

MEETING	Recreational Fishing Saltwater Trust Expenditure Committee (RFSTEC)
MEETING NO.	Meeting 56
DATE & TIME	27 November 2019
LOCATION	Novotel Sydney International Airport 22 Levey Street, Wolli Creek
ATTENDEES	Bruce Schumacher (Chair), Lisa Terry (Region 2), Geoff Shelton (Region 3), Adrian Wayne (Region 4), Lionel Jones (Region 5), John Paton (Region 6a), Stuart Rhodes (Region 6b), Ann Garard (Region 7), Micah Adams (Region 8), Stan Konstantaras (RFA NSW, RFNSW), John Burgess (ANSA NSW Branch), Damian Kerves (AFTA), Grahame Williams OAM (NSW GFA), Peter Turnell (NSW DPI).
APOLOGIES	Mark Berg (Region 1)

1. Chair's introduction

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Confirmation of outcomes from the previous meeting

The draft outcomes of the 55th RFSTEC meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Moved Stuart Rhodes, Seconded Lionel Jones, Carried.

3. Register of interests

No new interests by members were declared.

4. Action items from previous meeting

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

5. Recreational Fishing Trust update

The status of the Saltwater Trust was presented to members.

6. Recreational Fishing Trust Items

a) Review of new Saltwater Trust grant applications

A total of 42 saltwater applications were received. Funding recommendations with respect to each project will be forwarded to the Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council for consideration (refer to Table 2).

b) Habitat Action Grants and Flagship Habitat Action Programs

i) Update on progress of previously supported habitat projects was provided.

ii) Following the 2019/20 annual advertising process, a total of 33 saltwater habitat action grant applications were received. The Technical Assessment Panel (TAP) met on 23 October 2019 to review the applications. Recommendations arising from the TAP meeting were supported by the Committee (refer to Table 4). Moved Lionel Jones, Seconded John Burgess, Carried.

The Habitat Action Program managers noted that due to the closure or underspend of past supported projects, \$99,667 of funds were unspent. RFSTEC supported the return of \$99,667 to the Saltwater Trust.

iii) Flagship Habitat Action Program out of session ratification. Moved John Burgess, Seconded Lionel Jones, Carried.

Six EOIs were received for the 2019/20 and 2020/21 funding round (\$800,000 worth of funding) for Flagship Habitat Action Grants and assessed by the TAP on 10 May 2019. Five EOIs passed through to project plan stage of which four were recommended for funding by the TAP following assessment on 17 July 2019. The four recommended projects totalled \$840,000 (\$40,000 over the allocated budget for this funding round). RFSTEC members were provided with the recommendations on 9 August 2019 for consideration out of session and were in support, including for the additional \$40,000 to be taken from the 2020/21 funding round to cover the budget shortfall, reducing the next round (round 3) to \$360,000.

RFSTEC noted DPI can apply for additional funds for the Flagship Habitat Action Program if required in 2020/21.

