



MEETING	Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council
MEETING NO.	Meeting 11 outcomes
DATE	22 November 2018 (12:00-17:30)
	Rowers on Cooks River, Wollie Creek
	Johann Bell (Chair), Jo Starling, Max Castle, Vic Levett, Matt Hansen, Matthew Poulton, Paul Lennon, Ray Tang, Greg Reid, David Rae, Vicki Lear, Peter Turnell.
APOLOGIES	Karl Mathers, Stan Konstantaras

1. Joint meeting Recreational RFNSW and CommFish NSW

See Annex 1 for outcomes.

2. Register of interests

The Chair requested that members declare any additions for the Register since the last meeting. The following members advised they were now representatives of the following committees:

Max Castle – Batemans Bay Bridge Foreshore Advisory Committee

Jo Starling – National Recreational Fishing Council

It was determined there were no conflicts of interest associated with representation on the above committees.

3. Agreement on the agenda

RFNSW members agreed on the agenda for the meeting.

4. Adoption of the record of the previous meeting

The draft outcomes of Meeting 10 were accepted without change as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

5. Future meeting schedule

Meeting 12: February 2019

6. Review of achievements and action items from previous meetings

Council noted the status of achievements and action items from the previous meeting.

7a. Progressing the top 10 priority issues: reviewing status

Council members have identified details of key issues in their regions, sectors or fields which have been collated into an issues summary document. A 'live' structured RFNSW work plan

with specific actions and responsibilities is being maintained. The status of the various actions was discussed and further actions developed where required.

7b. Top 10 issue: Mulloway Recovery Program

Members welcomed the joint discussion on Mulloway during the morning session with CommFish. Council reconfirmed its ongoing commitment to rebuild Mulloway stocks based on a reduction in fishing mortality on the species. Members discussed the issue of a trigger point for total catch, particularly if there is increased targeting of large Mulloway due to the removal of mesh net registrations. RFNSW reiterated the need for ongoing monitoring to determine any effects of increased targeting. DPI confirmed that ongoing monitoring for commercial fishing is being undertaken, as well as collection of statewide recreational fishing data every two years.

Recommendation: The Council supported the need for ongoing regular monitoring of recreational and commercial Mulloway catch, and re-assessment of the status of Mulloway stocks in 12 months. It was agreed that if monitoring indicated that fishing mortality needed to be reduced further, then management action to achieve this should be expedited.

Action item: DPI to undertake and review monitoring of Mulloway stocks and report results to RFNSW within 12 months.

7c. Marine Estate Management

The NSW EPA is carrying out research to identify the people who use our marine environment. The research will inform the EPA's litter prevention program and the NSW Government's development of a state-wide marine litter/debris education campaign.

Action item: DPI to circulate to members the schedule for the remaining EPA community workshops on marine litter.

7d. Stock assessment of key species

DPI updated Council on development of a discussion paper on management options for Kingfish to address perceived declining catch rates based on available scientific evidence. Noting the discussion at the joint session with CommFish regarding the need for consistent size limits across the commercial and recreational sectors, it was recognised that commercial and recreational catch data and information should be included in the discussion paper and be provided to CommFish for review.

Action item: DPI to include commercial and recreational catch data and information in the Kingfish discussion paper and the Chair to send the paper to CommFish for consideration.

7e. Fish associated impacts of Macquarie River Orange pipeline and Burrendong Dam safety upgrade offsets

DPI advised that a watching brief is being maintained on these issues.

Action item: DPI to provide an update on the fish associated impacts of the Macquarie River Orange pipeline and the Burrendong Dam safety upgrade offsets at meeting 12.

8. Recreational Fishing Trust matters

a) Project variation - Fish Screening at irrigation diversions in NSW

DPI advised that Charles Sturt University (CSU) had submitted a project variation for the previously funded "Screens for streams" project. The ARC Research Hub application bid was unsuccessful resulting in a reduction in the overall scope and project budget and a reallocation of resources, although the Recreational Fishing Trust component remains largely unchanged. NSW DPI Fisheries will now govern the project with CSU as co-investigators. NSW Local Land Services will now also contribute to the project. Council noted that the Recreational Fishing Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committee had supported the above project variation and agreed it was essential that the project proceed to achieve favourable outcomes for inland native fish populations.

b) New applications – project recommendations from RFSTEC and RFFTEC

RFNSW was advised that the Recreational Fishing Saltwater and Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committees (RFSTEC and RFFTEC) met on 7 and 8 November 2018 to review Trust applications received by DPI. A summary of the RFSTEC and RFFTEC recommendations was provided to Council in the agenda. Council also noted the recommendations made by RFSTEC and RFFTEC in relation to the 2018/19 Habitat Action Grants. RFNSW members also discussed options for setting up discretionary funds from the Recreational Fishing Trusts for Council to access for urgent issues and for setting up essential projects within short timeframes.

