

MEETING	<b>Recreational Fishing Saltwater Trust Expenditure Committee (RFSTEC)</b>
MEETING NO.	Meeting 52
DATE & TIME	13 – 14 March 2018
LOCATION	St George Rowers Club, 1 Levey Street, Wollie 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), Grahame Williams (NSW GFA).
APOLOGIES	Mark Berg (Region 1)

### 1. Chair's introduction

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

### 2. Confirmation of outcomes from the previous meeting

The draft outcomes of the 51st RFSTEC meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Moved John Paton, Seconded Grahame Williams, Carried.

### 3. Action items from previous meeting

The Committee noted the progress on action items from the previous meeting (Table 1).

### 4. Register of interests

No members declared any new interests. A register of interests is to be provided in future agendas (See Table 2 action item).

### 5. Recreational Fishing Trust update

The status of the Saltwater and Freshwater Trust was presented to members. RFSTEC supported an additional allocation of \$1,000,000 in top up funding in 2018/2019 from the Saltwater Trust to the Freshwater Trust.

### 6. Review of new Saltwater Trust grant applications

A total of 70 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 Annex 1).

### 7. Presentation

DPI presented an overview of a social licence strategy being developed based on the need to develop a "brand" for recreational fishing in NSW on which future social licence campaigns can be based. Members were advised on the need for any branding exercise to be long-term in nature – for example, a minimum of 3-5 years.

### 8. Next meeting

3 July 2018, Nowra NSW Government Office

**Table 1 - Action Items from previous meeting**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Status</b>
DPI to investigate options for revised meeting fees.	Completed.
That a communication plan to promote trust programs / initiatives be developed. Committee members Ann Garard, Mark Berg and Micah Adams nominated for participation. DPI to facilitate development of a combined sustainability/Trust promotion/fishing communications plan with RFFTEC, RFSTEC and RFNSW participation.	Presented at meeting.
The Chair to write to the chair of RFNSW to advise that RFSTEC supports a ban of the commercial fishing method of mesh netting in NSW estuaries.	Completed.
DPI to analyse licence sales figures to determine any trends following Gone Fishing Day.	Pending

**Table 2 – Action items from this meeting**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
Register of interests for members to be provided on future RFSTEC agendas	To be included in next meeting agenda.
Next meeting agenda item to discuss the continued use of paper licences, 3 day and 1 month licences and their administration costs of processing.	To be included as an agenda item for RFSTEC meeting 53.
Infrastructure grant application review table developed by NSW DPI Angling Facilities Manager to be provided with grant applications at time of distribution to RFSTEC members.	To be included in next meeting agenda.

## Annex 1. Summary of funding recommendations

### Projects **SUPPORTED** for funding from the Recreational Fishing Trust

#### *Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement programs*

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Boosting our fisheries: stocking NSW estuaries with popular species to enhance recreational fishing opportunities	NSW DPI	This marine stocking program involves the breeding and release of mullet, Eastern king prawns, dusky flathead, blue swimmer crabs and kingfish (on a priority basis) along the coast using the world's best stocking practices to enhance recreational fishing in estuaries. Stockings are guided by a dedicated Fisheries Management Strategy to ensure a responsible approach. <b>Supported: Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded John Burgess, Carried.</b>	SW \$292,150	SW \$295,000	SW \$299,080
Fish Aggregation Devices (FADs) – more places for people to fish	NSW DPI	The FADs program provides reliable offshore fishing locations where recreational fishers can target a variety of popular pelagic fish over spring, summer and autumn. Program operation involves procuring hardware, assembly and installation of FADs, replacement and maintenance where required, removal of all FADs at the close of each season and contractor management. Offshore fishers anticipate FAD installation each spring when the EAC starts pushing and they are kept up to date via a range of media options including email, social media and smartphone Apps. <b>Supported: Moved Geoff Shelton, Seconded Lionel Jones, Carried.</b>	SW \$248,000	SW \$254,000	SW \$260,000
Recreational Fisheries Enhancement Co-ordination: Making Reefs and FADs happen	NSW DPI	Artificial reefs and fish aggregating devices (FADs) are two of the most popular programs funded by the Recreational Fishing Trusts providing new high quality, fishing locations for anglers. This project involves a dedicated fisheries enhancement officer to coordinate and make these programs happen. Past effective coordination of these highly anticipated, large projects has resulted in their timely and successful implementation with great benefits for fishers. <b>Supported: Moved John Burgess, Seconded Stan Konstantaras, Carried.</b>	SW \$208,500	SW \$213,500	SW \$219,500

**Platform: Enforcement of fishing rules**

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
9 coastal fisheries officers	NSW DPI	Funding for 9 coastal fisheries officers maintaining capacity of NSW DPI to enforce fisheries rules and regulations including recreational fishing fee requirement across NSW coastal areas <b>Supported: Moved Lisa Terry, Seconded John Burgess, Carried.</b>	SW \$1,164,325	SW \$1,193,433	SW \$1,223,269
Coastal recreational mobile squads	NSW DPI	Funding for 3 recreational mobile squad officers maintaining capacity of NSW DPI to enforce saltwater recreational rules and regulations in particular recreational fishing fee requirements whilst patrolling popular fishing areas including recreational fishing havens. <b>Supported: Moved Lisa Terry, Seconded Lionel Jones, Carried.</b>	SW \$519,113	SW \$532,091	SW \$545,393