Table 2. Summary of funding recommendations

Projects SUPPORTED for funding from the Recreational Fishing Trust

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Quarantine Bay Timber Jetty Renewal	Bega Valley Shire Council	<p>Refurbish the existing timber jetty at Quarantine Bay into a level, accessible platform for recreational fishing and associated uses.</p> <p>\$119,104 REQUESTED, \$90,280 SUPPORTED. Moved: Stan Konstantaras, Seconded: Micah Adams, Carried.</p> <p>Funding was not supported for \$28,824 for the concrete path and path handrail, which was considered a Council responsibility. The jetty should also be tailored for land based recreational fishing including features such as a platform handrail section for angler safety.</p>	<p>SW \$119,104 (requested)</p> <p>\$90,280 supported</p>	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Accessibility Upgrades to Gwandalan Jetty – Gwandalan Bowling Club Foreshore Reserve (contingency funding)	Central Coast Council	<p>Funding has previously been provided from the Recreational Fishing Trust to provide an upgrade to the accessibility of the jetty at Gwandalan Foreshore including a designated fishing area to allow for accessible recreational fishing activities. The costs to undertake the project have exceeded the project budget due to an increased cost of materials, disposal fees and labour and additional funding is sought in order to successfully complete the project.</p> <p>SUPPORTED. Moved: Lionel Jones, Seconded: Lisa Terry, Carried.</p>	SW \$22,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Too Good To Lose! Water Police patrols to help keep Sydney Harbour ferry wharves open to fishing	DPI Fisheries/RMS	This project has been jointly funded by Roads and Maritime Services and the Recreational Fishing Trusts since 2017 and promotes responsible fishing behaviour on Sydney Harbour's wharves and piers during the key summer fishing season. NSW Police Marine Area Command patrols at the 50 plus commuter ferry wharf locations and Walsh Bay piers provide an effective enforcement presence to help manage issues involving rubbish, noise and anti-social behaviour from a minority of irresponsible recreational fishers. Police reports and RMS information indicates the patrols significantly reduce public complaints and continue to be a highly effective deterrent. It is proposed to continue the patrols into the 2019/20 summer fishing season. SUPPORTED. Moved: Lionel Jones, Seconded: Ann Garard, Carried.	SW \$180,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Hanging Rock Fish Cleaning Tables Cover	Eurobodalla Shire Council	Provide a single, structural cover and lighting over the four fish cleaning tables at Hanging Rock boat ramp. \$20,136 REQUESTED, \$14,336 SUPPORTED. Moved: Micah Adams, Seconded: Lionel Jones, Carried. Funding was not supported for works supervision and site establishment, which should be covered by Council.	SW \$0	SW \$20,136 (requested) \$14,336 supported	SW \$0	SW \$0
Mill Bay Fish Cleaning table replacement	Eurobodalla Shire Council	Remove an existing fish cleaning table at Mill Bay, Narooma, which is situated in an area suffering erosion and replacing it with a new fish cleaning table in a more suitable location nearby. SUPPORTED. Moved: Lisa Terry, Seconded: Damian Kerves, Carried.	SW \$9,005	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Northern River Fish Cleaning Station (contingency funding)	Evans Head Business & Community Chamber	Since Recreational Fishing Trust funding was previously approved for installation of this fish cleaning station, the proposed location has been required to move to the northern breakwater of the Evans River mouth bringing it into deeper water. Contingency funding is sought to cover unforeseen expenses. SUPPORTED. Moved: Micah Adams, Seconded: Lionel Jones, Carried.	