Recommendation: Council endorsed the recommendations of RFSTEC and RFFTEC relating to new Trust applications that were supported and not supported, as outlined in Annex 2.

Action item: DPI to arrange a meeting between the RFNSW Chair, RFSTEC and RFFTEC Chair, Deputy Director General DPI Fisheries and the Group Director Recreational and Aboriginal Fisheries, to identify how to create a limited discretionary fund for direct use by RFNSW, with appropriate checks and balances.

Action item: DPI to circulate a copy of the Tamworth Council Peel River pollution prevention application to members for information.

9. DPI Compliance presentation

RFNSW welcomed the update by DPI Fisheries Compliance which provided key insights into the role of compliance and major achievements during the year. It was interesting to note the rise in infringement notices in relation to cockle and whelk harvesting. Council sought advice from Compliance on the best methods for measuring recreational catch and possible ways in which the functions of Compliance staff could be revised to assist with the collection of reliable information on recreational catch.

Action item: DPI Fisheries Compliance be requested to consider options for additional ways to gather information on the catch of recreational fishers.

Action item: DPI Fisheries Compliance to provide advice to Council on how many people call the Fishers Watch Phonenumber annually and how many are responded to.

10. Social licence update

DPI provided an update on the social licence program. Draft User Guidelines for use of the Fish For Life logo by angling groups and associations have been developed and will be provided to a sub-committee comprised of RFNSW and Trust expenditure committee members for their input. A procurement strategy, which outlines the scope, procurement milestones, evaluation criteria,

tender advertising, contract management, tender assessment and procurement risks, is being developed and will be provided to the sub-committee prior to a proposed tender process being implemented.

11. Breakaway floats

DPI provided details of a social media campaign designed to reduce littering and breakaway floats planned for summer and autumn. Brochures and posters will also be produced for tackle shops, fishing clubs and Fisheries Officers located close to hot spot areas. The main aim is to highlight the following key message to anglers: 'Using breakaway floats contributes to marine littering. It is not OK to litter our marine environment'. Advisory material will be produced to provide anglers with alternative solutions to breakaway floats.

12. Marine Stocking update

DPI advised that a small-scale research stocking program for Kingfish was being undertaken to assess the potential for future releases of the species as a fisheries enhancement tool. This low-level stocking program is being undertaken in two large waterways. Approximately 7,000 fish were stocked in Botany Bay and 3000 in Lake Macquarie in September. DPI proposes to stock an additional 2,000 kingfish in Botany Bay in December. DPI also advised that plans were underway to facilitate production of Dusky Flathead for use in future stocking experiments.

13. Gone Fishing Day update

Action item: Due to time limitations, RFNSW requested DPI to circulate the report for Gone Fishing Day 2018 out of session to members.

14. Saltwater Fishing access update

Sydney Harbour Access

Police patrols of Sydney ferry wharves are set to commence for the 2018-2019 season with a focus on enhancing angler access and enjoyment of these popular facilities by targeting anti-social behaviour, including litter and late night noise. The police patrols are particularly important this year as the temporary closures of the Walsh Bay piers will likely mean displacement of effort to ferry wharves. As noted in previous meetings, continued angler access to Walsh Bay is a condition of consent of the re-development work currently underway at Piers 2/3 and 3/4. It is expected that the construction work will take up to two years. DPI is working with Infrastructure NSW to investigate the potential for installation of cleaning tables and rod holders when the piers re-open. Access to late night toilets is also being discussed.

Sydney reservoirs

DPI informed Council that the risk assessment into recreational fishing in Sydney water supply reservoirs has been peer reviewed and will be sent to stakeholders for comment before being sent to the Minister for consideration.

7. General Business

a) Perceived targeting of Murray cod during closed season

Matt Hansen led discussion on the use of large lures and specific baits, such as cheese and bardi grubs, during the closed season for Murray Cod. Anecdotal reports on social media indicate that some anglers appear to be targeting cod in this way. RFNSW recognised the need for more education about the reasons for the closed season, which is designed to provide protection for spawning cod.

