



Recreational Fishing Trusts Investment Plan 2018/19 – 2020/21

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Vision

Deliver a wide range of programs to boost recreational fishing opportunities in NSW.

Goals

- Innovative projects to boost recreational fishing tourism opportunities.
- Contribute to economic growth in NSW through sustainable use and access to our fisheries resources.
- Promotion of recreational fishing as a healthy, outdoors activity for the whole family.
- Educating fishers to fish responsibly and safely.

Background

All money raised by the NSW Recreational Fishing Fee is placed into the Recreational Fishing Trusts and spent on improving recreational fishing in NSW.

Hundreds of projects have been funded from recreational fishing licence fees in NSW since 2001. This Investment Plan provides a guide on expenditure of funds on projects in key priority areas from the NSW Recreational Fishing Trusts over the current three year period (see enclosed tables). New projects to take account of any new emerging priorities for expenditure of Trust funds are periodically added to this Plan following annual funding rounds.

A range of partners are undertaking the projects in this Plan, including DPI, other government organisations, fishing clubs, community groups and universities. The NSW Government also continues to contribute funding from general state revenue every year to manage and improve recreational fishing in NSW.

Priority areas for funding opportunities

1. Fishing enhancement – e.g. fish aggregating devices, artificial reefs and fish stocking.
2. Education – e.g. fishing workshops, Fishcare volunteers, schools education, fishing advisory, increasing participation in recreational fishing.

3. Fishing access and facilities – e.g. fishing platforms, cleaning tables, safety infrastructure & other facilities, protecting fishing access.
4. Aquatic habitat rehabilitation – e.g. habitat action grants to improve fish habitat.
5. Research on recreational fishing – e.g. fishing surveys, stock assessment, angler catch projects.
6. Enforcement of fishing rules – fisheries officers.

What have Trust investment plans delivered on?

Fast facts:

- Boosted stocking in creeks and dams to around 4 million native fish and trout and salmon each year.
- Offshore artificial reefs constructed off Sydney, Shoalhaven Heads, Port Macquarie and Southern Sydney ("JD" reef). More reefs to follow soon.
- 30 fish aggregating devices deployed each year to boost angler catch.
- Around 100 schools and 5,000 kids participating in 'Get Hooked...it's fun to fish' program each year.
- Fish habitat grants provided each year to remove barriers to fish migration, replanting river bank vegetation and restoring water flows.
- Fish cleaning tables and fishing platforms constructed each year.
- 300 Fishcare Volunteers out and about promoting responsible fishing.

Previous Investment Plans can be downloaded from -

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/recreational-fishing-fee/licence-fees-at-work

Applying for funding

An annual expression of interest is advertised each year by DPI calling for funding applications. Anyone can apply for funding from the Trusts, including fishing clubs, community groups, universities and even individuals. More information on how to apply for funding can be found at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/recreational-fishing-fee/licence-fees-at-work/apply-for-funds

Partnerships and linkages

It is recognised that some projects can benefit other sectors such as commercial and Aboriginal Fishing, conservation, boating etc. DPI will work with project applicants to identify and leverage funding where there is overlap of benefits and encourage various sector groups to collaborate to boost potential outcomes of projects. Joint funding arrangements are actively encouraged.



Decision making

Applications are carefully assessed against a range of criteria, including the extent of benefits to recreational fishing, cost effectiveness, support from recreational fishing organisations or other relevant groups/agencies, innovation, project team expertise and track record and technically sound methodology. Angler committees provide to the Minister's Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council which in turn provides advice to the Minister for Primary Industries. Successful projects are promoted in the media to advise fishers about new and ongoing projects to benefit recreational fishing.

Financial accountability

It is important that the Trusts are accountable to the community for how Trust funds are spent. DPI carries out periodic surveys of recreational fishing licence holders to ensure that the broad funding priorities are in line with angler expectations. Trust financial statements are published on the DPI website. Independent audits of the Trusts are also undertaken periodically.

Summary of projects recommended for funding from the Recreational Fishing Trusts 2018/19 – 2020/21

Note: SW and FW denote the Saltwater and Freshwater Trusts, respectively. Amounts shown are the approved funds for each project.