SW \$5,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Management of Merimbula Fish Cleaning Pontoon – 3 year extension of SS003 which concludes 30 June 2020	Merimbula Big Game & Lakes Angling Club Inc.	The Merimbula fish cleaning pontoon is situated near the entrance of Merimbula Lake to reduce the possibility of aircraft bird strikes at the approach to Merimbula Airport which is adjacent to the Merimbula boat launching ramp. It is proposed that funding continues for ongoing management and maintenance of the facility. SUPPORTED. Moved: John Burgess, Seconded: Lisa Terry, Carried. Conditional on improved Trust acknowledgement signage being displayed on the Club's large printed sign on the pontoon.	SW \$0	SW \$7,370	SW \$0	SW \$0
Jabiru Fish Cleaning Table	Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	Install a new fish cleaning table at Jabiru Reserve, Lake Cathie, providing a safe and hygienic facility and encouraging increased participation by boating and shore-based fishers. SUPPORTED. Moved: Geoff Shelton, Seconded: Lisa Terry, Carried.	SW \$18,255	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Installation of Solar LED Lighting at Fish Cleaning Tables across Port Stephens	Port Stephens Council	Install solar LED lighting at various fish cleaning tables across the Port Stephens LGA. SUPPORTED. Moved: John Paton, Seconded: Micah Adams, Carried.	SW \$8,750	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Erowal Bay – Fish Cleaning Table Relocation	Shoalhaven City Council	Relocate and provide a new FCT closer to deeper water to better manage waste disposal and amenity issues for the purposes of mitigating community and neighbour complaint. SUPPORTED. Moved: Ann Garard, Seconded: Lisa Terry, Carried.	SW \$0	SW \$7,500	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Heimdall House Jetty Restoration- an original recreational fishing facility for the Sussex Inlet Community	Sussex Inlet and District Chamber of Commerce Inc	Restore the jetty in front of the site of the original Heimdall House built on the Sussex Inlet estuary by the first settlers, the Ellmoos family from Denmark. This will enable the jetty to meet safety standards, enhance physical appearance and ensure continued use for fishing, tourism and educational activities. SUPPORTED. Moved: John Paton, Seconded: Micah Adams, Carried.	SW \$63,811	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
What can ectoparasites tell us about apex marine predators? A marlin's story	Macquarie University	Investigate feeding patterns and movement characteristics of striped, black and blue marlin caught in recreational fishing tournaments through ectoparasite taxonomy, morphometrics and stable isotope patterns. SUPPORTED. Moved: Lisa Terry, Seconded: Grahame Williams OAM, Carried	SW \$9,900	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Citizen Science BRUV Monitoring Program	NSW DPI	Develop a pilot citizen science program designed to determine the potential for incorporating citizen science based on baited remote underwater video (BRUV) in the marine estate monitoring framework. Members of the community who have expressed an interest in participating will be inducted into the project. SUPPORTED. Moved: Lisa Terry, Seconded: Lionel Jones, Carried RFSTEC noted the focus should be on artificial reef monitoring. Therefore the project title should be changed to "Citizen Science BRUV artificial reef project" and the summary altered to delete "marine estate monitoring framework" and replace with "artificial reefs".	SW \$0	SW \$34,350	SW \$24,350	SW \$4,000

