

Recreational Fishing Saltwater Trust Expenditure Committee (RFSTEC) meeting OUTCOMES

Meeting Number: 62 **Date:** 2 February 2022 **Time:** 9:00am – 4:00pm
Location: Videoconference (Zoom)
Invitees: Bruce Schumacher AM (Chair), Paul Connellan (Region 1), Lisa Terry (Region 2), Geoff Shelton (Region 3), Karl Attenborough (Region 4), Michael Aubrey (Region 5), Anna Clark (Region 6), Ann Garard (Region 7), Micah Adams (Region 8), Cassie Price (OzFish), Adrian Wayne (AUF), Grahame Williams OAM (NSW GFA), Damian Kerves (AFTA), Peter Turnell (NSW DPI)

1. Chair's introduction and welcome

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Peter Turnell

3. Confirmation of outcomes from previous meeting

The draft outcomes of the 61st RFSTEC meeting on 3 August 2021 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. **Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried**

4. Recreational Fishing Trust items

a. Status of the Saltwater Trust

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

b. b) Fishing club grants proposal

RFSTEC previously discussed the concept of establishing a new grants program for fishing clubs to apply for funding from the Trusts for fishing club activities and operations which have recreational fishing benefits for the community. This new grant program concept was supported by the RFSTEC, on the proviso that the program should have an associated grant cap as well as specific guidelines to provide direction to applicants including the need for clubs to be incorporated, weighing scales being an eligible item and the exclusion of toilet blocks from the program. It was recommended that this proposal be forwarded to Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council for consideration.

c. Project variation – Project LLaP, Look, Learn and Protect

A total of \$5,665 of funding was supported in RFSTEC Meeting 59 for an individual to undertake this project, primarily to purchase a microEYE Discovery Microscope for educational purposes at the Long Reef Education Centre. Following discussions between DPI and the individual, it was determined that DPI would be the most appropriate project lead to take on required insurances and to organize a loan arrangement with local council for the equipment to be used at the Long Reef Education Centre. RFSTEC supported a project variation to change the project lead to DPI.

d. Review of new Saltwater grant applications

A total of 45 Saltwater Trust grant applications were received following a widely advertised call for applications released in October 2021. Funding recommendations with respect to each project will be forwarded to the Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council for consideration prior to submission to the Minister for approval (Tables 1 & 2).

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

Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement programs

| Project Title | Organisation | Project Summary | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 |
|--|-----------------------|--|---------------|-----------------|---------|
| 2021-22 Reserve BBDSFC FAD | Byron Bay Deep Sea FC | To acquire materials and pre build a FAD for rapid deployment in the event that the club's current Commonwealth waters FAD becomes missing at sea. SUPPORTED Moved: Anna Clark, Seconded: Micah Adams, Carried. | SW \$1,510 | | |
| Boosting our fisheries: expanding the stocking of NSW estuaries with popular species | NSW DPI | The marine stocking program involves the breeding and release of species including but not limited to mullet, dusky flathead and kingfish using world's best stocking practices to enhance recreational fishing opportunities. This funding application aims to build on the success of the current program to expand marine stocking activities even further along the NSW coast, involve more anglers and angling clubs in opportunities to stock their local waters and increase the production efficiency of marine hatcheries, including the private hatchery sector. SUPPORTED Moved: Micah Adams, Seconded: Geoff Shelton, Carried. | | SW \$100,000 | |

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

| Project Title | Organisation | Project Summary | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 |
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| Allworth floating pontoon | The Allworth and District Social Fishing Club Inc | The club and the wider fishing community of Allworth encompassing Stroud, Dungog and Gloucester propose to install a floating pontoon adjacent to the existing boat ramp jetty at the Allworth NSW picnic grounds to increase safety and usability by fishers. SUPPORTED Moved: Michael Aubrey, Seconded: Adrian Wayne, Carried. | SW \$78,000 | | |
| Mylestom Pontoon Access Repair & Enhancement | Bellingen Shire Council | The existing pontoon shoreline access slab and walkway has been dangerously undermined by shoreline erosion. A new erosion proofed shoreline access slab and walkway will be installed aligning with the floating pontoon. SUPPORTED Moved: Lisa Terry, Seconded: Damian Kerves, Carried. | | SW \$32,500 | |

