,000	SW \$177,000	SW \$182,000
Fisheries Manager (inland recreational fisheries) The role is responsible for management of existing Trust funded projects, including freshwater recreational grants and dollar for dollar stocking grants. It also oversees the Recreational Fishing Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committee and the Gaden Hatchery Management Committee.	NSW DPI	FW \$174,300	FW \$178,476	FW \$182,759
Recreational Fisheries Infrastructure and Grants Management Project This role identifies gaps in fishing infrastructure in NSW, including fish cleaning facilities and quality accessible fishing platforms. It also produces the newsletter Newscast sent regularly to 150,000 recreational fishers and oversees project management of all external grant projects funded by the Recreational Fishing Trust.	NSW DPI	SW \$134,799 FW \$14,978	SW \$137,252 FW \$15,250	SW \$139,754 FW \$15,523
Recreational Fishing Trust grants governance enhancement and improvements project Given there are over 100 'active' projects funded by the Recreational Fishing Trusts, this role ensures the performance of Recreational Fishing Trust funded projects by maintaining milestone reporting requirements for all projects. Regular audits of projects are undertaken to ensure good governance of the expenditure of Recreational Fishing Trust funding.	NSW DPI	SW \$122,943	SW \$126,171	SW \$134,804
Recreational Fisher Research Database This project involves data entry of 1 and 3-year fishing fee receipt holders onto the NSW DPI Recreational Angling database for research and management purposes. This includes data validation and duplication checks of the database.	NSW DPI (via outsourced supplier)	SW \$49,000 FW \$21,000	SW \$49,000 FW \$21,000	SW \$49,000 FW \$21,000

Recreational Fishing Fee Renewal Notice System	NSW DPI (via outsourced supplier)	SW \$86,000 FW \$36,850	SW \$86,000 FW \$36,850	SW \$86,000 FW \$36,850
Recreational Fishing Fee Administration project	NSW DPI	SW \$1,573,952 FW \$674,552	SW \$1,616,719 FW \$692,914	SW \$1,560,282 FW \$711,630

Involves an efficient recreational fishing licence fee 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.

This project is responsible for maintenance of a convenient payment network for the recreational fishing fee. DPI maintains a network of around 900 retail outlets (fishing tackle stores, service stations etc.) where fishers can purchase their fee receipt. Purchase of recreational fishing fees has also been amalgamated with the Government Licensing Service, which provides a web based 'one stop shop' for all government licensing functions. The Service provides for a range of payment functions for the Recreational Fishing Fee and charges DPI a set fee per transaction, which is included in the project budget. Each year, there are around 500,000 fee payments and a host of associated transactions e.g. address changes, refunds etc.

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