**Platform: Fishing access and facilities**

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Construction of a shelter over Fitzgerald Bridge fish cleaning table	Port Stephens Council	To construct and install a shelter over the fish cleaning table located by the boat launching ramp at Fitzgerald Bridge, Raymond Terrace <b>Supported: Moved Lionel Jones, Seconded Geoff Shelton, Carried.</b>	SW \$3,200	SW \$0	SW \$0
Construction of two (2) new accessible fishing Platforms - #1 and #2 - on Nambucca Heads boardwalk	Nambucca Shire Council	Council has works scheduled to upgrade the boardwalk, and construction of accessible fishing platforms at two prime locations, currently used by recreational fishers, is proposed, as part of these works. <b>Supported: Moved Adrian Wayne, Seconded John Burgess, Carried.</b>	SW \$77,325	SW \$0	SW \$0
Installation of Disabled Accessible Fish Cleaning table – Gordon Park, Nambucca Heads	Nambucca Shire Council	This project will provide a new disabled accessible fish cleaning table – relocated position – at Gordon Park, adjacent to the boat ramp, and near to the end of the boardwalk. <b>Supported: Moved Lionel Jones, Seconded Micah Adams, Carried.</b>	SW \$10,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
Installation of Disabled Accessible Fish Cleaning table – Stuart Island, Nambucca Heads	Nambucca Shire Council	This project will provide a new disabled accessible fish cleaning table on Stuart Island, Nambucca Heads, as a replacement of older, outdated, and unhygienic, infrastructure. <b>Supported: Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Lionel Jones, Carried.</b>	SW \$10,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
Mosquito Bay Fishing Table & Boat ramp solar lighting	Eurobodalla Shire Council	Install 2 x 1000 lumen LED solar powered lights on a powder coated pole on a new structural footing to illuminate the fish cleaning table and boat ramp at Mosquito Bay. <b>Supported: Moved Adrian Wayne, Seconded Geoff Shelton, Carried.</b>	SW \$7,500	SW \$0	SW \$0
North Haven Boat Ramp Fish Cleaning Table Upgrade	Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	Replacement of an old cleaning table in poor structural condition with a new facility which will be upgraded to include a roof and solar lighting. <b>Supported: Moved Adrian Wayne, Seconded Geoff Shelton, Carried.</b>	SW \$16,125	SW \$0	SW \$0
Port Macquarie (Kooloonbung) Fishermens Wharf	NSW Department of Industry, Crown Lands & Water	Construction of new Fishermens Wharf (approximately 10m x 15m) at the former Hastings River Fishermens Cooperative building site at Port Macquarie. <b>Supported: Moved Geoff Shelton, Seconded Micah Adams, Carried. Conditional on railing, ladder and boating access issues being addressed i.e. the design must be a designated fishing platform. Liaise with DPI Infrastructure Manager to address issues.</b>	SW \$100,000	SW \$0	SW \$0

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Provision of an accessible fish cleaning table, Aqua Reserve Lake Cathie	Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	This project will provide an accessible fish cleaning table for community use at Aqua Reserve Lake Cathie. This facility will complement other accessible recreational infrastructure at this site. <b>Supported: Moved Lionel Jones, Seconded Lisa Terry, Carried.</b>	SW \$10,200	SW \$0	SW \$0
Recreational Fishing Access, Saltwater – maintaining and enhancing land and boat access for fishers along the NSW coast	NSW DPI	This project involves a dedicated coastal access officer tackling situations where fishing access is being compromised. The officer advocates the importance of recreational fishing and negotiates with stakeholders to identify access solutions to achieve the best possible outcomes for recreational fishers. In simple terms, if there's no access, there's no fishing. More access means more fishing opportunities. <b>Supported: Moved Graeme Williams OAM, Seconded John Paton, Carried.</b>	SW \$160,590	SW \$162,500	SW \$163,100
Replacement of Tuross Head Wharf fishing table	Eurobodalla Shire Council	This project seeks to replace the existing fishing table at Tuross Wharf with one of more practical width and height to increase use by the recreational fishing community. <b>Supported: Moved Geoff Shelton, Seconded John Burgess, Carried.</b>	SW \$7,500	SW \$0	SW \$0
Small grants program saltwater	NSW DPI	Provides funding towards the development of on-ground recreational fishing facilities and other small, local or regional research, education or enhancement projects to enhance recreational fishing. <b>Supported: Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Lisa Terry, Carried.</b>	SW \$100,000	SW \$100,000	SW \$100,000
Tomago Boat Ramp- Fish cleaning table and shelter	Port Stephens Council	Installation of a fish cleaning table and shelter at the Tomago Boat Ramp. There are no recreational fishing facilities currently at this boat launching site. <b>Supported: Moved Lionel Jones, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried.</b>	SW \$9,950	SW \$0	SW \$0
Unloading Wharf and Accessible Fishing Platform – Tuncurry NSW	NSW Department of Industry – Crown Lands	Crown Lands is undertaking a project to revitalise the existing timber unloading wharf in front of the Wallis Lake Fishermen's Co-operative in Tuncurry, NSW. The project proposal incorporates an accessible fishing platform as part of the upgrades to the structure. <b>Supported: Moved Ann Garard, Seconded Geoff Shelton, Carried.</b> <b>Conditional on design and location being appropriate specifically for recreational fishing (DPI Infrastructure Manager to seek confirmation and report back to RFSTEC).</b>	SW \$50,000	SW \$0	SW \$0

**Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation**

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Habitat Action Program - making more fish... naturally	NSW DPI	Engagement and support of recreational anglers in fish habitat actions and provision of devolved habitat action grants to enhance fish habitat in NSW and support healthy, resilient recreational fisheries. <b>Supported:</b> <b>RFSTEC Moved Lionel Jones, Seconded Stan Konstantaras, Carried.</b>	SW \$657,631 FW \$267,874	SW \$725,974 FW \$306,983	SW \$794,302 FW \$346,084
NSW Fishway Strategy for Fish Passage Remediation at Priority Barriers	NSW DPI	Development of a strategic 20-year statewide fishway infrastructure strategy to remediate the top 160 priority barriers to migrating fish to significantly improve native fish populations and recreational fishing opportunities. <b>Supported:</b> <b>RFSTEC Supported: Moved Lionel Jones, Seconded Stan Konstantaras, Carried.</b>	SW \$87,447 FW \$349,788	SW \$89,383 FW \$357,512	SW \$0 FW \$0
Aquatic habitat protection and fish conservation - South Coast NSW	NSW DPI	Provision of fish conservation management services for the south coast, Snowy Mountains and Southern Tablelands of NSW to enhance key fish habitat protection and recreational fishery involvement in fish habitat protection and management. <b>Supported: Moved Lionel Jones, Seconded Lisa Terry, Carried.</b>	SW \$188,768	SW \$195,739	SW \$201,393
Flagship Habitat Action	NSW DPI	The Flagship Habitat Action program will engage and facilitate key stakeholders in the development and delivery of large-scale strategic coastal fish habitat rehabilitation activities; restoring highly productive, resilient fisheries. <b>Supported: Moved John Paton, Seconded, Lisa Terry, Carried.</b>	SW \$448,000	SW \$448,000	SW \$448,000

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

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Fisheries Enhancement Research and Monitoring Program – Marine Stocking	NSW DPI	This project will address research and monitoring in relation to NSW RFST-funded NSW Marine Fish Stocking Fishery Management Strategy; with a focus on 1) commencing Blue Swimmer Crab and Dusky Flathead stocking; 2) FMS monitoring of Eastern King Prawn and Mulloway stocking programs; and 3) trial estuarine releases of Yellowtail Kingfish (and potentially Yellowfin Bream, if Yellowtail Kingfish are not successful). <b>Supported: Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Micah Adams, Carried.</b>	SW \$180,410	SW \$186,927	SW \$184,141
Fisheries Enhancement Research and Monitoring Program - Regional plan to monitor NSW offshore artificial reefs	NSW DPI	This project provides essential monitoring for the Offshore Artificial Reefs program. This monitoring is needed as part of the Commonwealth approval conditions for each of the reefs. This monitoring will determine the effectiveness of existing and proposed reefs for the next three years. <b>Supported: Moved Geoff Shelton, Seconded Lisa Terry, Carried.</b>	SW \$240,014	SW \$258,852	SW \$283,585
Monitoring and Research on Landed Fish at Game Fishing Tournaments in NSW: 2018/2019	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. <b>Supported: Moved John Paton, Seconded John Burgess, Carried.</b>	SW \$30,500	SW \$0	SW \$0
NSW Game Fish Tagging Program	NSW DPI	The NSW Game Fish Tagging Program of Australia is the largest saltwater tagging program of its kind in the world and has been in operation since 1973. It is used to obtain vital information on the biology of highly migratory fish species. The program is an essential component of game fishing in Australia and promotes angler stewardship in the fishery. Over 455,000 fish have been tagged by over 50,000 anglers since the beginning of the program. The program has recently extended to key sportfish species such as mulloway, dusky flathead and snapper. <b>Supported: Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded, John Paton, Carried.</b>	SW \$159,590	SW \$164,270	SW \$169,600
NSW Game Fish Tournament Monitoring	Ghosn Consulting Services	Collate data to support fisheries research and management of game fish species and to strengthen negotiations between recreational fishers, Government and other interested organisations regarding fishery access and sustainability. <b>Supported: Moved Stan Konstantaras, Seconded John Burgess, Carried.</b>	SW \$72,450	SW \$75,150	SW \$78,400



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Provision of Annual Report for the Gamefish Tagging Program for 2017/2018	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	Provision of an informative, attractive and readily accessible report on the Gamefish Tagging Program for the year 2017/2018. <b>Supported: Moved, John Paton, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried.</b>	SW \$6,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
Rock Fishing Safety Survey	Central Queensland University	An analysis of rock fishing deaths in the coronial database supported by observational surveys of rock fishers to enable more effective rock fishing safety messages content and delivery. <b>Supported: Moved John Burgess, Seconded Geoff Shelton, Carried.</b>	SW \$3,629	SW \$0	SW \$0
The Great Swordfish Race	ANSA/DPI	Use key recreational fishers to deploy satellite tags into 10 swordfish off the NSW coast. The objectives are to provide movement, behaviour and post-release survival of fish tagged in NSW in the newly emerging day time deep-drop fishery. This will provide information on this exciting new recreational fishery including information on the timing and availability of swordfish in NSW, their behaviour and suitability for C&R. A key component of the project will be to establish the world's first "Great Swordfish Race" to engage recreational fishers and the general public in an interactive experience to improve our understanding of the mystical and iconic "gladiator of the ocean" along the east coast of Australia and foster stewardship in this new fishery. It is anticipated that the data will be included into part of a larger project being undertaken by IMAS with similar objectives and already funded in Tasmania and Victoria. <b>Supported. Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried.</b>	SW \$74,800	SW \$0	SW \$0

