

# NSW Recreational Fishing Trusts Investment Plan 2008/09 - 2012/13

## Vision of the NSW Recreational Fishing Trusts

'Facilitate delivery of effective programs to improve recreational fishing opportunities in NSW'

### Introduction

Since the introduction of the general recreational fishing fee in 2001, a wide variety of programs have been funded from the revenue raised from the fee to improve recreational fishing in NSW. This has been consistent with the objects of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*, with regard to promoting quality recreational fishing opportunities. Excellent compliance with the recreational fishing fee since 2001 has highlighted the overall acceptance of the fee system by the community and the associated benefits of the many programs funded.

This Investment Plan aims to guide the expenditure of funds from the NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) Recreational Fishing Trusts. It provides a more structured framework for planning and allocating funds to address angler priorities and expectations. The plan enables long term commitments to be made for ongoing Trust funded programs and provides for better management of funding for tactical and shorter term projects. The plan streamlines administration of Trust funded programs, particularly as hundreds of programs have already been funded since 2001 and many more will be funded in the future.

The Investment Plan expands the capacity of the Trusts to improve recreational fishing. It will promote opportunities for developing new partnerships with other government programs providing better value for money for anglers. The Investment Plan has been endorsed by the Minister's Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing (ACoRF) and its associated Expenditure Committees.

The timeframe for the Investment Plan is five years and there is scope for annual review of the Plan to take account of any new emerging priorities for expenditure of Trust funds and to ensure Trust expenditure reflects the expectations of the angling community.

### Aim of the Investment Plan

This Investment Plan provides details of:

1. programs to be funded from the Recreational Fishing Trusts to 2012/13 to improve recreational fishing
2. directions for new expenditure from the Trusts to guide applicants
3. delivery of State Plan priorities
4. partnership opportunities with other organisations
5. processes to improve accountability of the Trusts and service delivery to the community.

### Benefits of the Investment Plan

Benefits of the Plan include:

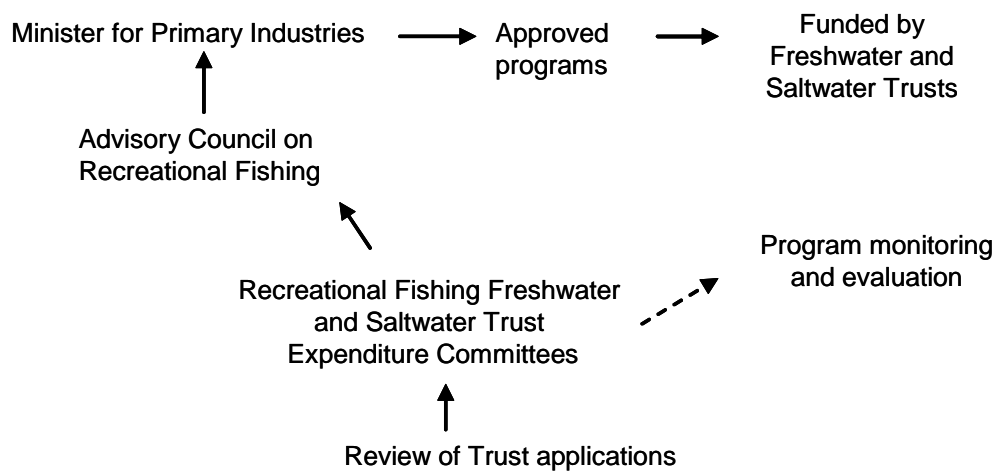
1. More consistency in the allocation of funds to programs to enhance recreational fishing
2. More cost effective programs
3. Improved recreational fishing outcomes
4. Improved guidance for Trust applicants
5. Increased capacity for Trusts to develop partnerships and linkages with other organisations

### The NSW recreational fishing fee

The general recreational fishing fee was introduced in NSW in 2001 following the success of the freshwater fishing fee, which was re-introduced in 1999. All fishers are required to pay the fee before they go fishing. There are short term (3 day and one month) and long term fee options (1 year and 3 years) to suit all types of fishers. Some exemptions apply.

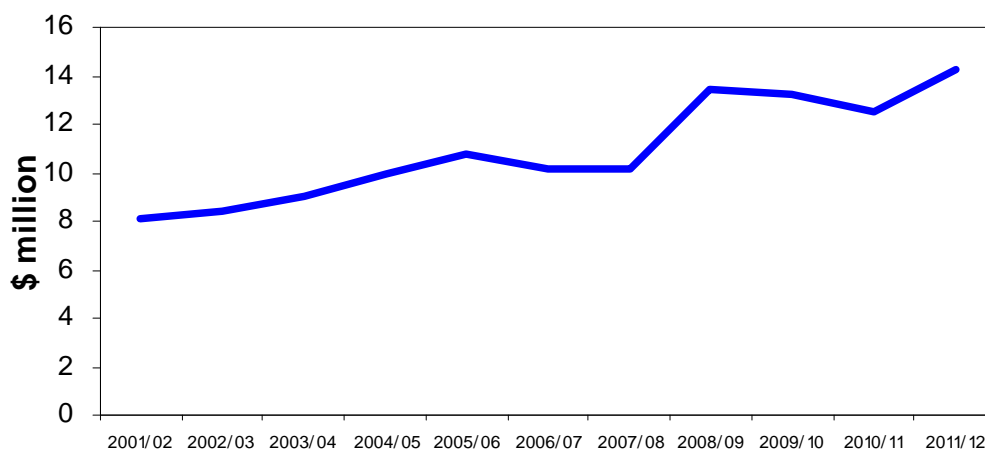
### How the Trust funds are managed

All funds raised from the fee are placed in special Trusts – one for freshwater and one for saltwater. By law all recreational trust funds must be expended on recreational fishing. Expenditure committees of expert anglers provide advice on the expenditure from the Trusts. The Minister for Primary Industries approves expenditure from the Trust funds based on advice from the Expenditure Committees and the Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing. The Expenditure Committees receive regular reports on the progress of programs to completion.



### Total revenue raised from the recreational fishing fee

Revenue increased in 2008/09 mainly as a result of the integration to the NSW Government Licensing Service ([www.licence.nsw.gov.au](http://www.licence.nsw.gov.au)), which enabled the introduction of plastic licences and licence renewals.



## **Programs funded by the Trusts**

The Trusts have funded a wide range of programs to improve recreational fishing under the following categories:

- Recreational fishing enhancement programs
- Recreational fishing education
- Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation
- Research on fish and recreational fishing
- Fishing access and facilities
- Enforcement of fishing rules
- Recreational fishing havens

More information on all programs funded by the recreational fishing fee is available at [www.fisheries.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fisheries.nsw.gov.au).

## **Trust priorities**

A key part of the development of the Investment Plan involved re-surveying recreational fishers in 2008 to seek information on how funds from the Recreational Fishing Trusts should be spent. Fishers were asked how aware they were of Trust funded programs, the perceived benefit of these programs and the extent to which these programs should be done. Key outcomes of the survey were:

- Most fishers were aware of the many Trust funded programs, either knowing some or all of the details of the programs.
- Most fishers indicated that all Trust funded programs were of major benefit to recreational fishing.
- Most fishers indicated that all Trust programs were worth doing to improve recreational fishing.

## **Partnerships**

Partnerships between the Trusts, other government organisations and community groups enhance the outcomes of the Investment Plan. Other funding sources with overlapping objectives exist where Trust funds can be used to leverage additional funds providing better value for money and maximising outputs. Partnerships for some programs are essential as implementation activities may require, management, environmental assessment, communication and reporting resources which can be provided by other organisations in a coordinated and integrated way.