Action item: DPI to liaise with Matt Hansen to develop options and possible research initiatives regarding fishers targeting Murray Cod during the closed season.

Action item: DPI to undertake education initiatives, including social media, highlighting the purpose of the closed season.

Bridge replacement, Batemans Bay update

Max Castle advised Council that Roads and Maritime Services had awarded the tender for the Batemans Bay bridge replacement, which includes complete removal of the pylons.

Action item: DPI to liaise with RMS to investigate options for providing offsets for the loss of fish habitat, including the potential for deploying reefballs or leaving part of the pylons underwater but deep enough to endure that the remaining structures do not pose a navigation hazard (noting the current bridge is a popular fishing location).

RFNSW membership

DPI notified Council that the current terms of RFNSW council members were due to expire at the end of February 2019. It is proposed to advertise for an expression of interest in positions to continue the work of the Council. Existing members will be eligible to reapply.

Proposed Splitters Creek and Portland Dam trout dams

Council supported the inclusion of two former quarry dams (Splitters creek and Portland) on the Section 8 notice for Trout waters as Fly and Lure only dams and a minor amendment to the listing for Khancoban Creek to clarify the inclusion of its tributary, Back Creek in the closure. DPI Fisheries in conjunction with stakeholders has negotiated fishing access to these dams with relevant land managers.

Access to Jounama Pondage

Steve Samuels reported that Snowy Hydro Council advised that concerns regarding safety issues do not permit recreational fishing boat access on the Pondage to be considered.

Annex 1

MEETING	Joint meeting of the Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council (RFNSW) and Commercial Fishing NSW Advisory Council (CommFish NSW)
MEETING NO.	Meeting 1 outcomes
DATE	22 November 2018 (9:00-12:00)
LOCATION	Rowers on Cooks River, Wollli Creek

RFNSW		CommFish NSW	
Prof. Johann Bell	RFNSW - Chair	Stuart Richey AM	CommFish NSW - Chair
Peter Turnell	DPI Group Director Recreational & Aboriginal Fisheries	David McPherson	DPI Group Director, Commercial Fisheries & Aquaculture
Dave Rae	Region 1	Graeme Byrnes	MFAC (Commercial Fisher)
Paul Lennon	Region 2	John Luke	Aboriginal Commercial Fishers
Greg Reid	Region 4	Geoff Blackburn	Estuary General Share Managed Fishery
Vicki Lear	Region 4	Mark Cranstone	Lobster Share Managed Fishery
Jo Starling	Region 5	Mitchell Sanders	Ocean Trap & Line Share Managed Fishery
Max Castle	Region 5	Steve Hounsell	Inland Restricted Fishery
Matt Hansen	Region 6	Greg Finn	Sea Urchin & Turban Shell Restricted Fishery
Steven Samuels	Region 8	John Jarvis	Southern Fish Trawl Restricted Fishery
Ray Tang	Region 8	Darren Ward	Ocean Trawl Share Managed Fishery
Vic Levett	Charter Boat Fishing		
Matt Poulton	Spear Fishing		
Brooke McCarthy	Secretariat, RFNSW	Cherie Kirkman	Secretariat, CommFish NSW
Apologies			
Stan Konstantaras	Region 3	Scott Massey	Ocean Hauling
Karl Mathers	Region 7	Steve Everson	Estuary Prawn Trawl

1. Member Welcome and Introductions

The Chairs of the Commercial and Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Councils welcomed all members to the first joint meeting. The meeting commenced with a round table of introductions.

2. Action needed to prevent black marketing of fish

Discussions commenced with reference by the CommFish NSW member (MFAC representative) to a report by Palmer in 2004. The report identified that fish theft is a major issue and that the extent of theft was extensive, exceeding that experienced by the cattle industry, i.e. fish theft is more frequent than cattle rustling; there is a high level of criminal activity.

It was noted that it is very difficult to identify this type of illegal activity, and that it cannot be easily determined whether fish has been caught recreationally or commercially once it is at a restaurant/cooperative.

The Palmer report recommends fin clipping as a means of identifying legal from illegal catch. Discussion was had in regard to the need for better identification as a means to prevent black marketing. Clipping and tagging were discussed as options. It was also suggested that higher penalties should apply for buying illegal fish. It was also stated that the Palmer report recommended that a reward for reporting a theft should be paid when the perpetrator is charged. Currently the reward is paid when convicted.