**Platform: Recreational fishing education**

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Fishcare – Volunteers and Education Officers proactively undertaking face to face education of anglers across NSW	NSW DPI	<p>The NSW Fishcare Volunteer program is one of the flagship programs of the Recreational Fishing Trusts. It uses a network of five dedicated Education Officers and 250 motivated Fishcare Volunteers across NSW to provide face to face and hands-on education to anglers on the ground. Education Officers and Volunteers use targeted messaging to promote responsible and sustainable fishing ('fish for our future'). Fishcare is also instrumental in the running of the Get Hooked.. its fun to fish and fishing workshop programs involving thousands of kids and community members held each year. Our mission is to create a team of fishing stewards that champion, responsible fishing and a sustainable secure fishing future.</p> <p><i>Note: In Dec 2017, RFNSW identified the need to provide increased coverage of the Fishcare Program in north west NSW and recommended that DPI submits a funding application for an additional north-western Education Officer. It was also recommended that DPI facilitate a review of the Fishcare Program, including why additional education resources may be needed on the inland. Review report to be sent to members before the meeting following completion.</i></p> <p><b>Supported:</b> <b>RFSTEC Moved Lionel Jones, Seconded John Paton, Carried.</b></p>	<p>SW \$595,000 FW \$170,000</p>	<p>SW \$604,000 FW \$172,500</p>	<p>SW \$613,000 FW \$175,000</p>
Get Hooked...it's fun to fish – providing a fun, interactive recreational fishing program for school students to learn about sustainable fishing	NSW DPI	<p>Get Hooked is a proactive kid's recreational fishing program aligned to the NSW Curriculum. Our mission is to reach out to students and teachers through fun and interactive fishing programs. We aim to teach kids the importance of sustainability, healthy aquatic life for fish stocks, catch and release skills and safe and responsible fishing behaviours. The basics are taught to equip students for the future. Passionate dedicated Fishcare Volunteers, Trust education officers and teachers run Get hooked class lessons with interactive fishing resource kits provided to schools. Once class lessons are completed, education officers and Fishcare Volunteers run practical fishing workshops for thousands of school students annually to put their new skills into practice.</p> <p><b>Supported:</b> <b>RFSTEC Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded John Paton, Carried.</b></p>	<p>SW \$360,000 FW \$53,800</p>	<p>SW \$366,960 FW \$54,840</p>	<p>SW \$371,400 FW \$55,500</p>

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
NSW Fishing Workshops – Fostering new and existing fishers to be the guardians of tomorrow	NSW DPI	Fishing workshops teach responsible fishing practices to children and the community throughout NSW, providing an enjoyable educational experience that aims to teach the basics of fishing to a newcomer giving them the skills to continue in the sport. Our mission is to create the fishing steward's and champions of tomorrow with over 8,000 new entrants introduced to fishing last year. <b>Supported:</b> <b>RFSTEC Moved Lionel Jones, Seconded Lisa Terry, Carried.</b>	SW \$35,000 FW \$21,000	SW \$35,000 FW \$21,000	SW \$35,000 FW \$21,000
NSW Saltwater and Freshwater Recreational Fishing Guides - One stop shop for essential fishing info	NSW DPI	These guides provide an easy to read summary of essential information fishers need before they go fishing. This includes fishing rules, gear descriptions, licences and Recreational Fishing Trusts, sustainable fishing practices and much more. It is proposed to decrease production of the guide by one third to 200,000 per year noting increasing use of electronic media. Nevertheless, the guides still represent a one stop shop for anglers in on publication to access their fishing information. It is especially popular with new or beginner fishos. <b>Supported:</b> <b>RFSTEC Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried.</b>	SW \$98,000 FW \$42,000	SW \$98,000 FW \$42,000	SW \$98,000 FW \$42,000
Recreational fishing information – enhancing information to fishers	NSW DPI	This project involves boosting production and distribution of recreational fishing information to fishers above and beyond what is provided by DPI to promote sustainable fishing and participation. This includes print media such as signage, brochures, social media videos and infomercials while continuing to produce and distribute traditional products such as brochures, signs, guides and the long standing but highly popular sticky measuring ruler. This project will be guided by the recreational fishing branding communication plan project (in development). <b>Supported:</b> <b>RFSTEC Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Micah Adams, Carried.</b>	SW \$120,000 FW \$20,000	SW \$120,000 FW \$20,000	SW \$120,000 FW \$20,000