Additionally, partnerships enable building on endeavours and programs already underway. Partnership funding can be provided either as financial or in-kind support and not only assist with implementation but with education and extension of the program activities to the community. This Investment Plan will build on current partnerships to ensure future applicants investigate partnership opportunities which can be implemented through Trust programs.

Partnership opportunities with the Trusts include the following:

<b>Funding source</b>	<b>Administered by:</b>	<b>Type of projects</b>	<b>Web address</b>	<b>Partnership history with Trusts</b>
Better Boating Program	Roads and Maritime Services	Waterways infrastructure projects	www.maritime.nsw.gov.au	yes
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation	Australian Government	Fisheries research and development projects	www.frdc.com.au	yes
NSW Environmental Trust	Department of Environment and Climate Change and Water	Various programs particularly environmental education, research, and restoration and rehabilitation of aquatic and riparian habitats and water quality.	www.environment.nsw.gov.au	yes
MDBA Native Fish Strategy	MDBA	Restoration and rehabilitation of aquatic and riparian habitats in the MDB	www.mdba.gov.au	yes
NSW Catchment Management Authorities	NSW CMAs	Restoration and rehabilitation of aquatic and riparian habitats and water quality in marine, estuarine and freshwater areas	www.cma.nsw.gov.au	yes
Educational institutions	Schools, universities	Fisher education and advisory services, fisheries research	various	yes
Caring for our Country (formerly National Heritage Trust)	Australian Government	Various programs including environmental and natural resource management projects and water quality improvement.	www.nrm.gov.au	yes
Local government - Councils	Local government	Previous partnership programs include improving fish passage at floodgates, weirs and road crossings, waterway access, fish cleaning tables, fishing platforms, minor boat ramp upgrades and other recreational fishing facilities.	Local councils	yes
Community organisations	Fishing clubs, volunteer groups etc	Previous partnership programs include fish cleaning tables, fishing platforms, minor boat ramp upgrades and aquatic rehabilitation grants, \$ for \$ stocking grants.	various	yes

## Linkages

The NSW Government continues to contribute additional funding from the general state revenue every year to manage recreational fishing in NSW. This commitment is closely linked with this Investment Plan to enable a coordinated approach to recreational fisheries management ensuring quality recreational fishing opportunities and sustainable fisheries resources for the future.

## Investment accountability

NSW DPI will continue to ensure good governance of the Recreational Fishing Trusts to ensure accountability and transparency in all investment activities by undertaking the following:

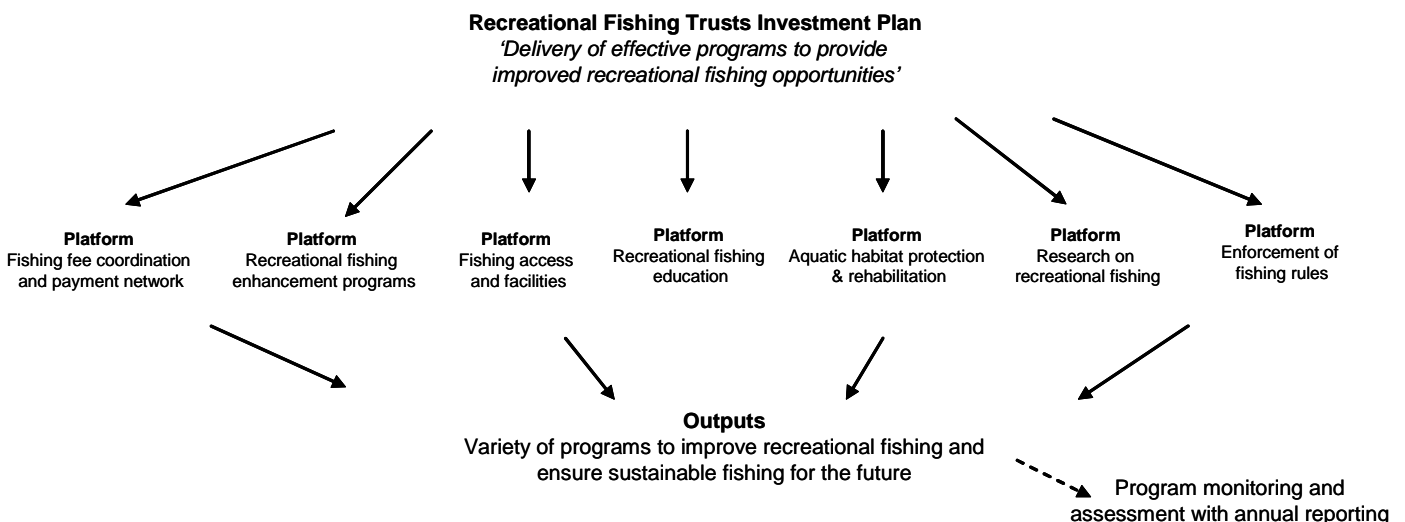
1. Trusts subject to an annual audit by the NSW Auditor-General
2. Trust financial statements presented in the NSW DPI Annual Report and on NSW DPI website
3. Expenditure Committee and ACoRF meeting outcomes published on NSW DPI website
4. Regular reporting by managers on the progress of programs
5. Community brochures on where licence fees go
6. Independent audits of the Trusts (when required)

## Funding available for Freshwater and Saltwater Trusts

Revenue raised from the recreational fishing fee is allocated to the Freshwater and Saltwater Trust on a 30:70% ratio based on revenue received in the previous financial year. An allocation of \$4.15 million to the Freshwater trust is available in 2012/13.

## Platform funding

The Investment Plan addresses identified priorities relating to improving recreational fishing. The Expenditure Committees are able to take account of new emerging priorities for expenditure of Trust funds at the annual budget meetings and make recommendations for adjustments. Investments are across seven key platforms. Each Platform is comprised of a variety of programs with funding allocated to each program:



Each platform of programs to be funded by the Recreational Fishing Trusts is summarised as follows:

\*Note: Funding details for each platform represent budgets and may include carryover funds from previous financial years.

## Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement programs

### Objectives:

- 1) Provide quality recreational fishing opportunities through a range of enhancement programs
- 2) Boost freshwater stocking activities to provide quality inland fisheries in rivers and impoundments
- 3) Facilitate new marine stocking initiatives
- 4) Provision of additional fishing locations in estuaries and offshore

### Key programs:

- 1) Freshwater native fish and salmonid stocking
- 2) Stockings of mulloway and prawns
- 3) Fish aggregation devices
- 4) Artificial reefs

### Achievements:

- 1) Millions of native freshwater and salmonid fish stocked each year
- 2) Mulloway stocking trials completed in Botany Bay and North Coast estuaries, including the Tweed, Richmond and Manning Rivers in 2007 and 2008.
- 3) Eastern king prawns stocking trials completed in Wallagoot and Back Lakes in 2007 and 2008.
- 4) Twenty five FADs (fish aggregating devices) deployed off the NSW coast to enhance angler catch.
- 5) Artificial reefs built in Lake Macquarie, Botany Bay, St Georges Basin, Lake Conjola and Merimbula Lake.
- 6) First large purpose built offshore artificial reef (42 tonnes) built off Sydney.

### Future directions:

- 1) Complete an environmental assessment of a statewide marine stocking program, including proposed species to be stocked and stocking sites, addressing the associated legal requirements and formulating a management strategy to ensure responsible stocking practices.
- 2) Deployment of additional FADs in new locations off NSW.
- 3) Construction of new reefs in estuaries.
- 4) Investigate deploying offshore artificial reefs in regional ocean waters.