It was suggested that both CommFish NSW and RFNSW have a joint action to work towards preventing the sale of fish (to consumers, restaurants etc.) by those who are not authorised to do so, and that a joint recommendation be provided to the Minister in regard to the prevention of black marketing of fish.

Further discussion included that CommFish NSW has been actively involved in the development of a Penalty Demerit Scheme (PDS) to address those that may be involved in illegal fishing and selling in the Commercial sector. CommFish NSW relayed to RFNSW that the Council is very serious about reducing illegal activity because it is undermining the sustainable management of fisheries resources. The implementation of the PDS is ongoing, but CommFish NSW fully supports it and considers they have been thorough in reviewing the scheme. RFNSW considers a review of recreational bag limits of popular species, e.g., Snapper and Kingfish, under consideration by RFNSW to help rebuild stocks, will also limit the potential for illegal sale of these species. A joint collaboration between RFNSW and CommFish NSW would assist in expediting the change on this important black marketing issue.

The member for Sea Urchin & Turban Shell (SUTS) Fishery advised that CommFish has drafted a paper to recommend additional assistance to DPI Compliance. It was agreed that CommFish NSW and RFNSW would share the paper and work with DPI to make a joint recommendation to the Minister.

Action item: DPI Group Director, Recreational & Aboriginal Fishing and Group Director, Commercial Fishing & Aquaculture to form a sub group to jointly prepare a recommendation to the Minister on the prevention of black marketing of fish to be sent as a joint letter by the Chairs of CommFish and RFNSW.

3. Need for consistent size limits for commercial and recreational sectors

It was agreed that consistent size limits, applying to both the commercial and recreational sectors, need to be considered.

CommFish NSW (MFAC member) spoke of Blue Swimmer Crabs and that the main competitor for NSW is South Australia. With Blue Swimmer Crabs now managed by quota and a commercial size limit of six and a half centimetres, smaller crabs are less marketable. He also indicated that Wallis Lake fishers have been measuring crabs and confirm that larger sized crabs are not impacted much from handling. It was suggested that consideration should be given to progressively increasing the size each year, to deliver a better product to market and create a higher price. Increased minimum size is something that commercial fishers would like to see implemented for recreational fishers as well.

RFNSW would like to see the size limits for Snapper and Kingfish increased; specifically, considering increasing the size limit of Kingfish to 75 cm, and decreasing recreational bag limits at the same time. RFNSW asked for CommFish input.

Firstly the member for Ocean Trap & Line Fishery declared his pecuniary interest in Snapper prior to making comment. It was advised that an increase in size would impact commercial fishers financially, as they do not need to target such large fish; restaurants prefer smaller Snapper (around the current size limit) for the plate. The DPI member suggested that the science should inform the size limit management arrangements. Following further discussion, the RFNSW Chair indicated that the science should be considered carefully and should be used to determine the minimum legal size. Both Councils agreed that further discussion should be held as soon as convenient.

The member for SUTS advised that the size limit for Abalone had been adjusted over time and noted that having more robust estimates of the recreational take of abalone and rock lobster would greatly benefit the management of these shared resources.

Action item: DPI to summarise the science on the most effective way of optimising increasing the spawning biomass, and market prices, of Snapper and Kingfish and forward to RFNSW and CommFish for further discussion

4. The Mulloway recovery program and the need for monitoring

There was overall applause for the Mulloway recovery actions. Discussion focused on the next steps.

- RFNSW identified that it will be requesting regular monitoring to determine whether the recovery programme is increasing the spawning biomass of Mulloway, and whether the removal of mesh net registrations is increasing the catch of large fish. The CommFish NSW Chair suggested that DPI also review the number of fish caught, not just the tonnage, as the increase in fish size will increase the tonnage.
- RFNSW acknowledged that there was an urgent need to quantify how many Mulloway were caught by recreational fishers each year.
- RFNSW noted the impact of the removal of mesh net registrations is largely unknown at this stage. CommFish advised that if they need to provide recommendations in the future to further reduce fishing mortality, they will do so.
- Both RFNSW and CommFish members are both highly focused on sustainability and ensuring recovery of the species. Therefore, it was suggested that the science needs to

dictate how this should be managed through monitoring the biomass, size, catch location, habitat and the quantity taken. The member for Southern Fish Trawl Fishery suggested that there is a need to build on the harvest management framework that is already in place.