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Servicing our fishers to help ensure our fishing future: Responsible recreational fishing and effective management of fishing competitions	NSW DPI	<p>This citizen program is all about promoting best recreational fishing practice and competition management techniques based on current science and recreational fishing know-how. The project works with novice to keen anglers, fishing clubs and competition (event) organisers to inform and educate best fishing and handling techniques and drive change in behaviour to increase fisheries performance. It works to maintain our social licence for recreational fishing by minimising the environmental impacts of fishing whilst maintaining the positive socio-economic benefits of these events for regional communities who depend on them.</p> <p><b>Supported:</b>  <b>RFFTEC Moved Ron Croker, Seconded Ron Butler, Carried. DPI to include Snowy Mountains Trout Festival in the program.</b>  <b>RFSTEC Moved Stan Konstantaras, Seconded John Paton, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$110,320 FW \$36,770	SW \$113,680 FW \$37,890	SW \$116,500 FW \$38,850
Fishing for a future	Lake Macquarie PCYC	<p>The Fishing for a Future program will be conducted at the Lake Macquarie PCYC by Police officers. The program aim is to encourage young offenders and youth at risk into fishing. Through fishing great benefits can be achieved with the overall objective to divert young offenders and youth at risk of Lake Macquarie from crime and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p><b>Supported in part for \$2,200. Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Micah Adams, Carried.</b>  <b>Operational funds supported however purchase of capital items is not supported. Applicant is invited to reapply for additional operational funds if required.</b></p>	SW \$6,400 <b>(Supported SW \$2,200)</b>	SW \$0	SW \$0
Lets Go Fishing – Educating School Children on the Sustainable Benefits of Recreational Fishing : Phase 3	Australian Fishing Trade Association	<p>To re-stock and replace equipment where required in the schools fishing kits distributed during project phases 1 and 2. Provide online educational support and links between industry and schools.</p> <p><b>Supported: Moved John Paton, Seconded Grahame Williams OAM, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$106,000	SW \$0	SW \$0

**Platform: Fishing fee coordination and payment network**

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Recreational Fishing Infrastructure Co-ordination – Enhancing The Shore-based Fishing Experience For Coastal and Inland Fishers	NSW DPI	To target stakeholder identified gaps in fishing infrastructure in NSW, including fish cleaning facilities and accessible fishing platforms. To provide support to the Trust Executive Officer for financial and auditing management of Trust programs to ensure timely and quality service delivery. The role provides quality advice to the public on all Trust enquiries and application development. <b>Supported:</b> <b>RFFTEC Moved Ron Croker, Seconded Ron Butler, Carried.</b> <b>RFSTEC Moved Lionel Jones, Seconded Geoff Shelton, Carried.</b>	SW \$144,527 FW \$16,059	SW \$148,795 FW \$16,533	SW \$151,921 FW \$17,732
Recreational Fisher Research Database	NSW DPI	This project involves data entry of 1 and 3 year fishing fee receipt holders by an external consultant onto the Recreational Angling database for research and management purposes. This includes data validation and duplication checks of the database. <b>Supported:</b> <b>RFFTEC Moved Ron Croker, Seconded Ron Butler, Carried.</b> <b>RFSTEC Supported: Moved John Paton, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried.</b>	SW \$49,000 FW \$21,000	SW \$45,500 FW \$19,500	SW \$42,000 FW \$18,000
Recreational fishing fee awareness program	NSW DPI	This project seeks to raise awareness amongst the recreational fishing sector of the need for a fishing licence and where licence fees go by using advertising in key fishing magazines, signage, social media and other initiatives (to be identified in the recreational fishing communications plan). <b>Supported for 2018/19 only:</b> <b>RFFTEC Moved Steve Samuels, Seconded Ron Croker, Carried.</b> <b>RFSTEC Moved John Burgess, Seconded Stan Konstantaras, Carried.</b>	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000 <b>(supported)</b>	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000 <b>(not supported)</b>	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000 <b>(not supported)</b>
Recreational Fishing Fee Renewal Notice System	NSW DPI	Involves an efficient licence renewal notice system to encourage recreational fishers to renew their fee when it expires. The notice gets sent out to around 250,000 licence holders per year. <b>Supported:</b> <b>RFFTEC Moved Ron Croker, Seconded Ron Butler, Carried.</b> <b>RFSTEC Supported: Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Lisa Terry, Carried.</b>	SW \$86,000 FW \$36,850	SW \$86,000 FW \$36,850	SW \$86,000 FW \$36,850

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Recreational Fishing Licensing (Fee) project	NSW DPI	<p>This project provides for the safe and secure collection of recreational fishing licences fees (public money) which are deposited into the Recreational Fishing Trusts on a daily basis. It provides a convenient payment network for anglers using a variety of methods such as a dedicated webpage, sales agents (fishing tackle stores etc) throughout NSW, BPAY, automated telephone, EFTPOS terminals and even mail. It caters for all types of anglers. There is 1) an electronic sales platform run by the OneGov - Government Licensing Service (GLS) and 2) a manual payment system of agents run by DPI.</p> <p><b>Supported excluding GLS funding in 2019/20 and 2020/21: RFFTEC Moved Ron Croker, Seconded Ron Butler, Carried. RFSTEC Moved Ann Garard, Seconded John Burgess, Carried. DPI to continue negotiations with GLS regarding high transaction fees, which are considered excessive.</b></p>	<p>SW \$1,515,430 FW \$649,470</p>	<p>SW \$1,551,550 FW \$664,950 <b>(Supported SW \$1,044,050 FW \$447,450)</b></p>	<p>SW \$1,584,310 FW \$678,990 <b>(Supported SW \$1,059,310 FW \$453,990)</b></p>
Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council (RFNSW) consultation and meeting expenses	NSW DPI	<p>RFNSW advises the Minister for Primary Industries on recreational fishery policy issues including maintaining and improving the quality of recreational fishing opportunities.</p> <p><b>Supported: RFSTEC Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Lionel Jones, Carried.</b></p>	<p>SW \$62,500 FW \$26,700</p>	<p>SW \$63,300 FW \$27,100</p>	<p>SW \$64,100 FW \$27,500</p>
Recreational Fishing Trust Executive Officer	NSW DPI	<p>The officer is responsible for the overall coordination and financial management of the Recreational Fishing Trusts to facilitate a transparent and accountable Trust system, on behalf of the recreational fishing community. This includes implementation of good governance processes to ensure collection and transfer of licence revenue to the Trusts, disbursement of funds to Trust projects and ensuring quality delivery of project outcomes to improve recreational fishing.</p> <p><b>Supported: Moved Lionel Jones, Seconded Micah Adams, Carried.</b></p>	<p>SW \$186,000</p>	<p>SW \$193,000</p>	<p>SW \$199,000</p>