### Investment summary

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Freshwater Trust	\$642,629	\$1,228,828	\$1,191,253	\$1,196,384	\$1,326,273
Saltwater Trust	\$1,335,000	\$1,949,000	\$1,157,910	\$1,110,000	\$1,511,500

## Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

### Objectives:

- 1) Increase the scrutiny of development and works proposals to mitigate impacts on aquatic habitats and to ensure aquatic habitat protection requirements are included in natural resource management processes, such as land and water use, and estuary and floodplain planning.
- 2) Increase the proportion of external NRM funds (state and Commonwealth) directed towards habitat rehabilitation activities that enhance the quality of recreational fishing.
- 3) Facilitate grants to community groups for habitat rehabilitation projects in fresh and saltwater areas, including the removal of barriers to fish migration through managing flood gates, building fishways and removing weirs; replanting and protecting riparian and marine vegetation; and replacing snags in rivers.

### Achievements:

- 1) Conservation Managers have ensured aquatic habitats, fish stocks and fishery access provisions were protected in development and land use planning decisions. Specific outcomes included:
  - a. community workshops to promote the value of aquatic habitat conservation.
  - b. Increased reporting of illegal activities to Fisheries Compliance staff
  - c. Coordination of fish kill responses and rescues.
  - d. Securing \$1.3M through the Namoi Catchment Management Authority and the Commonwealth's National Heritage Trust program for improving habitat quality.
  - e. Securing over \$200,000 of funds to initiate the Fish Friendly Farms project
  - f. Securing \$600K from to the Commonwealth for enhanced wetland management
- 2) Five successful rounds of the Habitat Grant Program provided significant funds for angling groups, community groups, local councils and private landholders to undertake on-ground works for the rehabilitation of approximately 150 hectares of floodplain and wetland habitat, 97kms of riparian vegetation and fish passage reinstated for more than 500km of river and delivered in excess of \$2.5 million in additional funds towards improved recreational fishing activities
- 3) Initiation of Habitat Action Program commenced and to continue 2009/2010 and beyond.

### Future directions:

- 1) Continue to review, negotiate and influence better outcomes from developments, land use or natural resource management planning processes affecting aquatic habitats including refusing development or permit applications that do not comply with the FM Act., and ensuring consideration of recreational fishers access.
- 2) Build awareness of recreational fishers on the importance of aquatic habitat protection and fish conservation issues via targeted education of Fishcare Volunteers and fishing clubs.
- 3) Increase the focus on targeted proactive catchment compliance audits to identify illegal works affecting fish and aquatic habitats.
- 4) Continue to implement the project "Rescue and protection of Macquarie perch from the upper Lachlan River system and investigations into captive breeding techniques".
- 5) Secure funds from other sources for environmental restoration for the long-term health of recreational fisheries
- 6) Continue the Habitat Action Program: Making More Fish .....Naturally program.

### Investment summary

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Freshwater Trust	\$358,646	\$358,646	\$362,623	\$381,623	\$381,623
Saltwater Trust	\$200,000	\$662,552	\$666,678	\$666,678	\$884,525

## Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

### Objectives:

- 1) Develop fishing gears and practices that improve the survival of released fish.
- 2) Investigate the biology and habitats of key recreational species.
- 3) Investigate the effectiveness of artificial reefs deployed and assess the suitability of offshore reef design and their potential environmental impact.
- 4) Develop cost-effective stocking procedures for fresh and saltwater fish stockings.
- 5) Undertake surveys of recreational fishers and selected fishing tournaments to determine angler effort and catch.

### Key programs:

- 1) Maximising survival of released fish
- 2) Research on key recreational species
- 3) Effectiveness of artificial reefs
- 4) Angler surveys
- 5) Improving effectiveness of freshwater stockings

### Achievements:

- 1) Completed angler-assisted experiments on survival of released fish and identified improved fishing and handling practices.
- 2) Surveys of recreational angling in recreational fishing havens, Sydney Harbour and Greater Sydney region completed.
- 3) Monitored fish populations and angling around artificial reefs in recreational fishing havens.
- 4) Assessed biology and fisheries of key coastal and estuarine fish.
- 5) Ongoing monitoring of key fishing tournaments.
- 6) Assessment of impacts of mullock stocked in recreational fishing havens and eastern king prawns stocked in Wallagoot and Back Lakes.
- 7) Fine-tuned trout-stocking regimes and estimated survival of stocked freshwater fish.
- 8) Completed population genetic studies for catfish.

### Future directions:

- 1) Assess and monitor effectiveness of artificial reefs deployed in coastal waters off NSW.
- 2) Development of cost-effective surveys of recreational fishing in NSW
- 3) Investigate the interactions between different recreational fishing gears and protected or endangered species to identify fishing practices to avoid such species.
- 4) Optimise stocking regimes for inland native fish and trout.
- 5) Undertake statewide survey of recreational fishing in NSW.

### Investment summary

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Freshwater Trust	\$520,385	\$949,507	\$338,230	\$379,221	\$412,316
Saltwater Trust	\$1,788,742	\$3,181,486	\$2,456,454	\$1,073,765	\$1,126,608



## Platform: Enforcement of fishing rules

### Objectives:

- 1) Maximise voluntary recreational fishing compliance by providing advisory and education services and creating effective deterrence to illegal activity by undertaking patrols and enforcement operations.
- 2) Target high risk offenders and known 'black spots'.

### Key programs:

- 1) Recreational Fishing Mobile Squads
- 2) Fisheries Officers

### Achievements:

- 1) Enhancement of voluntary compliance with the requirement to pay the recreational fishing fee through combination of education and law enforcement initiatives
- 2) Extensive day and night time covert and overt patrols of Recreational Fishing Havens (RFHs) and other coastal and inland waterways throughout NSW to maximise compliance with fishing rules and to promote the Recreational Fishing Fee.
- 3) Attendance at recreational fishing clinics, field days and other advisory functions.
- 4) Overall voluntary compliance of fishing fee requirement above 85%
- 5) Operational plans developed to target illegal activity in RFH's, coastal and inland waters, where intelligence indicates unacceptable levels of non-compliance.
- 6) Developed ongoing communication links with recreational fishers and stakeholders to enhance the quality of intelligence concerning non-compliance in recreational fisheries.
- 7) Rationalised single Recreational Fishery Mobile squad to create three 2 person squads in North, South and Central areas to maximise acceptance and understanding of recreational fishing laws in NSW.
- 8) Developed Enhanced State Compliance Plan, on a risk-based model designed to significantly improve targeting of high risk offenders.

### Future directions:

- 1) Providing highly visible fisheries officer presence in key recreational fishing areas and particularly in closed waters to detect and deter illegal fishing activity and to minimise illegal activity opportunities.
- 2) Developing and maintaining communication links with recreational fishers and stakeholders to enhance the quality of intelligence of non-compliance.
- 3) Enhance compliance outcomes by the delivery of the tri state Native Freshwater Fish Compliance Strategy.

### Investment summary

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Freshwater Trust	\$700,824	\$727,717	\$755,685	\$784,773	\$815,026
Saltwater Trust	\$1,468,053	\$1,481,500	\$1,495,484	\$1,510,028	\$1,525,154

## Platform: Recreational fishing education

### Objectives:

- 1) Implement a Fishcare volunteer program to provide face to face education of anglers to help them to be familiar with fishing rules and to promote responsible fishing practices and to play a role in running fishing clinics, educating school children and manning advisory stands at regional fishing shows.
- 2) Run fishing clinics to teach children and other community groups how to fish and good fishing practices with each participant receiving quality fishing gear and tackle to set them up for fishing after the clinic.
- 3) Implement a primary schools education program to teach school children at an early age how to fish, about the importance of aquatic habitats and to introduce them to safe and responsible fishing practices.
- 4) Boost production of a range of fishing brochures, stickers, guides and other informative material to help anglers to keep up-to-date on the latest fishing rules and good practices. Distribute the material free of charge to recreational fishers by fishing tackle stores, Fishcare Volunteers and Fisheries Officers.