| Project Title | Organisation | Project Summary | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 |
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| New Mylestom Fish Cleaning Table | Bellingen Shire Council | Construction of a new covered fish cleaning table adjacent to the Mylestom boat ramp, including bins for fish waste and bins for waste fishing line. SUPPORTED Moved: Lisa Terry, Seconded: Damian Kerves, Carried. | | SW \$18,106 | |
| Fishing Upgrade infrastructure across Shoalhaven 2022-23 (FUN-AS) | Shoalhaven City Council | Construction, upgrade and repair of old/outdated recreational fishing facility infrastructure across the Shoalhaven region for improved usability and accessibility for local communities and visitors. SUPPORTED Moved: Lisa Terry, Seconded: Adrian Wayne, Carried. Condition: RFSTEC noted some potential overlap with past Trust projects and recommended DPI clarify locations with Council prior to a funding deed being executed. A map of locations to be provided at the next meeting for Committee's information. | SW \$150,000 | | |
| Cattai Creek kayak launch facility | Hawkesbury City Council | To provide a publicly accessible kayak launch facility to enable fishers to access Cattai Creek. The facility will be multi-level to accommodate tidal heights and allow safe access at all times. Riparian vegetation will be enhanced through weed control and revegetation with local native species. SUPPORTED Moved: Lisa Terry, Seconded: Anna Clark, Carried. | SW \$175,835 | | |
| St Georges Basin - Basin Rd Jetty | Shoalhaven City Council | This project aims to improve the fishing experience in the St Georges Basin Recreational Fishing Haven for land based fishers by complete renewal of the existing fishing jetty off Basin Rd, St Georges Basin SUPPORTED Moved: Adrian Wayne, Seconded: Damian Kerves, Carried. | SW \$252,000 | | |
| Repair our existing sea wall and improve safe access to the water for boats and other user groups by widening our existing ramp by 1m x 8m | Ben Buckler Amateur Fishing Club | Ben Buckler Amateur Fishing Club propose to repair the sea wall on which boats are kept on and expand the ramp by 1m x 8m to improve access to the water and help create a safer point of entry. The ramp is situated on the rock platform at North Bondi Point. SUPPORTED. Moved: Adrian Wayne, Seconded: Damian Kerves, Carried. RFSTEC noted that the ramp can be accessed by the public and is also used by spearfishers and recreational underwater harvesters as a safe entry point. It was noted spearfishers are recommended to access waters off Bondi using the | SW \$9,500 | | |

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| | | northern Ben Buckler headland to reduce interaction with other user groups. RFSTEC noted Council approval for the works would need to be obtained prior to any funding deed being executed. | | | |
| Briely's Fish Cleaning Table Renewal | Eurobodalla Shire Council | Install a replacement fish cleaning table at Brierleys boat ramp for the fishing community. These works will align with Council's overall plan for the facilities including a new boat ramp. SUPPORTED Moved: Micah Adams, Seconded: Damian Kerves, Carried. | SW \$9,905 | | |
| South Durras Extension of Access Stairs | Eurobodalla Shire Council | This project will extend the current staircase access to the lower rock platform at South Durras with timber steps and handrails to provide safer access for anglers to access the rock platform in all weather conditions. SUPPORTED Moved: Micah Adams, Seconded: Damian Kerves, Carried. | SW \$9,950 | | |
| Fish Cleaning Table on Fishermen's Public Wharf - Port Macquarie Town Centre | Port Macquarie Hastings Council | This project will install a 4 person fish cleaning table on the edge of the main deck of the Fishermen's Public Wharf. The wharf has recently been constructed and is now a popular fishing location. The table will be connected to the nearby potable water supply. SUPPORTED Moved: Geoff Shelton, Seconded: Adrian Wayne, Carried. | SW \$9,930 | | |
| Too Good To Lose! Water Police patrols to help keep Sydney Harbour ferry wharves open to fishing (2022/23 season) | DPI Fisheries / Transport for NSW | This project has been jointly funded by Transport for NSW and the Recreational Fishing Trusts since 2017 and promotes responsible fishing behaviour on Sydney Harbour's wharves and piers during the key summer fishing season. The project complements the long running Clean, Safe Wharves program. NSW Police Marine Area Command patrols at the 50 plus commuter ferry wharf locations and Walsh Bay piers provides an effective enforcement presence to help manage issues involving rubbish, noise and anti-social behaviour from a minority of irresponsible recreational fishers. Police reports and Transport for NSW information indicates the patrols significantly reduce public complaints and help increase public acceptance of recreational fishing activities at these locations. It is proposed to continue the patrols into the 2022/23 summer fishing season. SUPPORTED Moved: Grahame Williams, Seconded: Micah Adams, Carried. | | SW \$180,000 | |

Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

| Project Title | Organisation | Project Summary | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 |
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| City of Canada Bay Tackle Bin Project | Individual | <p>This project will install 4 tackle bins in popular fishing locations in the Canada Bay Council area to encourage anglers to protect the marine environment from fishing debris and pollution.</p> <p>SUPPORTED Moved: Anna Clark, Seconded: Cassie Price, Carried.</p> <p>RFSTEC noted approval is required from local Council.</p> | SW \$1,060 | | |

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

| Project Title | Organisation | Project Summary | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 |
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| Using eDNA to assess how estuarine fish communities respond to consecutive extreme events of drought, bushfire, and flood. | Charles Sturt University | <p>This project will utilise weekly environmental DNA (eDNA) samples collected from NSW estuaries between 2018 - 2020 to explore how recreational fish assemblages were impacted by consecutive extreme events.</p> <p>SUPPORTED Moved: Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded: Paul Connellan, Carried.</p> | | SW \$156,525 | |
| Smart approaches to surveying recreational fishing facilities | Macquarie University | <p>This project will monitor fish cleaning tables and associated boat ramps using high-definition video and leverage artificial intelligence to extract information about recreational fishing catches and facility use.</p> <p>SUPPORTED Moved: Lisa Terry, Seconded: Adrian Wayne, Carried.</p> <p>RFSTEC recognised the pilot nature of the project and noted there may be issues with public acceptance which would need to be addressed prior to the project proceeding, including ethics approval and signage development. These issues should be addressed prior to execution of a funding deed.</p> | | SW \$191,403 | |

| Project Title | Organisation | Project Summary | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 |
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| Monitoring of changes in Lake Macquarie Blue Swimmer Crab populations following the recent regulation change | NSW DPI | The project will monitor for potential changes in the Blue Swimmer Crab population following the removal of the crab traps closure in Lake Macquarie, comparing data collected following the regulation change with independent surveys from 2018-2021 and a reference estuary monitored over the same time frame. SUPPORTED Moved: Lisa Terry, Seconded: Michael Aubrey, Carried. | SW \$19,468 | SW \$10,835 | |
| Monitoring and Research on Landed Fish at Game Fishing Tournaments in NSW: 2022/2023 | Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd | The project facilitates and conducts monitoring, sampling and biological research on billfish, tuna, sharks and other gamefish captured and weighed at the major game fishing tournaments in NSW. SUPPORTED Moved: Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded: Damian Kerves, Carried. | | SW \$32,500 | |
| Fishery biology and ecology of the marine snail, Turbo militaris | National Marine Science Centre | This research addresses critical knowledge gaps on the biology and ecology of the recreationally and culturally harvested turban snail, Turbo militaris for sustainable management. SUPPORTED Moved: Anna Clark, Seconded: Lisa Terry, Carried. | SW \$8,000 | | |
| Long-term security and archiving of tissue samples collected from billfish, tuna, sharks and other gamefish at NSW tournaments from 2015 to 2022 | Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd | Insure against loss by dividing all tissue sample collected from billfish, tuna, sharks and other gamefish since 2015 into three sets frozen at -20°C, -80°C and the third set in liquid in preserving fluid. SUPPORTED Moved: Lisa Terry, Seconded: Grahame Williams OAM, Carried. | | SW \$8,950 | |
| Provision of Annual Report for the Gamefish Tagging Program for 2021/2022 | Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd | Provision of an informative, attractive and readily accessible report on the Gamefish Tagging Program for the year 2021/2022. SUPPORTED Moved: Micah Adams, Seconded: Grahame Williams OAM, Carried. | | SW \$6,700 | |