- Members asked what actions DPI is taking with regard to Mulloway; the DPI member indicated that commercial catches are being monitored monthly and that independent surveys are being undertaken and modelled. Statewide recreational catch surveys are also underway.

Action item: DPI to provide regular updates on Mulloway.

Action item: Unanimous support to invite Campbell Davies from the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) to the next joint meeting to discuss what research CSIRO are doing on the application of 'close-kin' genetic techniques as a tool to measure the rebuilding on spawning biomass in overfished stocks.

Action item: Support to invite to the next joint meeting a CSIRO expert and DPI scientists to inform members about the methods used to develop harvest strategies.

5. Need for overall catch limits and better measures of catches by all sectors to improve the management of shared resources

- CommFish advised that commercial fishers are currently still highly regulated by input controls noting the additional controls recently implemented by the Business Adjustment Program.
- CommFish are looking to review some of the current commercial fishing regulations; it was suggested that RFNSW and CommFish NSW should form a joint group to look at red tape reduction.
- Discussion involved the need to ensure sustainability and equitable access to our fisheries resources across all sectors. RFNSW advised that all sectors are custodians of our fisheries resources and should be collectively involved in their future management.
- In addition to current surveys of recreational fishing, it was suggested that Compliance Officers may be able to collect additional recreational fishing catch information when undertaking compliance activities to increase the amount of available recreational information. Another option was the potential implementation of a catch log for fishers.
- RFNSW Chair suggested that Recreational Fishing Trust funding be requested to engage a think tank to look at how to enhance recording of the recreational catch. This was supported by both Councils.

Action item: Investigate the formation of a joint RFNSW and CommFish NSW group to reduce red tape associated with fishing regulations.

Action item: Facilitate a Recreational Fishing Trust application to engage a think tank to recommend additional, cost effective methods to measure the recreational fisher catch.

Other concerns:

CommFish shared concerns that whilst Australian Salmon are caught for lobster bait, it was suggested Australian Salmon may be predated Whiting in large numbers. RFNSW questioned whether commercial fishers are required to record fish caught for bait, which was confirmed. It

was also mentioned that there was no export market for Salmon at present. Concerns were expressed by CommFish that more Salmon are being observed further up the east coast.

Next Meeting

It was recommended that CommFish NSW and RFNSW meet at least once a year.

- **Meeting Close**

Both Chairs closed the meeting at around 12 noon, thanking all Council members for their contributions.

Annex 2. Summary of funding recommendations from RFSTEC and RFFTEC

Projects SUPPORTED for funding from the Recreational Fishing Trust

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Accessibility Upgrades to Gwandalan Jetty – Gwandalan Bowling Club Foreshore Reserve	Central Coast Council	Upgrades to accessibility of jetty at Gwandalan Foreshore including a designated fishing area to allow for accessible and recreational fishing activities.	SW \$24,300	SW \$0	SW \$0
All Abilities Fishing Platform – Marmong Point	Lake Macquarie City Council	This project involves the construction of a purpose built fishing platform structure on the foreshore of Lake Macquarie at Marmong Point. Funding condition: RFSTEC supports \$67,925 for the fishing platform and handrail components only. RFSTEC did not support funding for design and contingencies as these were deemed to be a council responsibility.	SW \$100,000 requested \$67,925 supported	SW \$0	SW \$0
BVSC Fish Cleaning Table Upgrades Phase 1	Bega Valley Shire Council	Provision of fish cleaning tables at ramps where presently unavailable and to upgrade existing facilities at frequently used ramps. Funding condition: RFSTEC supports \$110,005 for Bermagui Harbour, Bermagui River, Pambula River and Quarantine Bay fish cleaning tables. RFSTEC did not support funding for fish cleaning facilities at Blackfellows Lake and Beauty Point as these were deemed to be located in lower usage areas with expensive additional services required for construction. RFSTEC did not support funding for project management, contingency and design as these were deemed to be Council's responsibility.	SW \$186,399 requested \$110,005 supported	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
They're too good to lose! – More Water Police patrols to help keep Sydney Harbour ferry wharves open to fishing.	NSW DPI / RMS	This project commenced last year in Sydney Harbour which complements the long-running Clean, Safe Wharves initiative which involves education and maintenance programs that encourage responsible recreational fishing behaviour on the 50 Sydney Harbour ferry wharves. Continuation of the Water Police patrols to the 2018-19 summer fishing season provides for an effective enforcement presence to manage issues involving rubbish, noise and anti-social behaviour from anglers. Results from the 2017-18 patrols indicates the water based patrols contributed significantly to reducing complaints about irresponsible fisher behaviour on ferry wharves and increased public perception of recreational fishing activities at these locations. It is proposed to continue the patrols into the 2018/19 summer fishing season. Note: Previously supported out of session by RFSTEC and subsequently by RFNSW.	SW \$180,000		