### Key programs:

- 1) Fishcare Volunteers
- 2) Fishing workshops
- 3) Get hooked...Its fun to fish
- 4) Fishing guides

### Achievements:

- 1) Over 350 Fishcare Volunteers registered in the program across NSW.
- 2) In 20011/12, Volunteers participated in 509 registered events, making 51600 contacts and dedicating 17,000 hours of service.
- 3) Implementation of an extensive on the water recreational fishing campaign in Sydney Harbour
- 4) In 2011/12, a series of fishing clinics held across the State introduced over 8000 children to fishing.
- 5) Production of a primary schools resource education kit titled 'Get hooked...its fun to fish' and implementation of pilot program.
- 6) Production and distribution of hundreds of thousands of fishing brochures, stickers and guides to anglers free of charge.

### Future Directions:

- 1) Expansion of on water Fishcare education of anglers across all coastal and western regions of NSW, increasing angler exposure.
- 2) Expansion of the 'Get hooked...its fun to fish' program to schools throughout NSW.
- 3) Increase volunteer training associated with schools to meet the demand of the 'Get hooked, its fun to fish program'.

### Investment summary

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Freshwater Trust	\$304,551	\$328,690	\$387,970	\$383,970	\$392,720
Saltwater Trust	\$1,566,019	\$1,457,155	\$1,452,600	\$1,461,540	\$1,696,010

## Platform: Fishing access and facilities

### Objectives:

- 1) Providing convenient fishing facilities for anglers such as fish cleaning stations, fishing platforms and other infrastructure to improve safe access to popular fishing sites .
- 2) Improve recreational fishing access by working closely with other government agencies and other landowners to maintain and improve current access to popular local fishing spots. This includes identifying and opening new access points for fishing.

### Key programs:

- 1) Recreational fishing infrastructure
- 2) Enhancing angler access in NSW

### Achievements:

- 1) Fishing facilities projects developed and funded under this platform include: over 120 fish cleaning stations and over 30 fishing platforms.
- 2) Production of a Guide to stocked lakes and dams in NSW.
- 3) Compilation of a database identifying legal access sites for recreational fishing across NSW.
- 4) Completion of an angler survey to enable anglers to identify freshwater access points of importance to fishing.
- 5) Review of National Park management plans and other land use planning proposals, with follow-up agency consultation, to ensure maintenance and improvement of access to popular local fishing areas.

### Future directions:

- 1) Continued work to improve fishing infrastructure throughout the state.
- 2) Provision of defined thoroughfare including signage, fence stiles and signage identifying access track maintenance.
- 3) Ongoing identification of access issues and development of appropriate access arrangements to ensure maintained or enhanced access.

### Investment summary

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Freshwater Trust	\$225,154	\$277,204	\$256,423	\$244,623	\$270,461
Saltwater Trust	\$447,100	\$875,003	\$513,114	\$508,860	\$490,290

## Platform: Fishing fee coordination and payment network

### Objectives:

- 1) Provide a convenient system for payment of the recreational fishing licence fee in NSW.
- 2) Coordinate the Recreational Fishing Trusts to ensure transparency and accountability.
- 3) Ensure repayment of the loan used to create 30 recreational fishing havens.

### Key programs:

- 1) Recreational fishing havens
- 2) Trust Executive Officer
- 3) Recreational fishing fee agent network

### Achievements:

- 1) Fee payment facilities provided at over 1,000 locations throughout NSW and over the internet and phone.
- 2) Regular expenditure committee meetings held to review Trust applications and monitor progress of programs.
- 3) Transparent and accountable reporting of Trust expenditure activities on NSW DPI website and in the NSW DPI Annual Report. Independent audits completed for Saltwater and Freshwater Trusts.
- 4) Annual \$2 million loan repayments made according to schedule.
- 5) Integration with the NSW Government Licensing System and the provision of plastic licences and a licence renewal system.

### Future directions:

- 1) Expansion of electronic fee payment options.

### Investment summary

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Fee payment network	\$1,050,000	\$1,340,000	\$1,150,000	\$2,004,000	\$1,760,000
RFH loan repayment	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Fee coordination:					
Freshwater Trust	\$273,000	\$273,000	\$274,000	\$275,000	\$276,000
Saltwater Trust	\$392,090	\$393,500	\$402,000	\$403,500	\$405,000

\*this platform represents fee attributable funding

### **Expression of interest (EOI)**

An annual expression of interest will continue to be advertised in the first half of each year for funding of new government and community recreational fishing programs from the Recreational Fishing Trusts. This ensures opportunities for participation in Trust investment activities by other organisations. Funding guidelines will be provided for applicants including priorities for funding and amount of funding available for new programs.

### **New directions/new target programs**

The Investment Plan provides indicative category allocations over time. This enables the Expenditure Committees to identify any gaps in funding allocations and to direct remaining funds in new directions, if required. The recreational fishing community that was surveyed identified the ongoing directions for continued funding from the Trusts in the future. These directions will be highlighted in future community expressions of interest advertised by NSW DPI to attract funding applications. When additional new programs are funded by the Trusts in the future, the Funding Platform Tables will be updated with the relevant information on the NSW DPI website.

### **More information**

This Investment Plan outlines investment that progress the objectives of the Recreational Fishing Trusts. It provides an exciting opportunity for all recreational fishing stakeholders to be working in partnership for multiple outcomes. If you would more information or would like to apply for funding from the Trusts, please contact the Recreational Fishing Trusts Executive Officer on (02) 6691 9675 or email: [recreational.fishingtrust@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recreational.fishingtrust@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

## APPENDIX

### Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement programs

#### Saltwater Trust

Project ID	Program	Proponent	Budget				
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
DPI11	Fish aggregating devices (FADs) – a series of fish aggregating devices (FADs) are placed in coastal waters from Byron Bay to Eden to attract pelagic fish such as mahi-mahi and even tunas and marlin.	NSW DPI	\$194,000	\$209,000	\$212,000	\$220,000	\$223,000
DPI13	Building artificial reefs in estuaries- artificial reefs have been built in Lake Macquarie, Botany Bay, St Georges Basin, Lake Conjola and Merimbula Lake to create new fish habitat for recreational fishing. More reefs are being deployed in other estuaries along the coast.	NSW DPI	\$441,000	\$543,000	\$580,000	\$590,000	\$591,000
DPI48	Building artificial reefs in ocean waters – Deployment of a large, purpose built, steel artificial reef units to create offshore fishing locations. The design of the structures will use the worlds best artificial reefs technology to maximise their effectiveness. Further funding for this program will be considered following an assessment of the effectiveness of the reefs in one location.	NSW DPI	\$241,000	\$961,000			
L53	Eastern king prawn stocking in Wallagoot Lake – involves an additional stocking of prawns in 2008 as an extension of the current research prawn stocking program, which is investigating the effectiveness of stocking prawns to enhance recreational fishing.	University of NSW	\$95,000				
DPI51	Marine stocking of important recreational fish species in coastal waters – involves completion of an Environmental Impact Statement and Fisheries Management Strategy for marine stocking followed by implementation of a marine stocking program of key recreational species in NSW to enhance recreational fishing.	NSW DPI	\$364,000	\$236,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
DPI64	Replacement fisheries enhancement offshore vessel	NSW DPI			\$65,910		
DPI71	Regional Offshore Artificial Reefs - aims to construct the first regional concrete design-specific offshore artificial reef (>800 m <sup>3</sup> ) in NSW to enhance recreational fishing opportunities following the successful deployment of the first metropolitan artificial reef off Sydney.	NSW DPI					\$397,500
DPI73	Development of a NSW Recreational Fishing Environmental Assessment and Fisheries Management Strategy to guide the future management of the recreational fishery.	NSW DPI					\$97,000 FW \$291,000 SW

