

MEETING	Recreational Fishing Saltwater Trust Expenditure Committee (RFSTEC)
MEETING NO.	Meeting 55
DATE & TIME	30 January 2019
LOCATION	Rowers on Cooks River 1 Levey Street, Wollri Creek
ATTENDEES	Bruce Schumacher (Chair), Lisa Terry (Region 2), Geoff Shelton (Region 3), Adrian Wayne (Region 4), Lionel Jones (Region 5), John Paton (Region 6a), Stuart Rhodes (Region 6b), Ann Garard (Region 7), Micah Adams (Region 8), Stan Konstantaras (RFA NSW, RFNSW), John Burgess (ANSA NSW Branch), Damian Kerves (AFTA), Peter Turnell (NSW DPI).
APOLOGIES	Mark Berg (Region 1), Grahame Williams OAM (NSW GFA)

1. Chair's introduction

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Confirmation of outcomes from the previous meeting

The draft outcomes of the 54th RFSTEC meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Moved John Burgess, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried.

3. Register of interests

John Paton declared he has been appointed Chair of Charter Fishing NSW (CFNSW) working group. Stan Konstantaras and John Burgess declared their appointments to the National Recreational Fishing Council. It was determined there were no conflicts of interest associated with the above activities.

4. Action items from previous meeting

The progress of action items from the previous meeting was discussed.

5. Recreational Fishing Trust update

The status of the Saltwater Trust was presented to members.

6. Review of new Saltwater Trust grant applications

A total of 38 saltwater applications were received. Funding recommendations with respect to each project will be forwarded to the Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council for consideration (refer to Table).

7. Presentations

DPI Fisheries Compliance provided a summary on Recreational Fisheries Compliance projects and outcomes over the past six months.

8. Next meeting

Wednesday 31 July 2019

Table. Summary of funding recommendations

Projects SUPPORTED for funding from the Recreational Fishing Trust

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21
Sportsmans Creek Fish Cleaning Table Replacement	Clarence Valley Council	Construct a new fish cleaning table near the new pontoon (pontoon to be constructed in early 2019) at the existing Flo Clark Park boat ramp on Sportsmans Creek, Lawrence. SUPPORTED. Moved: John Paton, Seconded: Lisa Terry, Carried.	SW \$24,556	SW \$0
Beach Access at Yowani St Rosedale	Eurobodalla Shire Council	To provide safer access, in all weather conditions to a popular fishing location consisting of beach and rock platforms by installing timber stairs and formed steps in the steep sections. SUPPORTED. Moved: Ann Garard, Seconded: Micah Adams, Carried. RFSTEC noted that contributing funding of \$10,000 had been previously supported for the project, however the applicant has now changed the location and submitted a revised application. RFSTEC reiterated its previous support for \$10,000 of contributing funding and accepts the variation in project location.	SW \$23,000 Requested SW \$10,000 Supported	SW \$0
Replacement of fishing jetty at Tuross Lake	Eurobodalla Shire Council	Preproposal: Replace the only fishing jetty within the Tuross Lake Recreational Fishing Haven (RFH) on Nelson Parade, Tuross Head. RECOMMENDATION: RFSTEC recommended that Council seek RMS funding noting it is primarily a boating facility so the majority of funding should be sourced from RMS. Contributing funding for disabled fishing access can also potentially be provided from the Recreational Fishing Trust.	SW Preproposal	SW \$0
Northern River Fish Cleaning Station	Evans Head Business & Community Chamber	The construction and installation of a fish cleaning station on the northern side of the Evans River. SUPPORTED. Moved: Geoff Shelton, Seconded: Lisa Terry, Carried.	SW \$10,000	SW \$0