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| Drilling down into spawning locations for wild yellowtail kingfish (<i>Seriola lalandi</i>) using otolith oxygen isotopes | Sydney Institute of Marine Science | <p>This project will validate the relationship between water temperature and oxygen isotopes in kingfish otoliths and use this to bracket the likely habitat within which NSW kingfish were born.</p> <p>SUPPORTED Moved: Lisa Terry, Seconded: Grahame Williams, Carried.</p> | SW \$9,994 | | |

Platform: Recreational fishing education

| Project Title | Organisation | Project Summary | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 |
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| Women's Recreational Fishing League Seed Funding | Women's Recreational Fishing League | <p>This project aims to establish the Women's Recreational Fishing League to support and encourage growth in female participation in recreational fishing. Funding is required for development of procedures, community engagement, membership recruitment & ongoing fishing events/activities.</p> <p>Ms Cassie Price declared a non-pecuniary potential conflict of interest and was excluded from the project assessment discussion.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED Moved: Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded: Damian Kerves, Carried.</p> <p>While RFSTEC noted the application stated a goal of increasing female participation in recreational fishing by 10,000, the Committee considered this target may be very challenging given the proposed virtual communication methodology. The Committee also raised concern about the significant project management fees as a component of the budget.</p> <p>Following further discussion, a second motion was tabled to rescind the first motion of no support for funding for the project and to subsequently support funding for the project.</p> <p>SUPPORTED Moved: Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded: Adrian Wayne, Carried.</p> | Supported SW \$49,200 | | |

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| | | RFSTEC acknowledged a high target of 10,000 participants is admirable and the applicant should be supported to reach this target as far as possible given the current low female statewide participation rate. Condition: The applicant must be registered as a not-for-profit organisation prior to the funding deed being executed. | | | |
| Forge Through Fishing Program | Forge Through Limited | The Forge Through Fishing Program has been developed to assist veterans and first responders who are suffering mental health issues to socialise and engage in meaningful relationships whilst learning to fish. SUPPORTED Moved: Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded: Micah Adams, Carried. | SW \$4,875 | | |
| A Rock Fishing Safety & Skills program, contributing to reducing rock fishing fatalities in NSW | Surf Life Saving NSW | This project will deliver targeted rock fishing safety education through the provision of 1,000 lifejackets, rock fishing safety workshops, classroom-based education, family targeted school programs, multilingual rock fishing safety resources and newly developed media targeted at at-risk communities. SUPPORTED Moved: Anna Clark, Seconded: Lisa Terry, Carried. Condition: SLNSW to obtain additional quotes to improve cost effectiveness of the proposed lifejacket purchase, which could significantly increase the number of giveaway jackets available for the program. SLNSW should also undertake consultation with other groups and organisations during implementation of the program. | SW \$204,030 | | |
| Fostering Environmental Custodianship through Fishing | Emmanuel Anglican College | Ballina is often described as a fisher person's paradise, yet many young locals prefer to play on their devices inside their homes. The EAC Marine Science program will foster teenagers' interest in fishing in a responsible and environmentally friendly way such that students will become custodians of this remarkable ecosystem. SUPPORTED Moved: Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded: Cassie Price, Carried. | SW \$2,539 | | |

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| Phase 1 – Gadigal, Bidjigal and Dharawal Fish Harvesting, Sustainability and the Community | Stingray Workers Cooperative | <p>Phase one of this project will bring together Gadigal, Bidjigal and Dharawal Elders to capture and record traditional fishing knowledge, and fully develop a project plan for Phase 2 for future delivery.</p> <p>SUPPORTED Moved: Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded: Lisa Terry, Carried.</p> | SW \$9,775 | | |

Table 2. Summary of new Saltwater Trust grant applications NOT SUPPORTED for funding by RFSTEC

Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement programs

| Project Title | Organisation | Project Summary | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 |
|--|------------------------------------|---|----------------|---------|---------|
| Kiama Harbour Artificial Reef – Marine Ecosystem Enhancement | Avcon Projects Australasia Pty Ltd | <p>Creation of an artificial reef in a child-friendly fishing precinct to enhance the marine ecosystem and fishing experience. This measurable pilot program will assess environmental factors and inform industry.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded: Anna Clark, Carried.</p> <p>RFSTEC noted further consultation with relevant stakeholders, including current harbour users, is required. RFSTEC also noted there are significant planning and approval requirements which should be addressed in the application prior to further consideration. More detailed location analysis may also be required. RFSTEC recommended that DPI provide further advice about the planning requirements noting the current offshore artificial reef program.</p> | SW \$35,000 | | |
| The release of Dusky Flathead fingerlings into the Camden Haven River system | Hastings Fly Fishers Inc | <p>Involves the release of Dusky Flathead fingerlings into the Camden Haven River system, which includes the Camden Haven estuary, Stingray Creek, Queens Lake, Watsons Taylor Lake and Gogleys Lagoon.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED Moved: Karl Attenborough, Seconded: Grahame Williams OAM, Carried.</p> <p>RFSTEC identified the merit of stocking the Camden Haven River, which is a recreational fishing haven. The Committee considered the Camden Haven be included in the current DPI marine stocking program to facilitate marine stocking approvals and hatchery production requirements.</p> | SW \$30,800 | | |

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

| Project Title | Organisation | Project Summary | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 |
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| Bayside Community Children's Fishing Wharf | Bayside Community Recreation Club | <p>Involves improving fishing wharf access for club members, general public and those with disability. The scope of the works is to demolish and remove existing wharf infrastructure and install a new wharf.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED Moved: Michael Aubrey, Seconded: Grahame Williams, Carried.</p> <p>RFSTEC identified the application was lacking essential planning and budget information. The Committee recommended the applicant consult with the DPI Fisheries Fishing Facilities Manager to discuss the information requirements prior to re-submission.</p> | SW \$100,600 | | |
| Mylestom Boat Ramps Temporary Safety Enhancements Project | Bellingen Shire Council | <p>To provide temporary safety enhancements on the two existing boat ramps in Mylestom to address community concerns based on TfNSW Maritime Operations and Compliance advice.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED AT THIS STAGE Moved: Lisa Terry, Seconded: Damian Kerves, Carried.</p> <p>RFSTEC recognised the merit of the application and recommended that funding be sought from the Boating Now Program in the first instance prior to further consideration by the Committee.</p> | SW \$39,180 | | |
| New Mylestom Boat Ramp Project Preliminaries Funding | Bellingen Shire Council | <p>This project involves detailed scoping, investigation, assessments, design, community consultation and regulatory approvals for the New Mylestom Boat Ramp Project.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED AT THIS STAGE Moved: Lisa Terry, Seconded: Damian Kerves, Carried.</p> <p>RFSTEC recognised the merit of the application and recommended that funding be sought from the Boating Now Program in the first instance prior to further consideration by the Committee.</p> | SW \$68,868 | | |

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| Car Park Over Flow – Eden Amateur Fishing Club | The Eden Amateur Fishing Club Inc. | <p>The BVSC car and boat trailer area is limited in the number of vehicles it can hold. The car park of the Eden Amateur Fishing Club is regularly used by the public to cater for the overflow of cars and trailers and is in urgent need of repair. The car park is used on a daily basis by locals and visitors with between 60 and 100 vehicles crossing over it daily or simply using it for parking boat trailers.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED Moved: Micah Adams, Seconded: Adrian Wayne, Carried</p> <p>RFSTEC considered there was ample car parking available for recreational fishers at the local boat ramp for the majority of the fishing season.</p> | SW \$94,959 | | |
| Narooma town wharf cleaning table Roof and solar lighting | Club Narooma Bowlo Fishing Club | <p>This project will provide a cover, solar light and saltwater supply to the fish cleaning table on Narooma Town Wharf.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED AT THIS STAGE Moved: Micah Adams, Seconded: Damian Kerves, Carried.</p> <p>RFSTEC noted the merit of the application. However the application was lacking budget details and the applicant had also requested DPI to be the project manager. RFSTEC recommended DPI consult further with the applicant to facilitate resubmission of the application, including discussion and confirmation of the project manager/applicant responsibility.</p> | SW \$9,900 | | |
| Ironbark Island Fishing Grant | Ironbark Investment Trust | <p>This project aims to improve the fishing experience in the Mangrove Creek /Hawkesbury River recreational fishing area for boat-based and land-based fishers by 1) improving the accessibility to launch boats, 2) the provision of fishing amenities and 3) providing amenities for families to camp and fish.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED AT THIS STAGE Moved: Damian Kerves, Seconded: Paul Connellan, Carried</p> <p>RFSTEC noted the application was lacking in detail, including adequate budget information. Public access arrangements also need to be clarified.</p> | SW \$9,760 | | |