## Freshwater Trust

Project ID	Program	Proponent	Budget				
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
FT05	Fish stocking: enhanced fish production – NSW DPI operates hatcheries that produce native fish and trout for stocking in freshwater impoundments throughout NSW. Trust funds boost production at the hatcheries, which has led to record numbers of fish being stocked and better fishing.	NSW DPI	\$346,458	\$396,769	\$418,200	\$440,446	\$465,063
FT07	Fish stocking: dollar for dollar program – community grants for fishing clubs to buy native fingerlings for stocking in rivers and dams.	NSW DPI	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
FT46	Management of fish stocking to ensure responsible stocking practices – undertakes environmental assessments of fish stocking programs in NSW to ensure they are carried out in an ecologically sustainable way.	NSW DPI	\$96,171	\$104,809	\$108,543	\$108,543	\$108,543
FT56	Installation of secondary recirculation unit at Dutton Trout Hatchery – installation of a second re-circulation system to increase the amount of chilled / temperature controlled water in the hatchery used to house fish for stocking.	NSW DPI		\$38,250			
FT60	Supporting Fish Hatchery Trainees – capacity development program for work experience students at the Narrandera Fish Hatchery to build expertise in fish breeding technology.	NSW DPI		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	
FT61	Gaden Trout Hatchery - funding for the ongoing operation of the hatchery, including operational costs.	NSW DPI		\$434,000	\$429,510	\$442,395	\$455,667
FT70	Species Impact Statement and Ministerial order for limited recreational fishing for Trout Cod in stocked impounded waters - this project is required to enable potential access to limited fishing for Trout cod in stocked impoundments.	NSW DPI			\$30,000		

\*Note: Funding details for each project represent budgets, which may include carryover funds from previous financial years.

## Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

Project ID	Program	Proponent	Budget				
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
FT11	Aquatic habitat protection and fish conservation in the south west region – a conservation manager based in Albury manages fish habitat protection and aquatic threatened species management issues in south west NSW amongst government and non-government organisations, landholders, catchment management authorities and recreational fishing groups.	NSW DPI	FW \$158,646	FW \$158,646	FW \$162,623	FW \$181,623	FW \$181,623
DPI52	Habitat Action Program...Making more fish naturally – involves development of a series of on-grounds works programs to improve habitat rehabilitation and fish stocks in consultation with the CMAs.	NSW DPI	SW \$200,000 FW \$200,000	SW \$500,000 FW \$200,000	SW \$500,000 FW \$200,000	SW \$500,000 FW \$200,000	SW \$500,000 FW \$200,000
DPI61	Coastal fish habitat protection and management – this position manages fisheries habitat protection issues, threatened species management and seeks opportunities to actively enhance recreational fisheries and fishing access where possible via development assessment, land use and natural resource management planning processes.	NSW DPI		SW \$162,552	SW \$166,678	SW \$166,678	SW 173,198
DPI72	Increasing the capacity of recreational fishing clubs to undertake habitat projects - a conservation manager to provide the necessary technical advice and support to recreational fishing clubs to improve their understanding of issues and threats facing native fish and how they can apply for funds and manage habitat action projects.	NSW DPI					SW \$167,267
L100	Restoration of missing underwater crayweed forests in Sydney [stage 2] – will restore habitat-forming crayweed along the Sydney metropolitan region.						SW \$44,060

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## Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

### Saltwater Trust

Project ID	Program	Proponent	Budget				
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
DPI47	Scientific data collection from recreational fishing tournaments in NSW – aims to sample the catch and effort from Basscatch and other freshwater native fish events and club-based gamefishing in NSW in support of the assessment of billfish, tuna and sharks and freshwater native fish.	NSW DPI	SW \$80,359 FW \$34,439	SW \$86,422 FW \$37,038	SW \$151,426 FW \$37,857	SW \$161,074 FW \$40,268	SW \$175,852 FW \$43,963
DPI24	Improving survival of released fish after catch and release – involves research to develop fishing gears and practices that improve the survival of released fish in saltwater.	NSW DPI	\$126,903 Phase 2 \$88,700 Phase 3	\$181,300	\$198,100	\$240,900	
DPI14	Gamefish tagging - provides valuable scientific information on the movement and growth of billfish, tuna, sharks and sportfish and encourages anglers to participate in fisheries management and research.	NSW DPI	\$120,000	\$124,330	\$129,020	\$133,590	\$136,910
L55	Enhancing recreational fisheries through conservation of iconic recreational trophy fish – this project aims to create a spatial model for the presence, distribution and movements of mullocky, bream and flathead in 4 estuaries.	University of NSW		\$133,000	\$70,300	\$35,900	
L56	Examination of recreational fishing fatalities in NSW 2002 to 2007- aims to identify, describe and compare all fishing related drowning deaths in NSW.	Royal Life Saving Society	\$67,000				
DPI53	Development of cost-effective methods for monitoring and assessing spatial management options for recreational fisheries in NSW – this project is using cutting edge technology to develop a cost effective way of monitoring recreational boat-based fishing effort over large geographical scales and development of a GIS system for integrating habitat distributions within the Greater Sydney Region.	NSW DPI		\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	
DPI23	Artificial Reefs Monitoring Program – this program involves the monitoring of Artificial Reefs and communication of the results to the scientific community and the angling public.	NSW DPI	\$165,659	\$164,556 Phase 1 \$82,234 Phase 2	\$276,880	\$268,798	\$265,698
L54, L64, L78, L88, L99	Monitoring and research of landed fish and game fishing tournaments in NSW – this project organises, coordinates and reports on biological research and sampling at NSW game fishing tournaments.	Pepperell Research & Consulting	\$25,500	\$25,500	\$26,000	\$26,500	\$27,500
DPI46	Investigating the behavioural response to grey nurse sharks to recreational lure and baited lines - examines the interactions between particular fishing methods and the species.	NSW DPI	\$228,570	\$185,946	\$28,146		

Project ID	Program	Proponent	2008/09	2009/10	Budget		
					2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
L46	Recreational fishing in the Shoalhaven Region: optimising survey methods and assessing sustainability – involves an investigation of recreational fishing by carrying out surveys in the Shoalhaven River, using student scholarships and regional workshops.	University of Wollongong	\$78,775	\$92,000	\$81,650		
L49	Predicting hazardous conditions for rock fishers – investigation of wave group behaviour to educate and ward the fishing community of potentially hazardous fishing conditions.	University of NSW	\$39,000				
DPI37	Recreational fishing and fishery independent surveys in the Hawkesbury Shelf Bioregion (additional funding) – obtains detailed information on the catch and effort of anglers in the region.	NSW DPI	\$350,000				
L39	Australian salmon: Population structure, reproduction, diet and composition of commercial and recreational catches in NSW - provides information on the current population structure of salmon along the NSW coast.	NSW DPI	\$28,792				
L36	Environmental impacts and techniques for stocking the eastern king prawn into recruitment limited recreational fishing havens – involves monitoring the growth, mortality and consumption of stocked prawns in two far south coast estuaries (Back and Wallagoot Lakes).	University of NSW	\$83,796				
L25	Enhancing recreational fisheries through responsible stocking of mulloway – involves pilot stockings of mulloway fingerlings in Botany Bay and 3 North Coast estuaries.	University of NSW	\$52,509				
L31	Biology and fishery of estuary perch in coastal catchments in NSW – investigating biology and fishery of the estuary perch in coastal rivers.	University of Wollongong	\$33,315				
L33	Growth and reproduction of striped marlin – an investigation of important life history parameters for this iconic recreational species.	Charles Sturt University	\$4,550				
L61	Production of scientific review – scientific appraisal of the Torn Blue Fringe with respect to recreational fishing.	Emerald Lagoon	\$30,000				
DPI56	Evaluating the recreational fisheries of Recreational Fishing Havens and other key recreationally-fished estuaries in NSW – assessment of long term changes in Recreational Fishing Havens and key recreational fishing species.	NSW DPI		\$139,788	\$146,743	\$75,278	
DPI57	Profiling the biology and fishery of rock blackfish ( <i>Girella elevata</i> ) in the Sydney Region – investigation of baseline life history information for the management of rock blackfish.	NSW DPI		\$57,615	\$58,699	\$36,826	
DPI58	Movements of key recreational angling species in the Sydney Region – determination of the movements, residence times, habitat interactions and pathways of movements of key recreational fish species in Sydney Harbour.	NSW DPI		\$50,000			