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Managing the black bream fishery in southern NSW – understanding genetic spatial distribution	NSW DPI	Evaluate the genetic spatial distribution of the black bream fishery in southern NSW. This data will form the basis for a future stock assessment in line with management strategies and the recreational fishing community's expectations. SUPPORTED. Moved: Micah Adams, Seconded: Lisa Terry, Carried RFSTEC noted the outcomes may address the genetic research gaps to inform future re-stocking of the species.	SW \$0	SW \$65,303	SW \$66,634	SW \$0
Enhance and upgrade the Gamefish Tagging Program's recapture database through an online GIS platform	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	Recapture information for billfish, tuna and sharks will be verified and migrated to a user-friendly online GIS platform. Visualising recaptures on maps with embedded data will greatly enhance the Program's utility for all stakeholders. SUPPORTED. Moved: John Burgess, Seconded: John Paton, Carried	SW \$19,800	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Monitoring and Research on Landed Fish at Game Fishing Tournaments in NSW: 2020/2021	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	Facilitate and conduct monitoring, sampling and biological research on billfish, tuna, sharks and other gamefish captured and weighed at the major game fishing tournaments in NSW. SUPPORTED. Moved: Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded: John Burgess, Carried	SW \$0	SW \$31,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
Provision of Annual Report for the Gamefish Tagging Program for 2019/2020	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	Provision of an informative, attractive and readily accessible report on the Gamefish Tagging Program for the year 2019/2020. SUPPORTED. Moved: Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded: John Paton, Carried	SW \$0	SW \$6,500	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Fish and fish habitats around the estuarine artificial reefs (Reef Balls) in Botany Bay	Sydney Institute of Marine Science	The artificial reefs deployed in 2006-2009 in Botany Bay have not been recently surveyed for fish or seagrass. This project will monitor fish abundance, diversity at rocky reef, sea grass and reef ball habitats to assist in environmental assessments for the proposed cruise ship terminal which may threaten biodiversity, fish habitats and fisher access. SUPPORTED. Moved: John Burgess, Seconded: Stan Konstantaras, Carried RFSTEC identified the sampling should focus on the Yarra Bay reefs, which are currently widely used by recreational fishers.	SW \$20,685	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Literature review on fish habitats in Botany Bay with respect to the proposed cruise ship terminal	Sydney Institute of Marine Science (SIMS)	Extensive fish populations support large recreational fisheries in Botany Bay. However, knowledge about the habitats supporting stocks is outdated and urgently needed given the proposed cruise ship terminal in Yarra Bay. SUPPORTED. Moved: John Paton, Seconded: Lisa Terry, Carried RFSTEC requested a recreational fishing stakeholder be included in the literature review process.	SW \$80,500	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Quantifying the benefits of fish friendly seawalls	Sydney Institute of Marine Science	Quantify the benefits of seawall greening to fish. It will document changes in the community structure and behaviour of seawall-associated fish following interventions adding complexity and seaweeds. SUPPORTED. Moved: John Burgess, Seconded: John Paton, Carried	SW \$159,975	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Valuing Recreational Spearfishing Competitions – Pilot Study	Sydney Institute of Marine Science	Pilot project to calculate the economic value of two regional recreational spearfishing competitions using an economic analysis technique (travel cost method) based upon surveys of participants. SUPPORTED. Moved: John Burgess, Seconded: Micah Adams, Carried RFSTEC noted the AUF will be providing support as needed.	SW \$9,944	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Restoring Lake Macquarie's <i>Posidonia australis</i> meadows	UNSW Sydney	Use recent innovations in restoration to revegetate meadows of the endangered seagrass <i>Posidonia australis</i> in Lake Macquarie while actively involving local recreational fishers. Donor shoots will be collected by volunteers following storms to avoid damaging existing meadows, transferred to growing tanks or ponds until there are enough for restoration, replanted in unvegetated habitat adjacent to environmental friendly moorings and monitored for associated fish and invertebrates. SUPPORTED. Moved: Stan Konstantaras, Secoded: Lisa Terry, Carried	SW \$39,935	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Restoring fish habitat off Merimbula Fishing Platform (Wharf)	Merimbula Big Game & Lakes Angling Club Inc.	Reduce sea urchin densities by culling to restore weedy habitat and fishing opportunities in fishing areas adjacent to Merimbula wharf. SUPPORTED. Moved: Adrian Wayne, Secoded: Micah Adams, Carried. Conditional on project having a more formal research monitoring component with relevant scientific expertise and a research plan to determine long term effectiveness, to provide project oversight and that relevant DPI Fisheries permits are obtained. These conditions must be achieved and reviewed by DPI prior to commencement of the project and execution of a funding deed.	SW \$6,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Tackle Bin Project (formerly known as Fishing Line Debris Recovery Program)	Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers Inc. (TVWC)	Purchase additional debris bins to extend project to other identified hotspots for interactions between fishers and wildlife and update and re-print Tide Times brochure promotional material. SUPPORTED. Moved: Adrian Wayne, Seconded: Lionel Jones, Carried	SW \$3,097	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Platform: Fishing fee coordination and payment network