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Recreational Fishing Trust grants administration program – supporting the delivery of Trust funded projects	NSW DPI	To improve the delivery and performance of Recreational Fishing Trust funded projects by assigning essential resourcing to grants administration and management. The position sends funding agreements to applicants, receives milestones reports, processes project invoices and so on. It is an integral position of the Trust management team to facilitate effective governance controls including audits and monitoring to maintain and improve the standard of project delivery and accountability across all Trust funded projects. <b>Supported: Moved Geoff Shelton, Seconded Lionel Jones, Carried.</b>	SW \$132,941	SW \$136,177	SW \$139,494
RFSTEC meeting expenses	NSW DPI	The Recreational Fishing Saltwater Trust Expenditure Committee (RFSTEC) is an advisory sub committee of the Ministerial Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council (RFNSW) that reviews applications for funding and makes recommendations on priorities for expenditure from the Recreational Fishing (Saltwater) Trust. <b>Supported: Moved Ann Garard, Seconded Geoff Shelton, Carried.</b>	SW \$33,800	SW \$34,600	SW \$35,500

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

### **Platform: Fishing access and facilities**

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Coffs Harbour fishing platform	NSW Department of Industry, Crown Lands	Conversion of the old WE Smith load out facility (near the boat ramp) in Coffs Harbour. Scope includes making safe the site with import of rock, installation of concrete platform, hand rails and seating. The site will be wheel chair accessible and parking provided accordingly to Australian Standards. Works will be managed by Crown Lands and REF determined by Lands (Part 5 Infrastructure SEP). <b>Not supported: Moved Lisa Terry, Seconded Geoff Shelton, Carried. Resubmit with more technical information. Investigate opportunity to extend the platform. Liaise with DPI Infrastructure Manager on design. Consult with local fishing community.</b>	SW \$29,545	SW \$0	SW \$0
Fish Cleaning Table – Joshua Porter Reserve Boat Ramp	Chain Valley Bay Progress Association	Installation of a fish cleaning table adjacent to the boat ramp at the Joshua Porter Reserve, Chain Valley Bay South. <b>Not supported: Moved John Paton, Seconded Grahame Williams OAM, Carried. Worthy application acknowledged. Resubmit to address technical issues such as waste, approvals, ongoing maintenance, ownership, etc. Liaise with DPI Infrastructure Manager to facilitate revised application.</b>	SW \$13,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
Increasing accessibility of Mossy Point Jetty	Eurobodalla Shire Council	This project seeks to lower the handrail of the Mossy Point jetty and construct approximately 10 metres of pathway to improve access to this fishing location and enable access-restricted people, particularly those confined to a wheelchair, to comfortably fish from this location. <b>Not supported: Moved Micah Adams, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried. Resubmit in consultation with local fishing groups. Inadequate for disabled access due to narrow width. Location has challenging issues and considered not suitable.</b>	SW \$7,500	SW \$0	SW \$0



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Minnamurra Boat Ramp Fish Cleaning Table	The Council of Municipality of Kiama	Based on community feedback, Council has identified the need for a fish cleaning table at the Minnamurra boat ramp. Council proposes a table with lighting. By providing the cleaning amenities, at the popular fishing location, Council hopes to encourage best fishing practices. <b>Not Supported: Moved John Burgess, Seconded Grahame Williams OAM, Carried. Low value for money. Refer back to Council to revise application and consider smaller table to reduce costs. Over-engineered for proposed location. Liaise with DPI Infrastructure Manager to revise application. Undertake local consultation with fishing clubs.</b>	SW \$28,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
Moruya Quarry Wharf – Accessible Path Linkage	Eurobodalla Shire Council	To provide an accessible concrete pathway from the existing wharf to the accessible public toilet facility. <b>Not Supported: Moved John Paton, Seconded Lisa Terry, Carried. Adequate fishing access already. Considered a Council responsibility for general public pathway access.</b>	SW \$16,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
Ringlands Point Jetty Replacement, Narooma	Eurobodalla Shire Council	To re-establish the jetty at Ringlands Point, Narooma that was closed due to safety concerns in April 2013 and has deteriorated to the point that it has collapsed, as a fishing platform. The works include the provision of access stairs and reestablishment of the jetty but as a fishing platform. The location is in a protected bay that would be accessible in a variety of conditions. <b>Not Supported: Moved Stan Konstantaras, Seconded Grahame Williams OAM, Carried. Remote, isolated location. Shore based access existing around location. Low value for money. Unsuitable location.</b>	SW \$210,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
Rosedale Beach Access Steps and Stairs	Eurobodalla Shire Council	To provide safer access, in all weather conditions to Rosedale Beach a popular location for recreational fishers by installing timber stairs with handrails and improving the track by installing formed steps in the steep sections. <b>Not Supported: Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Micah Adams, Carried. Questionable about proposal being fishing specific. Remote location. Low contribution of funding support from Council. Project has merit. DPI Infrastructure Manager to liaise and seek further contributing funding from Council.</b>	SW \$38,043	SW \$0	SW \$0