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Manning Point – Fish Cleaning Table Installation	Mid-Coast Council	Installation of a low maintenance fish cleaning facility adjacent Manning Points primary boat launching ramp. The construction material and design will withstand vandalism and provide a long term recreational asset with minimal ongoing maintenance. The design life is estimated at 20 years. SUPPORTED. Moved: Stan Konstantaras, Seconded: Damian Kerves, Carried.	SW \$5,800	SW \$0
Endeavour Place, Taree – Fish Cleaning Table Installation	Mid-Coast Council	Installation of 2 low maintenance fish cleaning facilities adjacent Taree’s primary boat launching ramp. The construction material and design will withstand vandalism and provide a long term recreational asset with minimal ongoing maintenance. The design life is estimated at 20 years. SUPPORTED. Moved: John Burgess, Seconded: Lisa Terry, Carried.	SW \$9,800	SW \$0
Crowdy Head Fish Cleaning Tables	Mid-Coast Council	Installation of fish cleaning facilities at Crowdy Boat Harbour. SUPPORTED. Moved: Lionel Jones, Seconded: Lisa Terry, Carried.	SW \$20,000	SW \$0
Restoration of Fishing Wharf at Shoalhaven Heads	Shoalhaven Heads Chamber of Commerce and Tourism	The existing Wharf at Shoalhaven Heads is used as a general fishing platform by locals and tourists. The Wharf is in poor condition and this project will improve its use as a fishing platform and add some facilities for fishers like a cleaning table, rod holders, lighting, seating for disabled and elderly. SUPPORTED. Moved: John Paton, Seconded: Lisa Terry, Carried. Condition: Platform is to be used exclusively for fishing with railing installed to prevent general boat users from tying up to fishing wharf.	SW \$56,170	SW \$0

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21
Identifying risk from marine debris sourced from recreational fishing and, where appropriate, determining solutions to key issues	Cardno NSW/ACT	Identifying risk from marine debris sourced from recreational fishing and, where appropriate, determining solutions to key issues. SUPPORTED. Moved: Lisa Terry, Seconded: Adrian Wayne, Carried. RFSTEC requested the following funding conditions: 1) That the project needs to link closely with the recreational fishing environmental assessment being undertaken by DPI. 2) That the workshop methodology be agreed to by RFSTEC and RFNSW. 3) That the stakeholder workshop includes primarily recreational fishing stakeholders. 4) Final report to be reviewed by RFSTEC and RFNSW prior to release.	SW \$59,000	SW \$0
Integrating recreational fishing information into harvest strategies for multi-sector fisheries in NSW	NSW DPI	The project will develop defensible methods and a framework for including recreational fishing data into harvest strategies being developed for NSW fisheries. It is intended that funding for this project will contribute to a more substantial, national project application to FRDC in 2019/20, led by NSW DPI Fisheries, with funds from this application only being drawn on if the FRDC application is successful. SUPPORTED. Moved: John Burgess, Seconded: Lisa Terry, Carried.	SW \$96,422	SW \$99,903
Monitoring and Research on Landed Fish at Game Fishing Tournaments in NSW: 2019/2020	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: John Paton, Seconded: John Burgess, Carried.	SW \$31,000	SW \$0
Provision of Annual Report for the Gamefish Tagging Program for 2018/2019	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	Provision of an informative, attractive and readily accessible report on the Gamefish Tagging Program for the year 2018/2019. SUPPORTED. Moved: John Paton, Seconded: John Burgess, Carried.	SW \$6,000	SW \$0
Burrowing Behaviour, Mating System and Population Genetics of the Burrowing Mud Shrimp, <i>Trypaea australiensis</i>	University of Wollongong	This project will investigate the burrowing behaviour, mating system and population genetics of the mud shrimp to gain a better understanding of its importance as a bait source. SUPPORTED. Moved: Lisa Terry, Seconded: Stuart Rhodes, Carried. Condition: that the applicant contact the existing Bait Security project team to ensure no overlap between projects.	SW \$11,259	SW \$0

Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21
Sydney Game Fishing Club Educational Seminars	Sydney Game Fishing Club	Sydney Game Fishing Club (SGFC) plans to implement a series (minimum of four) of educational and interactive seminars/presentations to our members and the wider general public over a twelve-month period. SUPPORTED. Moved: John Paton, Seconded: Stuart Rhodes, Carried.	SW \$6,500	SW \$0
SPEARSAFE, safety and sustainability for Spearfishers	Australian Underwater Federation Incorporated	The Australian Underwater Federation (AUF) is the peak governing body for underwater sports and amateur diving in Australia including spearfishing, underwater hockey, underwater rugby, scuba diving and snorkelling. The AUF is a not-for-profit organisation recognised and accredited by Sports Australia. The NSW and other branches of the AUF are working together to create some new safety, sustainability and interaction videos for the benefit of freedivers, spearfishers and snorkelers. SUPPORTED. Moved: Micah Adams, Seconded: John Paton, Carried. Condition: that the AUF applicant consult with the RFA/USFA regarding value adding using existing content from the 'Don't Put Your Life On The Line Campaign'.	SW \$8,953	SW \$0
Assisting others to Enjoy Fishing 2019-2020	Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Club inc	Hold two Junior Fishing Clinics (July 2019, January 2020) and 1 CanTeen Cancer Kids visit, (November 2019). 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. SUPPORTED. Moved: Micah Adams, Seconded: Lisa Terry, Carried.	SW \$3,950	SW \$0
Fishing Then and Now	William Bayldon Public School	This is a 10-week program for primary school students, providing them with the opportunity to investigate and learn about local traditional Aboriginal fishing techniques and compare them to common day practices. SUPPORTED. Moved: John Burgess, Seconded: Lisa Terry, Carried.	SW \$1,970	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21
NSW Gone Fishing Day 2019 – promoting fishing as a healthy, fun, outdoors activity	NSW DPI - Fisheries	<p>The 2018 NSW Gone Fishing Day was another outstanding success, even with the wet weather across the State with thousands of attending the six DPI events across NSW and many more attending the 60 fishing club events. It is proposed to again align the 5th Gone Fishing Day in conjunction with the National Day on the 20th October 2019. The day will recognise and 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, including fishing club involvement in the grant EOI process, is required, as this will commence in April 2019.</p> <p>SUPPORTED. Moved: John Burgess, Seconded: Micah Adams, Carried. Condition: that there be better promotion of the Recreational Fishing Trusts at each event e.g. large banner at each event etc.</p>	<p>SW \$190,000 FW \$70,000</p>	<p>SW \$0</p>