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| Toilets restoration – Eden Fishing Club | The Eden Amateur Fishing Club Inc. | <p>This project will restore the Eden Amateur Fishing Club building’s two outside toilets which are in need of urgent repair. The current facility has experienced water damage in and on the floor, tiles have fallen off and fittings are out dated and require replacing.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED Moved: Micah Adams, Seconded: Adrian Wayne, Carried.</p> <p>RFSTEC noted the toilets were for club members only and that there are public toilets at the nearby boat ramp.</p> | SW \$7,535 | | |

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

| Project Title | Organisation | Project Summary | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 |
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| Research and education competition | Filmfish Pty Ltd | <p>Filmfish is an online family fishing competition which aims to collect valuable fish data using citizen science to provide data to relevant bodies. This project proposes to entice more recreational fishers to fish for citizen science through prizes with over \$20,000 in prizes made available through monthly competitions. This is an ongoing competition drawn each month with all profits donated to fish habitat and restoration projects.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: Micah Adams, Seconded: Damian Kerves, Carried.</p> <p>RFSTEC noted it was apparent the project organisation represented a commercial venture despite there also being a citizen science element. Additionally, the RFSTEC also considered it was essential that the data collection be done under a scientific framework in partnership with a university or DPI Fisheries to ensure data quality and useability in fisheries monitoring and assessment.</p> | SW \$42,000 FW \$18,000 | | |
| Understanding the Impact that Recreational Fishing | University of Wollongong | Mental illness effects one in four Australians– and has been exacerbated by COVID. Therapeutic recreation is an emerging psychological intervention. This project will examine the impact that recreational fishing | SW \$35,750 | | |

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| can have on Mental Health | | <p>can have on mental health and determine its efficacy using empirical research.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED Moved: Damian Kerves, Seconded: Karl Attenborough, Carried.</p> <p>RFSTEC considered the benefit:cost ratio was low given the high participant cost. The number of participants was also considered low compared to the cost. RFSTEC identified there may be opportunities to increase the benefit:cost ratio and also to investigate the potential for other partnership organisations to be involved to reduce the overall cost of the program.</p> | | | |
| Pirtek Fishing Challenge - citizen science from Australia's largest fishing competition | National Fishing Challenge | <p>The PFC is Australia's biggest fishing competition with 10,288 competitors in 2021. The event is a catch, measure, photograph and release tournament open to all anglers both junior and senior nationally. The competition's goal is to raise funds and awareness for Prostate Cancer Foundation Australia and The Peter Duncan Neurosciences Research Unit. The PFC is strictly a non-profit competition. It is proposed that data be collected from fishers throughout NSW during this annual competition to form a long-term dataset for use by DPI Fisheries scientists and managers.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: Micah Adams, Seconded: Damian Kerves, Carried.</p> <p>RFSTEC noted it was apparent the project organisation represented a commercial venture despite there also being a citizen science element. Additionally, RFSTEC also considered it was essential that the data collection be done under a scientific framework in partnership with a university or DPI Fisheries to ensure data quality and useability in fisheries monitoring and assessment.</p> | <p>SW \$23,030 FW \$9,870</p> | <p>SW \$19,880 FW \$8,520</p> | <p>SW \$19,880 FW \$8,520</p> |

