

## Recreational and Charter Fishing Trust Funds

The NSW Department of Industry received grants from the Recreational and Charter Fishing Trust Funds to undertake various programs during the year as follows:

**Table A21–1. Grants received**

Fish trust fund	Grant received by NSW Department of Industry 2018–19 (\$'000)
Recreational Fishing (Saltwater) Trust Fund	10,719
Recreational Fishing (Freshwater) Trust Fund	5,043
Charter Fishing Trust Fund	0

In 2018–19, funds from the Recreational Fishing (Saltwater) Trust Fund were used for the following projects:

**Table A21–2. Projects funded**

Project	Total available (\$'000)	Expenses (\$'000)	Carry forward (\$'000)
Artificial reefs—Merimbula, Newcastle and Wollongong	3,171	2,654	517
Clean safe wharves in Sydney Harbour	182	183	-1
Coastal fish habitat protection and management	172	166	6
Coastal fish habitat restoration grants program (prior to 2018–19)	586	272	314
Ecohuts for recreational fishers	182	2	180
Estuary perch spawning habitat	54	1	53
Expenditure committee meeting expenses	34	34	0
External large grants	609	545	64
Flagship habitat program	96	348	-252
Fish aggregation devices (FADs)	234	234	0
Fishcare volunteer program	592	594	-2
Fisheries officers (9 coastal officers)	1,164	990	174
Fisheries officers (mobile squads)	365	336	29
Gamefish tagging program	153	140	13
Great swordfish race	22	2	20
Improving assessment of the recreational tailor fishery	32	29	3

Project	Total available (\$'000)	Expenses (\$'000)	Carry forward (\$'000)
Integrated monitoring program: statewide fishing and charter surveys	224	224	0
Marine stocking of key recreational fish species in coastal waters	231	191	40
Recreational fisheries enhancement (artificial reefs and FADs coordination)	195	182	13
Recreational fishing access (coastal)	161	179	-18
Recreational fishing trust executive officer	161	159	2
Research angler program	154	139	15
Research on offshore artificial reefs and stocking	514	444	70
Research on recreational bait species: worms, pipis and yabbies	57	21	36
Research on variable nature of blue swimmer crabs	200	200	0
Small grants program	90	71	19
Trust grants governance enhancement project	133	129	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,768</b>	<b>8,469</b>	<b>1,299</b>

\*The total available in 2018–19 consists of grants from the trust fund in 2018–19 and amounts carried forward from grants in 2017–18.

In 2018–19 funds from the Recreational Fishing (Freshwater) Trust Fund were used for the following projects:

**Table A21–3. Projects funded**

Project	Total available (\$'000)	Expenses (\$'000)	Carry forward (\$'000)
Brogo fish stocking	21	19	2
Dollar-for-dollar native fish stocking program	35	32	3
Enhanced fish production at hatcheries for stocking (Port Stephens Narrandera and Dutton)	384	389	-5
Expenditure committee meeting expenses	29	29	0
External large grants	348	277	71
Fishcare volunteer program	250	212	38
Fisheries officers (inland)	751	644	107

Project	Total available (\$'000)	Expenses (\$'000)	Carry forward (\$'000)
Freshwater recreational management program	187	193	-6
Gaden trout hatchery	669	669	0
Inland fish habitat restoration grants program (prior to 2018/19)	196	142	54
Inland stocking management	136	127	9
Narrandera Fisheries Centre infrastructure redevelopment	155	155	0
Nodavirus testing for fish stocking	4	4	0
NSW trout strategy	25	24	1
Population status of native fish, trout and threatened frogs in the Central Tablelands	18	0	18
Recreational fishing access (inland)	341	342	-1
Regional inland fish habitat protection and management	201	216	-15
Research on freshwater recreational fishery in NSW	621	627	-6
Risk assessment of recreational fishing in Sydney dams	19	19	0
Small grants program	38	18	20
Supporting fish hatchery trainees	2	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,430</b>	<b>4,138</b>	<b>292</b>

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In 2018–19, funds from the Recreational Fishing (Saltwater and Freshwater) Trust Fund were used for the following projects:

**Table A21–4. Projects funded**

Project	Total available (\$'000)	Expenses (\$'000)	Carry forward (\$'000)
Advisory Council meeting expenses	89	94	–5
Fishing competitions and events: responsible recreational fishing promotion and effective management	147	134	13
Fishing fee awareness	50	39	11
Get Hooked ...it's Fun to Fish schools program	388	411	–23
Habitat action program 2019–20	480	459	21
NSW gone fishing day	256	279	–23
NSW fishing workshops	53	42	11
NSW fishway strategy for fish passage remediation	437	440	–3
NSW recreational fishing environmental assessment	388	128	260
Recreational fisher research database	60	21	39
Recreational fisheries infrastructure management program	161	156	5
Recreational fishing fee administration project	1,975	2,131	–156
Recreational fishing fee renewal notice system	119	95	24
Recreational fishing guides	140	179	–39
Recreational fishing publications program	140	142	–2
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,883</b>	<b>4,750</b>	<b>133</b>

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## Appendix 22. Annual report external production costs

The department incurred no external costs in producing this report.