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Recreational Fishing Licensing – Government Licensing Service (GLS) fees	Department of Primary Industries/ Department of Customer Service	This project is part of the licensing system that provides for a convenient payment network for the recreational fishing licence and transfer of revenue into the Recreational Fishing Trusts. The payment network system includes an electronic platform run by Service NSW - Government Licensing Service (GLS) for payment of licence fees electronically as well as for backend management of the licence system. This application covers transaction fees payable to GLS on an annual basis. SUPPORTED. Moved: John Burgess, Seconded: Grahame Williams OAM, Carried	SW \$525,000 FW \$225,000	SW \$525,000 FW \$225,000	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$0 FW \$0

Projects NOT SUPPORTED for funding from the Recreational Fishing Trust

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Fish Cleaning Facilities - Coraki Boat Ramp	Coraki Rural Transaction Centre Inc.	Install a fish cleaning facility at Coraki boat ramp. This will reduce the amount of fish cleaning at the family beach area. NOT SUPPORTED AT THIS STAGE. Moved: Ann Garard, Seconded: Lisa Terry, Carried RFSTEC noted the application required further information and development, including consultation with Council regarding approvals and more detail on design.	SW \$2,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Allworth Fishing Facilities	MidCoast Council	Upgrades to facilities to allow people to better access, moor, and fish at the Allworth boat ramp. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: John Paton, Seconded: Stuart Rhodes, Carried. RFSTEC noted the applicant should approach the Boating Now Program in the first instance.	SW \$100,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Fishing Platform - Mosman Rowers	Mosman Rowers Limited	A pontoon/platform is urgently required for shore based fishers to access Mosman Bay, Sydney Harbour. This will facilitate recreational fishing for Mosman Rowers' 1,500 members, visitors and the community. NOT SUPPORTED AT THIS STAGE. Moved: John Paton, Seconded: Lisa Terry, Carried. RFSTEC requested confirmation that the proposed location provides unrestricted free public access and question whether suitable alternative shore-based access is already available nearby. Requires further investigation and verification.	SW \$144,261	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Sydney Harbour dedicated fishing platform project	NSW Department of Primary Industries	Construct one or more dedicated accessible fishing platforms within Sydney Harbour. Priority locations will be determined through consultation with Sydney recreational fishers and a range of options explored to enhance land-based fishing opportunities. NOT SUPPORTED AT THIS STAGE. Moved: John Paton, Seconded: Stuart Rhodes, Carried. RFSTEC requested further development of the application to include a scoping study of potential sites and project development costs.	SW \$300,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Replacement of timber pile at Nelson Bay Marina	Port Stephens Council	Replace a pile at Nelson Bay Marina that has been damaged in a boating accident. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: Lionel Jones, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried. RFSTEC noted the marina pile was not a recreational fishing facility and should be a Council responsibility.	SW \$9,480	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Scylla Bay fishing platform	Sutherland Shire Council	Design and construction of a new fishing platform to replace an aging timber wharf at Scylla Bay, Como. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: John Burgess, Seconded: Grahame Williams OAM, Carried. RFSTEC noted the site remains an unsuitable fishing location due to the shallow nature of the Bay and limited usage at high tide only.	SW \$0	SW \$450,000	SW \$0	SW \$0