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					2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
DPI60	Assessment of barotraumas and its mitigation measures on the behaviour and survival of offshore species in NSW - investigates the effects of barotrauma on the behaviour and physiology of key recreational fish species in NSW using a range of novel research techniques.	NSW DPI		\$89,914	\$155,616	\$88,891	
L69	The final frontier: Recreational fishing and environmental outcomes of responsible stocking practices for mulloway and Eastern king prawns - continues the final 2 years of monitoring of mulloway and Eastern king prawn stockings in estuaries to determine the effectiveness of the programs.	University of New South Wales		\$109,106	\$110,648		
DPI63	Solving bycatch and discard problems in NSW's recreational mud crab fishery - this project will develop solutions to the problems of bycatch and discarding of undersize mud crabs in recreational traps using experimental manipulations of trap design.	NSW DPI		\$20,281			
DPI66	Statewide survey of recreational fishing in NSW workshops – a team of experts will design the most appropriate methodology for a statewide survey of recreational fishing in NSW.	NSW DPI			\$50,000		
L79	Why do anglers decide not to renew their recreational fishing licence? A statewide survey of licence churn.	Hamata Pty Ltd			\$42,498		
L80	Closing the loop: understanding the relationships between recreational fishing surveys, bag and size limits and fisheries management objectives.	University of Sydney			\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
DPI67	Getting research results to grass-roots anglers - Web based portal - extension plan for the project "Recreational Fishing Surveys in the Greater Sydney Region to facilitate dissemination of survey information to anglers.	NSW DPI			\$50,000		
L84	Fisheries biology and movement of Mangrove Jack in NSW - an investigation of the diet, growth, age, longevity and movement of juvenile and adult Mangrove Jack in northern NSW.	NMSC, SCU			\$53,784	\$69,378	\$46,489
DPI68	Why have the numbers of pipis on beaches declined? - investigating the reasons for the reduction in pipi populations from beaches along the NSW coast.	NSW DPI				\$40,000	\$40,000
L85	Biological Assessment of Offshore Artificial Reefs - this project is addressing priority 2 monitoring requirements of the Offshore Artificial Reefs program.	UNSW				\$74,130	\$64,503
DPI69	Statewide survey of recreational fishing in NSW – implementation of a statewide phone/diary survey of recreational fishing in NSW.	NSW DPI			\$1,435,000		

L89	The USFA Project - determine relative fish abundance off the Sydney coast using spearfishing competition catch data from 2000 to 2010.	Underwater Skindivers and Fisherman's Association				\$16,500	
L92 L98	Developing and implementing a cost effective state wide expenditure survey method to measure the economic contribution of the recreational and charter fishing sector in NSW.	University of Wollongong/ Dominion Consulting Pty Ltd				\$162,800	\$79,750 \$37,500
DPI70	Research review of rock fishing safety in NSW to address Coronial recommendations relating to rock fishing deaths	SLSA				\$121,972	
DPI74	The NSW Research Angler Program on Mulloway – involves anglers contributing to biological and fishery assessments for mulloway. because information is urgently needed for the mulloway recovery program and is the highest priority for management.	NSW DPI					\$182,094
L102	Developing mangrove jack as a potential new key species for freshwater stocking in a northern NSW impoundment – a pilot program.	Southern Cross University					\$10,000 FW \$25,312 SW
L105	Assessing post release survival of southern bluefin tuna from recreational fishing in NSW.	Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies / University of Tasmania					\$20,000

## Freshwater Trust

Project ID	Program	Proponent	2008/09	2009/10	Budget		
					2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
FT13	Effectiveness of freshwater stockings & recreational freshwater fishing assessments – involves completion of scientific studies on western drainage freshwater fish stockings to develop cost-effective stocking procedures for large-scale releases of fish (Phase 1). Phase 2 involves determining areas to be stocked, optimal stocking sizes and methods, the impacts of stocked fish on resident species, and the effectiveness of size limits on selected fisheries.	NSW DPI	\$184,439 Phase 1	\$190,978 Phase 2	\$204,923	\$218,245	\$228,999
FT43	Maximising the post release survival of angler caught native freshwater fish – research to develop fishing gears and practices that improve the survival of released fish in freshwater (Phase 2).	NSW DPI	\$81,900	\$199,900	\$199,300	\$101,500	
31	Optimised stocking of Australian bass by testing modelled estimates of predator impact – develops a predatory impact model to optimise stocking rates of Australian bass in freshwater impoundments.	University of NSW	\$50,427	\$52,251			
FT53	Enhancing Australian bass populations in the Clarence River through increased knowledge of their biology – investigates life history characteristics of a local bass population in the Clarence River which will provide specific information for management of the species in that catchment.	NSW DPI	\$10,000	\$10,000			
FT48	Rescue and protection of Macquarie perch from Upper Lachlan River system and investigations into captive breeding techniques - will ensure the preservation of Macquarie perch from the Lachlan river catchment by removing a representative portion of the population to secure refuge. Also investigates captive breeding techniques of Macquarie perch	NSW DPI	\$25,570	\$26,190			
FT49	Recovering recreational fisheries for freshwater catfish in the Murray-Darling Basin – determines patterns of population structure in freshwater catfish and identifies suitable reintroduction sites within the Murray-Darling catchment.	NSW DPI	\$133,610				
FT57	Research on spawning sites, reproductive behaviour, stocking effects and movement of Murray cod in upland and lowland riverine habitats in the Murray-Darling River System.	NSW DPI		\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
FT58	A longitudinal study of nodavirus infection in Australian bass – sampling a batch of Nodavirus positive fish at regular intervals until they reach sexual maturity to determine whether and how the virus is passed onto the progeny of that batch.	NSW DPI		\$19,200	\$20,450	\$22,500	
FT59	Evaluation of the status of nodavirus-carrying Australian bass in NSW waterways – investigation of the incidence of Nodavirus in wild juvenile Australian bass populations and a review of the testing of Nodavirus in bass hatcheries based on the results.	NSW DPI		\$63,150			
FT65	Ongoing monitoring of the movement patterns of Australian bass & eel-tailed catfish in the Clarence River.	NSW DPI			\$10,000	\$10,000	

Project ID	Program	Proponent	2008/09	2009/10	Budget		
					2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
FT67	Detecting and preventing the spread of an emerging pest species, Redfin, in the Upper Coxs River.	NSW DPI			\$15,000		
FT72	Rescue and protection of Macquarie perch from upper Lachlan river system and investigations into captive breeding techniques.	NSW DPI				\$38,208	\$39,354
FT78	Resource assessment of the Murray crayfish fishery in NSW and estimation of angler harvest rates	NSW DPI					\$40,000

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### Platform: Enforcement of fishing rules