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Project	Organisation	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<p>Construction of a shelter over Fitzgerald Bridge fish cleaning table To construct and install a shelter over the fish cleaning table located by the boat launching ramp at Fitzgerald Bridge, Raymond Terrace</p>	Port Stephens Council	SW \$3,200	SW \$0	SW \$0
<p>Construction of two (2) new accessible fishing Platforms - #1 and #2 – on Nambucca Heads boardwalk Council has works scheduled to upgrade the boardwalk, and construction of accessible fishing platforms at two prime locations, currently used by recreational fishers, is proposed, as part of these works.</p>	Nambucca Shire Council	SW \$77,325	SW \$0	SW \$0
<p>Installation of Disabled Accessible Fish Cleaning table – Gordon Park, Nambucca Heads This project will provide a new disabled accessible fish cleaning table – relocated position – at Gordon Park, adjacent to the boat ramp, and near to the end of the boardwalk.</p>	Nambucca Shire Council	SW \$10,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
<p>Installation of Disabled Accessible Fish Cleaning table – Stuart Island, Nambucca Heads This project will provide a new disabled accessible fish cleaning table on Stuart Island, Nambucca Heads, as a replacement of older, outdated, and unhygienic, infrastructure.</p>	Nambucca Shire Council	SW \$10,000	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project	Organisation	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<p>Mosquito Bay Fishing Table & Boat ramp solar lighting Install 2 x 1000 lumen LED solar powered lights on a powder coated pole on a new structural footing to illuminate the fish cleaning table and boat ramp at Mosquito Bay.</p>	Eurobodalla Shire Council	SW \$7,500	SW \$0	SW \$0
<p>North Haven Boat Ramp Fish Cleaning Table Upgrade Replacement of an old cleaning table in poor structural condition with a new facility which will be upgraded to include a roof and solar lighting.</p>	Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	SW \$16,125	SW \$0	SW \$0
<p>Port Macquarie (Kooloonbung) Fishermens Wharf Construction of new Fishermens Wharf (approximately 10m x 15m) at the former Hastings River Fishermens Cooperative building site at Port Macquarie.</p>	NSW Department of Industry, Crown Lands & Water	SW \$100,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
<p>Provision of an accessible fish cleaning table, Aqua Reserve Lake Cathie This project will provide an accessible fish cleaning table for community use at Aqua Reserve Lake Cathie. This facility will complement other accessible recreational infrastructure at this site.</p>	Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	SW \$10,200	SW \$0	SW \$0
<p>Replacement of Tuross Head Wharf fishing table This project seeks to replace the existing fishing table at Tuross Wharf with one of more practical width and height to increase use by the recreational fishing community.</p>	Eurobodalla Shire Council	SW \$7,500	SW \$0	SW \$0
<p>Tomago Boat Ramp- Fish cleaning table and shelter Installation of a fish cleaning table and shelter at the Tomago Boat Ramp. There are no recreational fishing facilities currently at this boat launching site.</p>	Port Stephens Council	SW \$9,950	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project	Organisation	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<p>Unloading Wharf and Accessible Fishing Platform – Tuncurry NSW</p> <p>Crown Lands is undertaking a project to revitalise the existing timber unloading wharf in front of the Wallis Lake Fishermen’s Co-operative in Tuncurry, NSW. The project proposal incorporates an accessible fishing platform as part of the upgrades to the structure.</p>	NSW Department of Industry – Crown Lands	SW \$50,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
<p>Guyra Area Recreational Fishing Plan</p> <p>Our club wishes to prepare a ‘Plan’ of its local recreational fishing assets, supported by its community, to determine the clubs future direction for improving our local rec. fishing opportunities.</p>	Guyra Hotel Anglers Club Inc.	FW \$2,050	FW \$0	FW \$0
<p>Small grants program</p> <p>Provides funding towards the development of on-ground recreational fishing facilities and other small, local or regional research, education or enhancement projects to enhance recreational fishing.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$100,000 FW \$60,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$60,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$60,000
<p>Recreational Fishing Access Project</p> <p>This project involves dedicated access officers tackling situations where fishing access is being compromised. The officers advocate the importance of recreational fishing and negotiate with stakeholders to identify access solutions to achieve the best possible outcomes for recreational fishers. In simple terms, if there’s no access, there’s no fishing. More access means more fishing opportunities.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$160,590 FW \$192,634	SW \$162,500 FW \$197,133	SW \$163,100 FW \$201,743
<p>Fisheries Management Officer (Inland Angler Access)</p> <p>This position primarily focuses on addressing the high volume of Department of Industry Crown Lands road closures and securing angler access for the future. This position also assists in the inspection of access sites and maintenance of an angler access media.</p>	NSW DPI	FW \$148,307	FW \$151,625	FW \$155,025

Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement

Project	Organisation	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
Bigger fish for Snowy Lakes Construct a new hatchery building to augment production of quality trout fingerlings for stocking within the Snowy Mountains region.	NSW DPI	FW \$30,000	FW \$200,000	FW \$0
Dollar for dollar native fish stocking program To provide funding to match stocking groups in the raising of funds to purchase native fish from private hatcheries to stock into public waterways.	NSW DPI	FW \$250,000	FW \$250,000	FW \$250,000
Enhanced Fish Production To provide additional operational funding at Government fish hatcheries to boost fish production / stocking capabilities and enhance recreational fishing opportunities.	NSW DPI	FW \$388,919	FW \$398,643	FW \$408,530
Fisheries Management Officer (inland recreational fisheries) The Fisheries Management Officer is responsible for day to day running of the inland fish stocking programs such as preparation of stocking plans, conducting site assessments, analysis of fish stocking data and facilitating hundreds of stocking permits each year as well as correspondence to stocking groups.	NSW DPI	FW \$136,717	FW \$140,135	FW \$143,638
Gaden trout hatchery To provide ongoing operational funding for the Gaden trout hatchery to ensure a continuation in the production and stocking of recreational trout / salmon species to enhance recreational fishing.	NSW DPI	FW \$668,266	FW \$684,973	FW \$702,097

Project	Organisation	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<p>Boosting our fisheries: stocking NSW estuaries with popular species to enhance recreational fishing opportunities</p> <p>This marine stocking program involves the breeding and release of mulloway, Eastern king prawns, dusky flathead, blue swimmer crabs and kingfish (on a priority basis) along the coast using the world's best stocking practices to enhance recreational fishing in estuaries. Stockings are guided by a dedicated Fisheries Management Strategy to ensure a responsible approach.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$292,150	SW \$295,000	SW \$299,080
<p>Creating new fishing locations by building more offshore artificial reefs (2018-2020)</p> <p>This project involves implementation of a longer term deployment strategy for 4 new offshore artificial reefs (2018 – 2020) following a Ministerial community expression of interest process. The strategy is designed to meet increasing stakeholder expectations for more artificial reefs and to maximise benefits and fishing opportunity for recreational fishers.</p>	NSW DPI	SW	SW	SW
<p>Fish Aggregation Devices (FADs) – more places for people to fish</p> <p>The FADs program provides reliable offshore fishing locations where recreational fishers can target a variety of popular pelagic fish over spring, summer and autumn. Program operation involves procuring hardware, assembly and installation of FADs, replacement and maintenance where required, removal of all FADs at the close of each season and contractor management. Offshore fishers anticipate FAD installation each spring when the EAC starts pushing and they are kept up to date via a range of media options including email, social media and smartphone Apps.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$248,000	SW \$254,000	SW \$260,000

Project	Organisation	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<p>Recreational Fisheries Enhancement Co-ordination: Making Reefs and FADs happen</p> <p>Artificial reefs and fish aggregating devices (FADs) are two of the most popular programs funded by the Recreational Fishing Trusts providing new high quality, fishing locations for anglers. This project involves a dedicated fisheries enhancement officer to coordinate and make these programs happen. Past effective coordination of these highly anticipated, large projects has resulted in their timely and successful implementation with great benefits for fishers.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$208,500	SW \$213,500	SW \$219,500

Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project	Organisation	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<p>2018 Disadvantaged community members engagement in sustainable recreational angling</p> <p>To educate and promote recreational fishing to members of the public with social, physical and / or intellectual difficulties using theory and practical workshops and supervised outings.</p>	Hunter Native Fish Incorporated	FW \$4,050	FW \$0	FW \$0
<p>Carp We Don't Keepit – Junior Angler Participation</p> <p>Ozfish Northwest sub – project in partnership with Lake Keepit Family Fishing Club and The Pub Angling Club aim to provide fun, attractive and age appropriate educational materials as a resources pack for junior participants at the Carp We Don't Keepit Carp Muster.</p>	OZfish Northwest	FW \$4,000	FW \$0	FW \$0
<p>Fishing lures for responsible fishers</p> <p>When conducting fisheries patrols Fisheries Officers will offer anglers fishing lures as a gift in instances where they are undertaking responsible fishing i.e. using an environet to retrieve legally hooked fish, referring to a fishing guide / brochure to check fishing rules, checking fish lengths with a measuring device, using proper fish handling, using circle hooks, effectively rigging a line, assisting others to fish, releasing fish responsibly, reporting illegal fishing via the fishers watch phone line etc.</p>	NSW DPI	FW \$8,500	FW \$0	FW \$0
<p>Supporting fish hatchery trainees</p> <p>Increase the number of fisheries students with practical skills learnt in a native fish hatchery. Improve the number and quality of fish produced at the Narrandera hatchery with the extra staff.</p>	NSW DPI	FW \$5,000	FW \$5,000	FW \$5,000

Project	Organisation	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<p>Fishing for a future</p> <p>The Fishing for a Future program will be conducted at the Lake Macquarie PCYC by Police officers. The program aim is to encourage young offenders and youth at risk into fishing. Through fishing great benefits can be achieved with the overall objective to divert young offenders and youth at risk of Lake Macquarie from crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	Lake Macquarie PCYC	SW \$2,200	SW \$0	SW \$0
<p>Lets Go Fishing – Educating School Children on the Sustainable Benefits of Recreational Fishing : Phase 3</p> <p>To re-stock and replace equipment where required in the schools fishing kits distributed during project phases 1 and 2. Provide online educational support and links between industry and schools.</p>	Australian Fishing Trade Association	SW \$106,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
<p>Fishcare – Volunteers and Education Officers proactively undertaking face to face education of anglers across NSW</p> <p>The NSW Fishcare Volunteer program is one of the flagship programs of the Recreational Fishing Trusts. It uses a network of five dedicated Education Officers and 250 motivated Fishcare Volunteers across NSW to provide face to face and hands-on education to anglers on the ground. Education Officers and Volunteers use targeted messaging to promote responsible and sustainable fishing ('fish for our future'). Fishcare is also instrumental in the running of the Get Hooked... its fun to fish and fishing workshop programs involving thousands of kids and community members held each year. Our mission is to create a team of fishing stewards that champion, responsible fishing and a sustainable secure fishing future.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$595,000 FW \$170,000	SW \$604,000 FW \$172,500	SW \$613,000 FW \$175,000

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<p>Fishcare – Additional Education Officer, North Western NSW</p> <p>This project involves an additional freshwater funding to facilitate a northern EO and new 'Perchy' trailer. The new position will be implemented into the western Fishcare team, which covers the area west of the great divide, and is currently facilitated by one EO, Brett Smith, located in Dubbo. In 2016/17, the region undertook 90 events. Our mission is to create a team of western freshwater based fishing stewards that champion, responsible fishing and a sustainable secure fishing future.</p>	NSW DPI	FW \$135,000	FW \$141,000	FW \$143,000
<p>Get Hooked...it's fun to fish – providing a fun, interactive recreational fishing program for school students to learn about sustainable fishing</p> <p>Get Hooked is a proactive kid's recreational fishing program aligned to the NSW Curriculum. Our mission is to reach out to students and teachers through fun and interactive fishing programs. We aim to teach kids the importance of sustainability, healthy aquatic life for fish stocks, catch and release skills and safe and responsible fishing behaviours. The basics are taught to equip students for the future. Passionate dedicated Fishcare Volunteers, Trust education officers and teachers run Get hooked class lessons with interactive fishing resource kits provided to schools. Once class lessons are completed, education officers and Fishcare Volunteers run practical fishing workshops for thousands of school students annually to put their new skills into practice.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$360,000 FW \$53,800	SW \$366,960 FW \$54,840	SW \$371,400 FW \$55,500
<p>NSW Fishing Workshops – Fostering new and existing fishers to be the guardians of tomorrow</p> <p>Fishing workshops teach responsible fishing practices to children and the community throughout NSW, providing an enjoyable educational experience that aims to teach the basics of fishing to a newcomer giving them the skills to continue in the sport. Our mission is to create the fishing steward's and champions of tomorrow with over 8,000 new entrants introduced to fishing last year.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$35,000 FW \$21,000	SW \$35,000 FW \$21,000	SW \$35,000 FW \$21,000