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Electronic, Application Based Reporting to Improve Catch Monitoring and in Recreational Fisheries	Deckee Pty Ltd	Independent smartphone app for anglers to log their fishing catches as a way to generate low-cost research data at scale, which can be analysed to help to ensure the long-term sustainability of fisheries, in conjunction with projects and initiatives run by the OzFish organisation. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: John Burgess, Seconded: Lionel Jones, Carried RFSTEC noted there were a number of existing apps with similar functionality.	SW \$252,000 FW \$108,000	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$0 FW \$0
Developing the rock blackfish (<i>Girella elevata</i>) propagation technology as a part of the future restocking procedure	Southern Cross University	Establish effective methods for the artificial reproduction and fingerling production of rock blackfish, with the aim of supporting restocking that will future-proof a species important to recreational fishers. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: Grahame Williams OAM, Seconded: John Paton, Carried RFSTEC noted that the current Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Fishery Management Strategy (FMS) for stocking in marine waters covered estuarine stockings only. Therefore, stocking of rock blackfish in ocean waters would require completion of a specific EIS and FMS prior to any stocking. Given this requirement, it was considered more appropriate species such as whiting or bream should be considered for stocking under the guidance of the current EIS and FMS.	SW \$220,907	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Assessing the stock status, habitat use, environmental influences and connectivity of yellowtail kingfish off Lord Howe Island	Sydney Institute of Marine Science	<p>Little research has been undertaken on the status of fish stocks at Lord Howe Island and anecdotal reports from the Island's recreational fishing community suggest that numbers of yellowtail kingfish caught locally have declined over time, a trend supported by catch data from local fishing charter operations and coincident with a similar decline along the east Australian seaboard. In order to help refine the current assessment of the eastern Australian kingfish stock, there is an urgent need to identify the drivers of this decline in NSW and monitor the spawning stock. The project aims to collect currently missing baseline ecological data for kingfish found at LHI, quantify recreational catch rate and stock status around LHI, describe the species' movement and habitat use patterns off LHI, identify seasonality and environmental drivers of residency and movements, and provide robust data on connectivity between LHI and the coastal eastern Australian stock.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: Geoff Shelton, Seconded: Micah Adams, Carried RFSTEC noted there may be broader trophic and ecosystem impacts that may be impacting on kingfish which may require investigation, rather than a specific focus on kingfish.</p>	SW \$181,580	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Ciguatera Toxins in NSW Spanish Mackerel: Where, when and how much?	University of Technology Sydney	<p>Determine the factors affecting the amount of Ciguatera toxins in Spanish Mackerel caught recreationally in NSW over two fishing seasons.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED AT THIS STAGE. Moved: Lionel Jones, Seconded: Stuart Rhodes, Carried RFSTEC noted the current National ciguatera fish poisoning research strategy program was not referenced in the application. Any synergies with this program should be included in the application to advise of partnerships and any potential value adding from these linkages.</p>	SW \$45,473	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
The Fishing Therapy Programme Mid North Coast	Australian Boys Education	Provide adults and kids with disabilities and mental health issues with an experience of recreational fishing in safe locations at estuaries and rivers on the Mid North Coast. Participants will be guided by the project team or with recreational fishing guides when necessary. The program aims to teach the disciplines of fly and lure fishing as a grounding form of therapy for clients who would benefit from a reconnection with nature and learning the skills associated with fishing like casting, fly tying and lure craft. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: Ann Garard, Seconded: Micah Adams, Carried RFSTEC raised concerns regarding project methodology noting there are more cost effective, simpler, land-based fishing opportunities which could provide similar outcomes (as opposed to using chartered fishing guides and vessels).	SW \$9,350	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Evans Head Fishing Classic (EHFC)	Australian Fishing Tournaments Pty Ltd	The Evans Head Fishing Classic is one of the largest saltwater fishing tournaments in NSW covering offshore, coastal and estuarine fishing with a full week event for both kids and adults. Funding is sought to increase promotion of the event to encourage more families to attend and interested in fishing. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: John Burgess, Seconded: Stan Konstantaras, Carried RFSTEC noted DPI has provided previous support through the Tournament Management Program and requested DPI for this to continue, including additional support from Fishcare if required.	SW \$5,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Koori Kids By The Bay Fishing Program	Department of Education - Sans Souci Public School	Provide an opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from the Kogarah network of schools to experience fishing in the local waterways of the St George area. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students will be sent with a teacher to organised fishing days on the Georges River, Port Hacking and Botany Bay shores. Department of Education educators will provide tuition and support for the program. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: John Burgess, Seconded: Ann Garard, Carried RFSTEC recommended the project be incorporated in the Get Hooked...its fun to fish program, which caters for these sorts of projects.	SW \$7,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Ocean Watch	Dolphin Marine Rescue Animal Rehab Trust (Dolphin Marine Rescue)	Dolphin Marine Rescue will work with indigenous groups to design, deliver and collate data from logbooks to allow school students to record fish species seen in the marine environment. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: Grahame Williams, Seconded: Stuart Rhodes, Carried RFSTEC recommended using existing apps to capture this data.	SW \$97,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Providing Students with Engagement and Education	Georges River College Peakhurst Campus – Marine and Aquaculture Technology class	Marine and Aquaculture Technology students to conduct studies in recirculatory aquaculture systems and aquaponics specifically in biomonitoring of aquatic pollution and mitigating toxicity using economically viable and eco-friendly means such of aquatic phytoremediation. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: Grahame Williams, Seconded: Stuart Rhodes, Carried RFSTEC noted the project would provide limited benefit to recreational fishing.	SW \$8,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
The Key to our Water Ways and Oceans	Key Employment Association Limited	To unlock the wonders of our waterways and ocean to people with disability by providing a support program to bring recreational fishing and education to those that don't have the means. NOT SUPPORTED. Moved: John Paton, Seconded: Ann Garard, Carried RFSTEC noted that the project should take advantage of land based fishing options rather than commencing with an expensive, high maintenance boat based option (which involves acquiring a high valued offshore boat asset at \$135,000).	SW \$208,060	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Intergenerational fishing	Whiddon Redhead aged care facility	To provide a quality fishing experience for the residents of the Whiddon Redhead aged care facility and students of the local school through shared fishing events. NOT SUPPORTED AT THIS STAGE. Moved: Lionel Jones, Seconded: Adrian Wayne, Carried RFSTEC recommended the applicant liaise further with DPI and Fishcare to investigate potential partnerships. Concerns were raised regarding the travel budget, which was considered excessive.	SW \$9,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Table 4. Summary of new Habitat Action Grant applications SUPPORTED by RFSTEC

Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

ID	Project Title	Organisation	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
S3	Pappinbarra River Restoration, Beechwood/Wauchope Improve fish habitat by stabilising and regenerating the riparian zone. Stock exclusion fencing, removal of exotic weeds and planting indigenous trees.	Private landholder	SW \$11,930	SW \$0	SW \$0
S5	Wilson's River Ecosystem Regeneration, Bangalow A positive change for native fish, native fauna, flora and our future. Encouraging farmers, fishers and the wider community to work together to take affirmative action for the environment. Riparian fencing, weed control and revegetation.	East Coast Bush Regeneration	SW \$37,265	SW \$0	SW \$0
S6	Possam Creek Riparian Restoration, Bangalow Removal of woody-weeds and replacement with native riparian plants is a key management priority for the severely degraded Wilson and Richmond River catchments.	Schuss Foods Pty Ltd	SW \$34,300	SW \$0	SW \$0
S7	Riparian Rehabilitation of Topsy Creek, Lismore Through fencing, assisted regeneration and weed control this project will exclude stock access, ameliorate soil and stream bank erosion and promote native riparian vegetation along 600 metres of Topsy Creek, a tributary of Rocky Creek in the Wilsons River catchment.	Private landholder	SW \$22,173	SW \$0	SW \$0
S9	Fish Habitat in Rocky Creek, Dorrigo Plateau Bellinger Landcare Inc, two local Landcare groups and landholders are joining forces to regenerate riparian rainforest by undertaking riparian fencing, weed control and revegetation. These activities will improve downstream fish habitat in Rocky Creek on the Dorrigo Plateau in the Clarence River Catchment.	Bellinger Landcare	SW \$39,943	SW \$0	SW \$0
S15	Wooli Wooli Riverbank Stabilisation This project will showcase riparian management and enhance fish habitat. 60m of the Wooli Wooli River will be restored and rehabilitated to create a natural environment stimulating mangrove and native species growth while providing safer access for public enjoyment.	Solitary Islands Marine Park Resort	SW \$28,679	SW \$0	SW \$0
S17	Moruya River Bank Stabilisation, Moruya This project aims to address severe gully erosion adjacent to the Moruya River and reduce sediment entering the estuary. Structural engineering and revegetation are required to be implemented to address ongoing erosion issues.	Eurobodalla Shire Council	SW \$37,324	SW \$0	SW \$0

ID	Project Title	Organisation	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
S22	One Tree Reach Wetland, Hawkesbury, Wisemans Ferry Improving the health of One Tree Reach wetland by improving tidal flushing and fish passage between the wetland and to the Hawkesbury River estuary.	Hornsby Shire Council	SW \$40,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
S24	Revitalisation of Black Creek, Cessnock The Ecological Restoration of Black Creek aims to reinstate the creek flow thereby re-establishing the fish passage. This project will involve the removal of in-stream blockages and removal of contaminants and weeds.	Cessnock City Council	SW \$40,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
S25	Riparian Rehabilitation Lynchs Creek, Kyogle Combined activities including fencing, planting and weed control this project will exclude stock access, alleviate stream bank erosion and regenerate native riparian vegetation across a 0.5km length creek banks.	Private landholder	SW \$9,525	SW \$0	SW \$0
S27	Emerald Creek Riparian Rehabilitation, Lismore The Blok family is working to restore and expand the riparian rainforest and fish habitat along Emerald Creek. Riparian fencing will exclude stock and enable native vegetation to be reinstated. Improved aquatic conditions for native fish stocks will positively impact supply in the surrounding river system for recreational fishers.	MEB Agribusiness	SW \$28,795	SW \$0	SW \$0
S29	Five Day Creek Erosion Control, Bellbrook The project aims to stabilise and revegetate an eroding river bank. The outcomes of the work will be to reduce sediment input the greater Macleay River catchment and restore riparian vegetation for on-going ecological recovery.	Macleay Landcare Network	SW \$32,535	SW \$0	SW \$0
SS3	Summer Island Riverbank Protection, Smithtown The Macleay Landcare Network (MLN) is working with landholders to rehabilitate river bank vegetation along the lower Macleay River. The project will install protective woody debris to dissipate wave action and allow vegetation to re-establish across an eroding river bank.	Macleay Landcare Network	SW \$1,995	SW \$0	SW \$0