Project ID	Program	Proponent	Budget				
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
DPI25	Coastal recreational mobile squads (enhancement activities) - three fisheries officers conduct a range of activities to enhance voluntary compliance with fishing rules by providing advisory and education services and creating effective deterrence to illegal activity by undertaking patrols and enforcement operations.	NSW DPI	SW \$414,577	SW \$428,024	SW \$442,008	SW \$456,552	SW \$471,678
DPI26	9 Coastal Fisheries Officers (fee compliance) – this contribution of 9 coastal Officers ensures compliance with the requirement to pay the recreational fishing fee. This program complements the other Fisheries Officers funded by NSW DPI and other sources.	NSW DPI	SW \$1,053,476	SW \$1,053,476	SW \$1,053,476	SW \$1,053,476	SW \$1,053,476
FT06	6 Inland Fisheries Officers (enhancement activities) - six inland fisheries officers conduct a range of activities to enhance voluntary compliance with fishing rules by providing advisory and education services and creating effective deterrence to illegal activity by undertaking patrols and enforcement operations	NSW DPI	FW \$700,824	FW \$727,717	FW \$755,685	FW \$784,773	FW \$815,026

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## Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project ID	Program	Proponent	Budget				
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
DPI38	Recreational Fishing Promotion and Event Management – involves working with fishing tournament organisers and the community to promote events that operate in a safe and environmentally and socially responsible way. This also includes implementing codes of practice for recreational fishing in NSW.	NSW DPI	SW \$108,110 FW \$27,030	SW \$109,780 FW \$27,440	SW \$109,780 FW \$27,440	SW \$109,780 FW \$27,440	SW \$115,760 FW \$28,940
DPI09	Fishcare Volunteers – this is the flagship program of the Trusts. Over 300 trained volunteers are involved in face to face education with anglers to help them to be familiar with fishing rules and to promote responsible fishing practices.	NSW DPI	SW \$620,201 FW \$175,771	SW \$594,100 FW \$169,500	SW \$595,200 FW \$170,000	SW \$595,200 FW \$170,000	SW \$595,200 FW \$170,000
DPI45	Get hooked...Its fun to fish - this schools education program is designed to teach children at an early age about the importance of aquatic habitats and to introduce them to safe and responsible fishing practices.	NSW DPI	\$435,500	SW \$364,600 FW \$40,000	SW \$386,000 FW \$38,000	SW \$361,000 FW \$40,000	SW \$396,000 FW \$39,000
DPI29	Recreational fishing awareness raising - provides information on fishing rules to anglers and encourages responsible and sustainable fishing practices through a range of media (newspaper, magazines, radio, billboards) at peak fishing periods.	NSW DPI	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000
DPI10	Fishing workshops – a series of fishing workshops for children are held in Sydney, at Government hatcheries and across regional NSW, including workshops for special needs groups and NESB communities.	NSW DPI	SW \$36,250 FW \$19,750	SW \$36,250 FW \$19,750	SW \$36,310 FW \$19,780	SW \$36,310 FW \$19,780	SW \$36,310 FW \$19,780
DPI28	Recreational Fishing Guides – 300,000 Freshwater and saltwater fishing guides are produced each year to help recreational anglers identify their catch and summarise the fishing rules.	NSW DPI	SW \$100,000 FW \$40,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$40,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$40,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$40,000	SW \$135,000 FW \$55,000
L50	NSW Future Leaders – capacity development program for the next generation of recreational fishing leaders to contribute in fisheries management.	Recreational Fishing Alliance NSW	\$23,500 SW				
DPI50	World Recreational Fishing Conference - this conference is held every three years and is a key meeting for exchange on recreational fisheries management issues.	RFSTEC/ NSW DPI	SW \$17,208				
DPI27	Recreational fishing information - a range of fishing brochures and stickers are produced every year to help anglers keep up-to-date on the latest fishing rules and good practices. Large print runs are distributed free of charge to anglers.	NSW DPI	SW \$142,500	SW \$142,500	SW \$142,500	SW \$142,500	SW \$142,500

Project ID	Program	Proponent	Budget				
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
FT54	Recreational Fishing Trusts Promotional Freshwater Fishing Calendar – to produce a recreational fishing trusts calendar promoting recreational fishing rules by running an angler photo competition.	NSW DPI	FW \$15,000				
L47	RFA of NSW Fishing Safely DVD and resource material – involves production of high quality DVD modules on fishing safely in saltwater and freshwater.	RFA NSW	FW \$12,000 SW \$28,000				
L59	Creating recreational fishing aquariums displays that inspire the public about recreational fishing – involves installation of large fish tanks to engage high school students and the public at the Centre.	National Marine Science Centre	SW \$19,750				
L63	RFA rockfishing safety resource folder mailout 2009 to 2011 – production of an additional 15,000 DVD/CDs and 5000 resource folders for distribution to anglers free of charge.	Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW		SW \$41,750	SW \$4,500	SW \$4,500	
L70	NSW rock fishing safety workshops – to educate non English speaking anglers on safe rockfishing practices using a series of 5 workshops.	Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW		SW \$33,175			
L77 L83 L95	Sydney International Boat Show fishing clinic – NSW DPI staff will make daily presentations on recreational fishing programs to educate the public at the clinic and Bluey the advisory trailer will be on display at the clinic.	Boating Industry Association of NSW Ltd			SW \$20,000	SW \$30,000	SW \$40,000
DPI65	Recreational fishing calendar and photo competition 2012 & 2013	NSW DPI			SW \$9,750 FW \$9,750	SW \$9,750 FW \$9,750	
FT 62 FT64	Gaden Trout Hatchery Tour Guide position - the Tour Guide undertakes tours of the hatchery facilities providing information on trout production and local fishing opportunities.	NSW DPI		FW \$17,000	FW \$68,000	FW \$62,000	FW \$65,000
L82	Eurobodalla Sustainable Recreational Fishing Education Program - to educate years 5 and 6 students at schools throughout the Eurobodalla Shire to promote sustainable fishing practices and the protection of fish habitat.	Eurobodalla Shire Council			SW \$13,560	SW \$3,000	



L87	Distribution of the RFA of NSW Spearfishing Safety DVD in NSW	Underwater Skindivers and Fisherman's Association (USFA)				SW \$34,500	
L96	Fishing 4 Therapy: recreational fishing workshops for the physically and mentally disabled - involves running 50 fishing days of fishing clinics for the disabled at Centennial Park Lake.	Australian National Sportfishing Association – NSW Branch					SW \$21,500
L97	Recreational Fishing Safety Officer Project – the officer will oversee the implementation of a range of rock fishing safety programs, including angel rings, distribution of DVDs as well as a series of new programs (more rock fishing workshops, lifejacket giveaways, community safety ambassadors and a safety advertising campaign).	Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW					SW \$126,000
L104	Educating for sustainable recreational fishing – displays and interactive educational activities	Ballina Marine Discovery Centre					SW \$52,740