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/OzFish Unlimited community partnership	OzFish Unlimited	Sixty (60) fish habitat restoration sites will be established by OzFish and Landcare combining resources across NSW, building a network of skilled volunteers to continue the work well into the future. Funding condition: funding supported for one year only so that outcomes can be assessed. The funding agreement must stipulate a deliverable of 15 projects in the first year, as stated in the Trust application (along with other stated deliverables and milestones).	SW \$114,050 FW \$90,700 Supported	SW \$105,050 FW \$84,700 Not Supported	SW \$174,500 FW \$131,000 Not Supported
Peel River pollution prevention	Tamworth Regional Council	Preventing rubbish pollution in the Peel River by installing Gross Pollutant Traps on stormwater drain outlets flowing into the Peel River. Repurposed shopping trolleys by the local Mens Shed will be used as grill "wings" on either side of storm water outlets to collect excess litter during high flow periods.	FW \$6,500	FW \$0	FW \$0

Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Infrastructure redevelopment at Narrandera Fisheries Centre	NSW DPI Fisheries	Construction of new ponds to enable an increase in fish production at Narrandera Fisheries Centre providing fish to cover \$4\$ program shortfall. Note: Previously supported out of session and subsequently by RFNSW.	FW \$155,400	FW \$0	FW \$0

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Integrated Monitoring Program (IMP): Comprehensive ongoing assessment of recreational fishing in NSW – 2019/2021 – using state-wide diary surveys and biological sampling from the charter boat fishery.	NSW DPI	The IMP is the largest recreational fishery citizen-science project in NSW providing a cost-effective platform for collecting high quality information for assessment of recreational fisheries. This methodology provides reliable catch and effort estimates for key recreational species, along with opinions and satisfaction levels of recreational fishers. Such information has already been collected for 2013/14 and currently, for 2017/18. This proposal is seeking to extend and expand the coverage of the IMP on an ongoing biennial basis (every 2 years) for the years 2019/20 and 2021/22. Funding condition: Noting that RFSTEC supports the option for the RAP to continue as a citizen science program, the RAP will still require scientific input and assistance with providing opportunities for linkage to other research programs, undertaking scientific interpretation that may be needed for extension activities and any other essential requirements. Resourcing of at least 0.1 FTE of the biological sampling scientific officer in the IMP would need to be allocated to the above requirement.	SW \$573,569	SW \$900,957	SW \$626,512
NSW Research Angler Program	NSW DPI	The Research Angler Program (RAP) is an important, established citizen science and extension project that provides recreational fishers and spearfishers an important opportunity to contribute to the management of the recreational fishery in NSW. The program collects fish frames from fishers for a range of important recreational species age, which are then processed to provide essential age information for stock assessments.	SW \$84,680	SW \$190,600	SW \$192,600

Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Fish For Life campaign to strengthen social licence and grow recreational fishing in NSW	NSW DPI	RFNSW has identified the need for recreational fishing in NSW to strengthen its social licence with the wider community. A marketing consultant has advised this is best achieved by developing a “brand” for fishing and then using that brand to promote the positive aspects of fishing in order to ensure fishing in NSW retains public support. A logo and tagline - Fish For Life – Building A Healthy Fishing Future – has been developed. Funding condition: A sub-committee be formed to liaise with regarding the tender process and marketing decisions during project implementation. Subcommittee to be comprised of RFNSW, RFSTEC and RFFTEC representatives.	SW \$400,000 FW \$100,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
The Fly Program – Men In Flight Program	The Fly Program Ltd.	The purpose of The Fly Program's Men In Flight program is to contribute toward futureproofing the State’s recreational fishing industry through the implementation of a second year of intensive programs, aimed at increasing participation and promoting the significant health and socio-economic benefits recreational fishing has directly on participants and the wider community of family, friends and co-workers that surround that participant. SUPPORTED by RFSTEC. NOT SUPPORTED by RFFTEC. RFFTEC was concerned about the very high participant cost and program running costs. It was also considered funding should be gained from other sources.	SW \$57,876 FW \$24,804 requested SW Supported \$57,876 FW Not supported \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Cull of the carp	Yarrawonga College P-12 Year 12 VCAL PD	To print and supply participants of the 2018 Yarrawonga/Mulwala Cod Classic with carp eradication stickers.	FW \$500	FW \$0	FW \$0

