

Recreational Fishing Saltwater Trust Expenditure Committee (RFSTEC) meeting OUTCOMES

Meeting Number: 65 **Date:** 4 May 2023 **Time:** 3:00pm – 5:30pm
Location: Videoconference
Invitees: Bruce Schumacher AM (Chair), Paul Connellan (Region 1), David Faircloth (Region 2), Craig Cameron (Region 3), Geoff Shelton (Region 4), Mick Aubrey (Region 5), Sami Omari (Region 6), Ann Garard (Region 7), Micah Adams (Region 8), Grahame Williams OAM (NSW Game Fishing Association), Ryan Lungu (OzFish), Adrian Wayne (Australian Underwater Federation), Peter Turnell (DPI)

1. Chair's introduction and welcome

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Peter Turnell

3. Confirmation of outcomes from previous meeting

The draft outcomes of the 64th RFSTEC meeting held on 2 November 2022 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. **Moved Grahame Williams OAM, seconded Geoff Shelton, carried.**

4. Recreational Fishing Trust items

a. Status of the Saltwater Trust

The financial status of the Saltwater Trust was presented to members.

b. Role of RFSTEC and overview of Committee process

The terms of reference and code of conduct of the expenditure committee were presented. Committee members are responsible for reviewing Trust applications and providing funding recommendations to RFNSW. The committees also receive project updates. When considering applications members must act honestly and professionally and observe privacy standards for protection of personal and commercially confidential information. Members must be aware of any conflicts of interest, which must be declared.

5. Presentations

Presentations and project updates were provided for the following programs: FADs and artificial reefs (DPI); Marine fish stocking (DPI); Angling facilities (DPI); Economic contributions of recreational fishing to NSW (University of Wollongong); Fishcare, Get Hooked and Come Fish With Us programs (DPI); Sydney Harbour wharves (DPI).