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## Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Project ID	Program	Proponent	Budget				
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
DPI43	Recreational fishing infrastructure grants manager – facilitates the development of quality recreational fishing infrastructure in key locations for use by recreational fishers, identifies key gaps in the availability of existing infrastructure and develops a list of potential works to guide new applications.	NSW DPI	SW \$86,800 FW \$37,200	SW \$113,348 FW \$13,000	SW \$121,559 FW \$13,000	SW \$124,645 FW \$14,000	SW \$128,645 FW \$14,000
DPI55 FT35	Recreational fishing access – 2 fisheries managers work closely with government agencies and other landowners to maintain and improve current access to popular local fishing spots.	NSW DPI	SW \$118,000 FW \$127,954	SW \$125,400 FW \$149,059	SW \$133,700 FW \$158,623	SW \$138,145 FW \$159,123	SW \$138,145 FW \$160,623
DPI12	Small grants program - provides seed funding for community groups for recreational fishing infrastructure programs such as fish cleaning tables and fishing platforms.	Community groups/ Councils etc	SW \$100,000 FW \$60,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$60,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$60,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$60,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$60,000
L52	Recreational fishing and habitat map for the Lower Hawkesbury – involves the production of maps that educate and inform recreational fishers on fishing locations and seagrass habitats.	Hornsby Shire Council	SW \$12,000				
L57	Installation of fish cleaning tables, measuring stations and signage at 7 Tweed Coast Holiday Parks – construction of quality recreational fishing infrastructure.	Tweed Coast Holiday Parks Reserve Trust	SW \$28,000				
L32 L73	Annual Membership of Recfish Australia – provides a funding base for Recfish Australia as the peak national recreational fishing body to carry out its role.	Recfish Australia	SW \$23,000		SW \$46,000		
L48	Erection of replacement radio tower at Swansea with safe access to maintain 24 hour operation for recreational boaters, including recreational fishers.	Australian Volunteer Coastguard	SW \$35,300				
L58	Accessible fishing platform on Stockton Foreshore for disabled people - this project involves the building of a cantilevered platform which will extend over the rocks enabling people with a disability or those that are elderly the opportunity to fish.	Newcastle City Council	SW \$44,000				
L65	Fish cleaning tables and shelters, Gosford area – construction of 13 fish cleaning tables and 6 associated shelters.	Gosford City Council		SW \$85,250			
L66	Clifton Gardens jetty rehabilitation works, Mosman – to contribute to the upgrade of Clifton Gardens jetty and promote its use as an angling facility.	Mosman Council		SW \$50,000			
L67	Merimbula public jetty upgrade – to provide a fishing platform with fish cleaning facility, as part of the upgrade to the Merimbula public jetty.	Bega Valley Shire Council		SW \$45,000			

Project ID	Program	Proponent	2008/09	2009/10	Budget		
					2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
DPI41	Recreational fishing governance – investigating a framework to provide for improved governance of recreational fishing.	NSW DPI		SW \$150,000			
L62	Angel Rings 2009 to 2011 – continuation of the Angel Rings project which installs and maintains Angel Rings in popular rockfishing locations.	ANSW NSW		SW \$19,250	SW \$20,855	SW \$22,570	
L68	New Handrails for Long Jetty, located at Tuggerah Parade– this will improve accessibility and safety of this iconic fishing spot.	Wyong Shire Council		SW \$11,875			
L71	RFA NSW – NSW Crown Lands and Reserves vesting and securing recreational fishing access for the future – This project will identify Crown parcels of land, which could be formed into reserves dedicated for recreational usage, including fishing, under the Crown Lands Act.	Recreational fishing Alliance of NSW			SW \$128,695 FW \$55,155		
L72	Cooperook fishing platform with fish cleaning facility, Manning River -The proposed project involves the construction of a fishing platform incorporating fish cleaning facilities on the Lansdowne River Foreshore adjacent to the Cooperook Foreshore Reserve. This project forms part of a larger project which includes improvement of boating facilities in the reserve.	Greater Taree City Council		SW \$46,185			
L74	Fish cleaning table installation and improvement project, Lake Macquarie - installation of four new fish cleaning tables and replacement of an existing table at: Croudace Bay (T H Halton Park); Swansea (Cnr Lake St and The Esplanade); Cams Wharf; Toronto Lions Park (Anzac Parade); and Pelican (Lakeview Parade).	Lake Macquarie City Council			SW \$22,500	SW \$22,500	
L75	Upgrading fish cleaning tables at various locations in the Eurobodalla Shire, including Narooma (5), Mossy Point and Batemans Bay	Eurobodalla Shire Council			SW \$60,500		
57	Corowa Murray River Foreshore fishing platform	Corowa Shire Council			FW \$24,800		
L81	Moruya River Anglers' Fishing Platform	Land & Property Mgt Authority			SW \$8,000	SW \$50,000	
L86	Crookhaven Heads Fish cleaning facility improvements	Shoalhaven City Council				SW \$14,000	
L90	Judbooley Parade Foreshore (Lake Illawarra) recreational fishing platform	Lake Illawarra Authority					SW \$80,000
L91	Boambee Creek Recreational Fishing Infrastructure Development - construction of two fishing platforms and a disabled access walkway to enable fishing.	Coffs Harbour City Council				SW \$37,000	

67	Wee Jasper fishing access improvements along the Goodradigbee River and Micalong Creek	Wee Jasper Reserve Trust					FW \$11,500	
L93	Upgrading and expansion of fish cleaning tables at South Durras, Tuross River Bridge and Tomakin	Eurobodalla Shire Council						SW \$16,500
L94	South Durras Headland stairway to provide safe and secure access to the rock platform for anglers	Eurobodalla Shire Council						SW \$15,000
68	Burrinjuck Waters State Park fishing shelter project - fish cleaning shelters at each of the 3 entry boat ramps to Lake Burrinjuck	Burrinjuck Waters State Park						FW \$17,919
L103	Merimbula and Tathra wharves fish cleaning tables	Bega Valley Shire Council						SW \$12,000
77	Fish Cleaning Stations Wyangala Dam – fish cleaning shelters at each of the 3 entry boat ramps to Wyangala Dam	Wyangala Fishing Club						FW \$17,919

**Platform: Fishing fee coordination and payment network** (this platform represents fee attributable funding)

Project ID	Program	Proponent	Budget				
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
DPI01	Recreational fishing havens – involves repayment of a loan used for the buyout of commercial fishing entitlements to create 30 recreational fishing havens.	NSW DPI	\$2 million	\$2 million	\$2 million	\$2 million	\$2 million
DPI08 FT29	Expenditure Committee meeting expenses – the saltwater and freshwater committees of expert anglers reviews Trust funding applications and ongoing progress of programs.	RFSTEC/ RFFTEC/ NSW DPI	SW \$35,000 FW \$30,000	SW \$30,000 FW \$30,000	SW \$31,000 FW \$31,000	SW \$32,000 FW \$32,000	SW \$33,000 FW \$33,000
DPI07	ACoRF meeting expenses – the Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing (ACoRF) provides high quality advice to the Minister for Primary Industries on issues relating to recreational fishing.	ACoRF/ NSW DPI	SW \$28,500	SW \$28,500	SW \$29,000	SW \$29,500	SW \$30,000
DPI02	Recreational fishing fee administration – provides for the convenient payment of the fishing fee at fishing tackle stores, other outlets and via the web and phone, plastic licences and a renewal function.	NSW DPI	SW \$750,000 FW \$300,000	SW \$1,040,000 FW \$300,000	SW \$750,000 FW \$400,000	SW \$1,402,800 FW \$601,200	\$528,000 FW \$1,232,000 SW
DPI03	Trust Executive Officer – this position coordinates the Recreational Fishing Trusts and associated projects to ensure quality service delivery, accountability and transparency.	NSW DPI	SW \$150,590	SW \$157,000	SW \$164,000	SW \$164,000	SW \$164,000
DPI05	Fee research database – this database collects information on the details of fee receipt holders and other demographic information for use in research surveys.	NSW DPI	SW \$63,000 FW \$27,000	SW \$63,000 FW \$27,000	SW \$63,000 FW \$27,000	SW \$63,000 FW \$27,000	SW \$63,000 FW \$27,000

FT08	Freshwater Recreational Management – this position coordinates the following Trust programs: Enhanced fish production, \$ for \$ stocking, freshwater grants and expenditure committee coordination.	NSW DPI	FW \$166,000	FW \$166,000	FW \$166,000	FW \$166,000	FW \$166,000
DPI04	Licence fee renewal facility – enhanced fee renewal service for anglers.	NSW DPI	SW \$115,000 FW \$50,000	SW \$115,000 FW \$50,000	SW \$115,000 FW \$50,000	SW \$115,000 FW \$50,000	SW \$115,000 FW \$50,000

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