Projects **NOT SUPPORTED** for funding from the Recreational Fishing Trust

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21
Installation of solar lighting at Boat Harbour boat ramp Summerland Point	Central Coast Council	Council proposes to install solar lighting at the boat ramp at Boat Harbour, Summerland Point to increase safety for recreational fishers using the facility after dark. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: John Paton, Seconded: Lisa Terry, Carried. Does not meet Trust funding guidelines noting funding opportunity may be available from Boating Now program.	SW \$9,970	SW \$0
Installation of Solar Lighting at Terrigal Haven Boat Ramp & Saratoga Boat Ramp	Central Coast Council	Council will install solar lighting to existing poles to increase lighting capacity and safety at these two locations. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: Lisa Terry, Seconded: John Paton, Carried. Does not meet Trust funding guidelines and existing lighting at Terrigal is currently adequate for fishers noting funding opportunity may be available from Boating Now program.	SW \$14,266	SW \$0
Installation of solar lighting at Picnic Point boat ramp The Entrance	Central Coast Council	Council proposes to install solar lighting at the boat ramp at Picnic Point, The Entrance to increase safety for recreational fishers using the facility during the night. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: Lisa Terry, Seconded: John Paton, Carried. Does not meet Trust funding guidelines noting funding opportunity may be available from Boating Now program. Recommended that the application be amended for a light over the fish cleaning table.	SW \$9,970	SW \$0
Woombah Boat Ramp Fish Cleaning Table	Clarence Valley Council	Construct a new fish cleaning table near the Woombah Boat Ramp located on Goodwood Island near the intersection of Goodwood Island Road and Whitbys Lane. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: John Paton, Seconded: Stuart Rhodes, Carried. RFSTEC questioned the usage of the ramp without a pontoon. RFSTEC recommended Council resubmit the application with evidence of fishing club support once funding has been secured from other sources (e.g. RMS Boating Now program) for a boating pontoon. The budget also requires revision.	SW \$34,762	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21
Hanging Rock Fishing tables coverage	Eurobodalla Shire Council	To provide a structural cover and lighting over the 4 fishing tables. NOT SUPPORTED AT THIS STAGE. Moved: John Paton, Seconded: Stan Konstantaras, Carried. RFSTEC was supportive for installation of the roof but was concerned about the excessive budget presented in the application, including high installation costs. The Committee recommended DPI clarify the budget details with Council and revise the application as needed.	SW \$40,000	SW \$0
Outdoor table shelter at Tuross Head	Eurobodalla Shire Council	Council recently installed a picnic table near the wharf, for use by the fishers. The fishers that use this facility have asked for a roof over this table. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: Lionel Jones, Seconded: Geoff Shelton, Carried. RFSTEC noted this project was for general amenity i.e. not fishing specific.	SW \$10,000	SW \$0
Roof over existing table at Narooma Fishing Club	Eurobodalla Shire Council	Construction of a roof over an existing picnic table, adjacent to fishing club. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: Micah Adams, Seconded: Damian Kerves, Carried. RFSTEC noted this project was for general amenity i.e. not fishing specific.	SW \$10,000	SW \$0
Croki – All Abilities Fishing Platform	Mid-Coast Council	Installation of a fishing/recreational platform that will be suitable for all abilities. The platform will be constructed from hardwood and have an access ramp that is AS1428 compliant. NOT SUPPORTED AT THIS STAGE. Moved: Micah Adams, Seconded: Lionel Jones, Carried. RFSTEC raised concerns about the lack of detail in the budget, including lack of any design plans and no evidence of fisher support.	SW \$150,000	SW \$0
Upgrade the driveway access to fishing storage shed – Shelly Beach, Nambucca Heads	Nambucca Shire Council	Upgrade of driveway access into Fishing Club's storage/boat shed located at end of the Amenities building at Shelly Beach, Nambucca Heads for ease of access and to prevent water egress. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: Lionel Jones, Seconded: John Burgess, Carried. Does not meet Trust funding guidelines noting funding opportunity may be available from Boating Now program.	SW \$10,000	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21
Extension of Tilly Willy Creek Boat Ramp driveway to include 2 vehicle & trailer parking bays – McKay Street, Macksville	Nambucca Shire Council	Extension of driveway from boat ramp in McKay Street, Macksville allowing recreational fishers, who access the Nambucca River at this site, by creation of two vehicle and trailer parking bays. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: John Paton, Seconded: Stuart Rhodes, Carried. Does not meet Trust funding guidelines noting funding opportunity may be available from Boating Now program.	SW \$10,000	SW \$0
Repairs to Tilly Willy Creek Boat Ramp, McKay Street, Macksville	Nambucca Shire Council	Removal of cracked and uneven sections of boat ramp, installation of new, pre-fabricated sections, to repair and upgrade the boat ramp in McKay Street, Macksville for safer access, including signage. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: Lionel Jones, Seconded: Lisa Terry, Carried. Does not meet Trust funding guidelines noting funding opportunity may be available from Boating Now program.	SW \$10,000	SW \$0
Small Enjoyments For Big Outcomes	Private	Provide a mobile fishing pontoon that is especially equipped to safely allow up to 5-8 handicapped/challenged children the ability to fish the lakes of the South Coast NSW. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: John Paton, Seconded: Adrian Wayne, Carried. RFSTEC raised concerns about lack of detail in funding application, including charter licensing requirements and other operational requirements.	SW \$30,000	SW \$0
Disabled access to jetty Wallaga Lake	Wallaga Lake Resort Pty Ltd	Install floating pontoon jetty platform to existing jetty to assist disabled persons access boats etc at different tide times. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: Micah Adams, Seconded: Damian Kerves, Carried. RFSTEC noted this appeared to be private property with no public access.	SW \$9,625	SW \$0
Fisher amenities at Brice's Bay Wagonga		Replacement of seating and installation of a concrete slab and new rod holders at Brice's Bay. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: Micah Adams, Seconded: John Burgess, Carried. RFSTEC noted the seats were for general public amenity. The rod holder budget component appeared excessive and a revised budget should be submitted if the applicant wishes to reapply.	SW \$10,000	SW \$0