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Scylla Bay fishing platform	Sutherland Shire Council	Design and construction of a new fishing platform to replace an aging timber wharf at Scylla Bay, Como. <b>Not Supported: Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Stuart Rhodes, Carried. Although Council advise no other alternative suitable locations, RFSTEC still consider the location to be unsuitable.</b>	SW \$350,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
The David Dulhunty Memorial Recreational Fishing Haven at Pambula Lake	Merimbula Big Game & Lakes Angling Club and Pambula Fishing Club	On behalf of David Dulhunty tragically killed in a road accident; To have the remainder of Pambula Lake established as a Recreational Fishing Haven, by purchase of existing commercial licences. <b>The application refers to buyout of commercial fishing. Current government policy is for no additional RFHs without consensus from all sectors. While concept of additional RFHs is supported by RFSTEC, this represents a policy issue. Refer issue to RFNSW for further consideration. Moved Micah Adams, Seconded John Paton, Carried.</b>	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Wilson Corlis Reserve Jetty	Wilson Corlis Reserve Parkcare Group (proposed)	The construction and re-establishment of a public wharf and jetty in Wilson Corlis Reserve which was previously utilised as a fishing platform by locals and tourists. <b>Not Supported: Moved Micah Adams, Seconded Stan Konstantaras, Carried. Primarily for boating. DPI to contact group to discuss proposal further.</b>	SW \$10,000	SW \$0	SW \$0

**Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation**

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Driving Fish Habitat Action with a Landcare NSW partnership	OzFish Unlimited	<p>Establish a platform of 45 fish habitat focused groups to deliver fish habitat rehabilitation works in over 60 locations using the resources of recreational fishers and Landcarers across NSW.</p> <p><b>Not supported:</b>  <b>RFSTEC Moved Ann Garard, Seconded Lionel Jones, Carried. RFSTEC prefers to increase funding for on ground habitat works rather than projects facilitation.</b></p>	<p>SW \$113,250                      FW \$120,250</p>	<p>SW                      \$113,250                      FW                      \$120,250</p>	<p>SW                      \$113,000                      FW                      \$120,000</p>
Ocean2earth Australia (O2E) Fish Waste Management and Data Collection Pilot Project	Ocean2earth Australia	<p>O2E is a new concept in managing fish waste problems at boat ramps as well as capturing high quality recreational catch data on fish retained by boat ramp users.</p> <p><b>Not supported: Moved Lionel Jones, Seconded Geoff Shelton, Carried. Significant capital investment for a private enterprise and considered a commercial venture.</b></p>	SW \$423,190	SW \$0	SW \$0

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

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Cooperation between Recreational and Commercial fishers to recover seaweed forests as fish and invertebrate habitat on shallow coast reefs	AANSW	<p>There is evidence that climate change has contributed to large, invasive sea urchins spreading down the east coast of Australia, removing large seaweeds that provide fish habitat on shallow coastal reefs. The loss of large seaweed also leads to greatly reduced biodiversity and impacts on the whole reef ecosystem. Research projects in NSW, Victoria and Tasmania have developed approaches to remove urchins, and encourage recovery of seaweed to provide habitat for fish and invertebrates. This project will involve cooperation between recreational and commercial fishers, to extend existing work in southern NSW that is trying to recover shallow coastal reef, and return habitat for more productive fish and invertebrate populations.</p> <p><b>Not supported: Moved Micah Adams, Seconded John Paton, Carried. RFSTEC recognised the project has merit in contributing to addressing urchin invasion however had concerns about the methodology and lack of scientific rigour in monitoring. Application methodology requires reworking and further collaboration with DPI Fisheries is recommended to discuss approvals and monitoring.</b></p>	SW \$40,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
Clarence River flood plain land care	Land Care	<p>Collection of soil samples of agriculture run off into waterways (chemicals). Analyse record investigate.</p> <p><b>Not supported: Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Lisa Terry, Carried. RFSTEC recognises there may be a need for sampling but there was a lack of scientific rigour to proposed methodology and requires a partnership with the relevant expertise.</b></p>	SW \$10,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
The stories of recreational fishing: past, present and future	University of Wollongong	<p>The project aims to capture some of the stories of recreational fishing told by fishers. Exploring and disseminating stories related to recreational fishing across culture, gender and fishing method will assist in building social license and addressing user conflict.</p> <p><b>Not supported: Moved Lionel Jones, Seconded Micah Adams, Carried. Considered low priority at this time. RFNSW social licence project underway and prudent to await outcomes from that project.</b></p>	SW \$91,077	SW \$0	SW \$0