Platform: Recreational fishing education

| Project Title | Organisation | Project Summary | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 |
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| Next Gen Rec Fisher: Inspiring and mobilising fishing stewardship across NSW through modern engagement techniques | OzFish Unlimited | <p>This project will build the capacity of, and demonstrate to fishers, the notion that to continue using and enjoying fishing requires stewardship and good practice in and off the water. The project will deliver a stewardship leadership program identifying and developing 40 recreational fishers into leadership positions; 20 Citizen Science actions to demonstrate stewardship and provide a better understanding of local fish assemblages to each chapter; 20 shared learning events connecting and informing recreational fishers; 12 live podcasts with subject matter experts; a comprehensive blog, fishing media and social media campaign; Newstreams delivery and 3 fish habitat workshops.</p> <p>Ms Cassie Price declared a potential conflict of interest and was excluded from the project assessment discussion</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: Lisa Terry, Seconded: Anna Clark, Carried.</p> <p>RFSTEC recognised the merit of the project but recommended that the project be more pilot in nature and be re-submitted for one year only to enable an assessment of the effectiveness of the project by the Committee prior to potential extension. The Committee noted there were some budget information gaps which should be addressed before resubmission.</p> | SW \$265,335 FW \$113,715 | SW \$248,010 FW \$106,290 | SW \$269,955 FW \$115,695 |
| Youth Spear Safe program – Safe and sustainable spearfishing training for teenagers | Dive Spear and Sport Pty Ltd | <p>This project will provide free and accessible training to educate aspiring spearfishers aged 12 – 18 years on safe, legal and sustainable spearfishing practices in NSW waters.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED Moved: Damian Kerves, Seconded: Adrian Wayne, Carried.</p> <p>RFSTEC noted it was apparent the project organisation represented a commercial venture although the merit of additional spearfishing safety education was acknowledged.</p> | SW \$38,200 | | |

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| Fishin4Pics Fishing for the Future Program | Fishin4Pics | <p>A platform (Logo) Fishin4Pics has recently been established to promote fishing for the future and educating people to only take what they need. The aim is to develop a program aimed at a small group of children for now (up to 10 per session 8-16 yrs.) and educating them about fishing for the future and the role they play on the water for the future generation. The program will entail fun games based around fishing, educational discussion, teaching the basics of fishing and putting this into practice by having a fish in small groups.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED Moved: Damian Kerves, Seconded: Grahame Williams OAM, Carried.</p> <p>RFSTEC noted the project had a low participant group and recommended the applicant liaise further with DPI regarding the current Trust funded fishing workshops program.</p> | SW \$6,397 | | |
| Positive Behaviours for Learning and Life | St Euphemia College | <p>This high school initiative aims to promote positive behaviours in school and sustainable practices on the water. This project will use DPI online resources to run after school fishing workshops and skills sessions to promote responsible and sustainable fishing practices.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED Moved: Micah Adams, Seconded: Lisa Terry, Carried</p> <p>RFSTEC noted the application lacked essential detail although recognised the merit of the project concept. The Committee recommended that DPI contact the applicant to discuss potential inclusion in the Get Hooked....its fun to fish schools program.</p> | SW \$3,000 | | |

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| Hooked on Fish/Feeding for 2050 | St John Paul II Catholic College Schofields | <p>This project involves fish education in a school setting including exploring the physiology and behavioural characteristics of fish including those caught for recreation, as well as key skills, ethical and fishing rule considerations.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED Moved: Grahame Williams, Seconded: Micah Adams, Carried.</p> <p>RFSTEC noted the project focussed on providing aquariums for holding fish and exposing students to fish behaviour. The Committee recommended that DPI contact the applicant to discuss potential inclusion in the Get Hooked....its fun to fish schools program.</p> | SW \$5,589 | | |
| Sutherland Shire Council Rock Fishing Program | Sutherland Shire Council | <p>A program designed to educate and inform local and visiting anglers on safe rock fishing protocols, including mandatory lifejacket laws under the Rock Fishing Safety Act 2016. The program will be specifically aimed at continuing to provide rock fishing patrols, provide safety equipment, and increase the safety and education at rock fishing locations in the local government area.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED AT THIS STAGE Moved: Michael Aubrey, Seconded: Micah Adams, Carried.</p> <p>RFSTEC noted the funding recommendation for the above Rock Fishing Safety & Skills program project and recommended that the applicant consult with SLNSW regarding key messaging and other potential synergies to avoid overlap.</p> | SW \$9,700 | | |