Projects NOT SUPPORTED for funding from the Recreational Fishing Trust

Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Re stocking fish into the Macquarie River	Wiradjuri Wellington Aboriginal Town Common Aboriginal Corporation	Will construct an aquaponics system, will purchase Murray Cod fingerlings and will on-grow fingerlings to maturity prior to release into the Macquarie River, Wellington. NOT SUPPORTED AT THIS STAGE RFSTEC will re-consider the application on submission of additional information by the applicant on the aquaponics system and project budget. The DPI Hatchery Manager at the Narrandera Fisheries Centre to investigate further project details. Fish stocking within the Macquarie River unlikely to be supported from a non-HQAS facility.	FW \$10,000	FW \$0	FW \$0

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Bermagui South Saltmarsh Rehabilitation Project	Bega Valley Shire Council	This project will remove impacts from and rehabilitate a 42 hectare area of protected Coastal Saltmarsh within a recreational fishing haven. A combination of best practice erosion control, rehabilitation and education will be used to protect and enhance the area while raising awareness of the importance of this vanishing habitat to maintaining healthy fish stocks. RFSTEC did not support the project as the proposed site was deemed to be in a general use area of low angler use.	SW \$19,040	SW \$0	SW \$0
Magic Point Rock Shelf Access Structure	National Parks and Wildlife Service, Nielsen Park Office	Construction of a boardwalk and staircase structure to allow rock anglers to access Magic Point (Malabar Headland National Park) from the existing Boora Point walking track. RFSTEC did not support the project due to the high cost and limited access due to the location and operations of the rifle range. Recommend that the applicant discuss cheaper alternative options for access to the rock shelf with ANSA (NSW).	SW \$228,633	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Moruya Quarry Wharf – Accessible Path Linkage	Eurobodalla Shire Council	To construct an accessible concrete pathway from the existing wharf to the accessible public toilet facility, to benefit both able-bodied and mobility impaired fisher men and women, (as well as those that are interested in the sport, but are yet to try their hand), to have clear, unrestricted access from the fishing platform to the toilets. RFSTEC did not support the project as a sealed pathway already provides access from the car park to the fishing platform. A sealed pathway from the fishing platform to the toilet facilities is not essential for fishing and deemed to be a Council responsibility.	SW \$16,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
Restoration of fishing club rooms	Eden Amateur Fishing Club Inc	Have had an infestation of borers & white ants throughout the building. RFSTEC did not support the project as private club facilities are not the responsibility of the Recreational Fishing Trusts. RFSTEC have suggested the applicant apply for funding under the NSW Community Building Partnership Program and Community Grants.	SW \$1,782	SW \$0	SW \$0
Robust resource assessment and stock enhancement for the iconic Murray Crayfish recreational fishery	Nature Glenelg Trust	The project will provide targeted and benchmarking monitoring to allow robust resource assessment and stock enhancement to promote species recovery in low population areas. NOT SUPPORTED AT THIS STAGE The committee considered that the project lacked sufficient detail in the methodology and that the project budget was unclear. The application can then be considered on submission of additional information by the applicant and upon clarification of the project budget.	FW \$0	FW \$48,000	FW \$136,000

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Understanding regulatory non-compliance among NSW recreational fishers: informing communication-based management interventions	University of Wollongong	To explore the motivational factors influencing regulatory non-compliance among different segments of the NSW recreational fishing community, with the aim of developing targeted communication-based management interventions. RFSTEC considered this to be a lower priority and indicated the proposed review of existing marine parks (Batemans and Solitary Islands) should be completed prior to considering the application further.	SW \$82,308	SW \$0	SW \$0
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Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Drowning Prevention Rock fishing	Maroubra Surf Lifesaving Club Incorporated	To reduce the rock fishing drowning rate within the Waverly, Randwick and Cronulla Local Government Area. RFSTEC did not support the project as there are pre-existing programs in place including the Old4New and Angel Rings programs and plans for other programs underway.	SW \$10,000	SW \$0	SW \$0