**Platform: Recreational fishing education**

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Fisherman's Mate	ABKaus PTY Ltd	<p>Fisherman's Mate will be the most comprehensive mobile application for the fishing and boating enthusiast. The mobile application provides validated list of Fishing Spots, Boat Ramps, Marina and Fishing Shops. Other features include fishing and boating safety, user education, trip planner, brag wall, leaderboard, comments and likes.</p> <p><b>Not supported:</b>  <b>RFSTEC Moved Grahame Williams OAH, Seconded John Paton, Carried. Existing FishSmart application with further enhancements planned.</b></p>	<p>SW \$39,200                      FW \$16,800</p>	<p>SW \$0                      FW \$0</p>	<p>SW \$0                      FW \$0</p>
The Fly Program Ltd. 'Men In Flight Program'	The Fly Program Ltd.	<p>The purpose of The Fly Program's Men In Flight program is to raise awareness and facilitate engaging programs that address depression, Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and suicide in the Australian male community, focusing on education and peer support found in environments found in nature and recreational fishing.</p> <p><b>Not supported:</b>  <b>RFSTEC Moved John Paton, Seconded Stan Konstantaras, Carried. RFSTEC recognised benefits of the program but had concerns about the high participant cost. Recommended that the applicant considers co-funding opportunities. RFSTEC also noted that RFNSW has requested co-funding opportunities be sought from NSW Health.</b></p>	<p>SW \$60,900                      FW \$26,100</p>	<p>SW \$0                      FW \$0</p>	<p>SW \$0                      FW \$0</p>
Development/Expansion of Marine Studies Program at Lake Munmorah High School	Lake Munmorah High School	<p>The marine studies program at the school has been in decline for a number of years. The aim of the re-vamped program is to actively engage students in the recreational use and scientific study of local marine environments including Lake Macquarie, Tuggerah Lakes System and Munmorah State Conservation Area.</p> <p><b>Not supported: Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried. RFSTEC considered the project has merit but should collaborate with existing programs such as the DPI Get Hooked It's Fun To Fish program, AFTA Lets Go Fishing and/or Gamefish Tagging Program to increase support and overall effectiveness.</b></p>	<p>SW \$5,000</p>	<p>SW \$0</p>	<p>SW \$0</p>

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Community Fishing Project (CFP)	Central Coast Primary Care	<p>Provide better access to a real fishing experience to the Central Coast Community, particularly people with a disability. There is evidence available that suggests fishing can provide tangible health benefits, particularly to people with Mental Health issues. The barrier to fishing is not the desire, it's the access to the equipment, transport, knowledge or locations needed to fish successfully.</p> <p><b>Not supported: Moved John Burgess, Seconded Lionel Jones, Carried. While the project has merit in providing tangible health benefits, RFSTEC has a preference for supporting operational expenses rather than purchasing capital items. Recommended that the applicant contact AFTA.</b></p>	SW \$7,140	SW \$0	SW \$0
Provision of images for publication of the book, "Fishing for the Past"	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	<p>Fund purchase of rights and permissions for essential images for publication of the book: "Fishing for the Past. Casting nets and lines into Australia's early colonial history" by Julian Pepperell.</p> <p><b>Not supported: Moved Micah Adams, Seconded, Lionel Jones, Carried. RFSTEC does not support buying of picture rights for a commercial enterprise.</b></p>	SW \$5,500	SW \$0	SW \$0
Regional Education Program	World Orphan Fund Inc	<p>There are issues within the Western Sydney community in the understanding of laws, reasoning and practises when it comes to finishing. Our youth in this region do not appreciate nor understand the importance of marine life, environmental conservation, cleanliness, catch limits and other life cycles existing in our water ways. We would like to use this grant with the assistance of NSW Fisheries and NSW maritime police to educate school kids and local communities on the importance of environmental and marine life conservation as well as educate on how to use our water way sustainably.</p> <p><b>Not supported: Moved Ann Garard, Seconded John Paton, Carried. Refer to DPI Fisheries Community Relations Manager for support. More detail required, particularly budget. Worthy cause.</b></p>	SW \$7,500	SW \$0	SW \$0

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Summerland Sporties Bream & Flathead Classic	Committee of Bream & Flathead Classic	<p>This is a 'Catch and Release' competition held in Lake Macquarie. It is a family community event. With approx. 150 anglers. Fisheries have been involved prior with tagging the bream caught for study. The Classic is keen for Fisheries involvement again. All proceeds go to charity, which this year will be in honour of a local that lost her life Leah DeBonno.</p> <p><b>Not supported: Moved Ann Garard, Seconded John Burgess, Carried. Recommended to be referred to DPI Tournament Management staff for competition support. Trust doesn't support money for competition prizes.</b></p>	SW \$5,600	SW \$0	SW \$0
The ultimate fishing trip for disadvantaged students	South Grafton High School	<p>This project will teach high school age kids responsible and sustainable fishing practices. It will also teach them how to rig rods, tie knots, baits, hooks, casting, catch and release fishing and look after the environment.</p> <p><b>Not supported: Moved Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded John Paton, Carried. The application should be referred to the Get Hooked and Lets Go Fishing schools programs for support. If additional support is required, a further application can be submitted.</b></p>	SW \$10,216	SW \$0	SW \$0