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21
An economic valuation of NSW Recreational Fisheries	Heagney Allman P/L	We will apply formal non-market valuation techniques to the results of the NSW Recreational Fishing Survey to produce a robust and defensible estimate of the economic value of NSW recreational fisheries. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: Lionel Jones, Seconded: Stuart Rhodes, Carried. RFSTEC noted that a previous economic survey had provided relevant information on economic output of recreational fishing, which was being widely used by government and NGOs and is still valid.	SW \$61,600 FW \$26,400	SW \$0 FW \$0
Assess, develop and manage the recreational black bream fishery in southern NSW	NSW DPI	Develop a fishery management strategy in-line with recreational fishing values for black bream on the south coast of NSW. Implement a monitoring strategy to evaluate the status of the current/future black bream fishery using structured genetic analysis and independent sampling, aging, recreational surveys and angler log books. This data will be used to develop long term monitoring with trigger points for the implementation of management strategies to enhance the fishery. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: Lionel Jones, Seconded: John Paton, Carried. RFSTEC noted the previous research undertaken on black bream found no evidence of pure black bream in NSW and it is unlikely that further research genetic research will have different outcomes. Micah Adams provided a professional guide interpretation of the current status of black bream. It was noted there may be a management gap with black bream at present, however, there may be opportunity to initiate research on black bream through the Research Angler Program initially. Further need for a dedicated stock assessment on black bream could be undertaken as part of that process, if required.	SW \$94,510	SW \$113,021
Boat based Costs for Fisherpersons per day	Private	To cross section survey 10 boatloads every Sunday for 3 months to amortize over a year, the cost involved in the Sport of fishing per boatload. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: Ann Garard, Seconded: Stuart Rhodes, Carried. RFSTEC noted there was no scientific capacity in the project team and research project lacked scientific rigour.	SW \$9,360	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21
Moruya and Tuross Estuaries Environmental Monitoring Research	Private	To install sensors to work in conjunction with a Lorawan (Long Range Wide Area Network) system. Sensors will be installed in the Moruya River and Tuross Lakes estuaries to monitor temperature at both the upper and lower regions of each system to record water temperature and the effects on seasonal fish movements. Lorawan gateways have installed by Eurobodalla Shire Council which is currently planning a co project with DPI in the Clyde Estuary, (Ref Allan Benter DPI). The data that will come from the research will help DPI and fishers understand the long term impacts relating to temperature increases within the estuary areas. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: Lisa Terry, Seconded: Ann Garard, Carried. RFSTEC noted the research methodology was lacking detail and scientific rigour.	SW \$0	SW \$0

Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21
Kayak Fishing Education	Bundeena Kayaks	Facilitate a kayak fishing and education program for secondary school Marine studies students. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: Ann Garard, Seconded: Lionel Jones, Carried. RFSTEC noted this was an apparent commercial venture.	SW \$10,000	SW \$0
10 min video promoting catch and release fishing and ways we can look after the places we fish. Also to make a difference in the way we are fishing so it remains healthy in the future	Private	I am a year 12 student and I have decided to do my major design project for year 12 on fishing for the future. I will be making a 10 minute video on ways we can ensure we do our best to not gut hook fish as that is a massive reason for fish not surviving when they are released. Ways we can handle the fish well with lip grips, gloves and making sure we are careful with them and swimming them for the release. I also want to be able to show this to as many people as I can and put it on YouTube and for it to be used when showing people how we can look after our oceans and waterways. NOT SUPPORTED AT THIS STAGE. Moved: Lisa Terry, Seconded: Micah Adams, Carried. RFSTEC noted there was no budget requested. DPI to contact the applicant to facilitate further discussion to progress the application.	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21
Erowal Bay – Fish Cleaning Table Improvements	Shoalhaven City Council	Provide a new FCT closer to deeper water to better manage waste disposal and amenity issues. NOT SUPPORTED AT THIS STAGE. Moved: Ann Garard, Seconded: Lisa Terry, Carried. RFSTEC acknowledged the need for the project but requested confirmation on the exact location. The application should be resubmitted once more detail is provided following discussion with DPI.	SW \$9,500	SW \$0