Project	Organisation	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<p>NSW Saltwater and Freshwater Recreational Fishing Guides - One stop shop for essential fishing info</p> <p>These guides provide an easy to read summary of essential information fishers need before they go fishing. This includes fishing rules, gear descriptions, licences and Recreational Fishing Trusts, sustainable fishing practices and much more. It is proposed to decrease production of the guide by one third to 200,000 per year noting increasing use of electronic media. Nevertheless, the guides still represent a one stop shop for anglers in on publication to access their fishing information. It is especially popular with new or beginner fishos.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$98,000 FW \$42,000	SW \$98,000 FW \$42,000	SW \$98,000 FW \$42,000
<p>Recreational fishing information – enhancing information to fishers</p> <p>This project involves boosting production and distribution of recreational fishing information to fishers above and beyond what is provided by DPI to promote sustainable fishing and participation. This includes print media such as signage, brochures, social media videos and infomercials while continuing to produce and distribute traditional products such as brochures, signs, guides and the long standing but highly popular sticky measuring ruler. This project will be guided by the recreational fishing branding communication plan project (in development).</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$120,000 FW \$20,000	SW \$120,000 FW \$20,000	SW \$120,000 FW \$20,000
<p>Servicing our fishers to help ensure our fishing future: Responsible recreational fishing and effective management of fishing competitions</p> <p>This citizen program is all about promoting best recreational fishing practice and competition management techniques based on current science and recreational fishing know-how. The project works with novice to keen anglers, fishing clubs and competition (event) organisers to inform and educate best fishing and handling techniques and drive change in behaviour to increase fisheries performance. It works to maintain our social licence for recreational fishing by minimising the environmental impacts of fishing whilst maintaining the positive socio-economic benefits of these events for regional communities who depend on them.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$110,320 FW \$36,770	SW \$113,680 FW \$37,890	SW \$116,500 FW \$38,850

Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

Project	Organisation	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
Aquatic habitat protection and fish conservation - Greater Murray NSW Provision of fish conservation management services for the Murray, lower Darling and Murrumbidgee catchments of NSW, to enhance key fish habitat protection and recreational fishery involvement in fish habitat protection and management.	NSW DPI	FW \$211,392	FW \$215,927	FW \$220,574
Habitat Action Program - making more fish... naturally Engagement and support of recreational anglers in fish habitat actions and provision of devolved habitat action grants to enhance fish habitat in NSW and support healthy, resilient recreational fisheries.	NSW DPI	SW \$657,631 FW \$267,874	SW \$725,974 FW \$306,983	SW \$794,302 FW \$346,084
Flagship Habitat Action The Flagship Habitat Action program provides funding for on-ground works for large-scale strategic coastal fish habitat rehabilitation activities to restore highly productive, resilient fisheries.	NSW DPI	SW \$448,000	SW \$448,000	SW \$448,000
NSW Fishway Strategy for Fish Passage Remediation at Priority Barriers Development of a strategic 20-year statewide fishway infrastructure strategy to remediate the top 160 priority barriers to migrating fish to significantly improve native fish populations and recreational fishing opportunities.	NSW DPI	SW \$87,447 FW \$349,788	SW \$89,383 FW \$357,512	SW \$0 FW \$0
Aquatic habitat protection and fish conservation - South Coast NSW Provision of fish conservation management services for the south coast, Snowy Mountains and Southern Tablelands of NSW to enhance key fish habitat protection and recreational fishery involvement in fish habitat protection and management.	NSW DPI	SW \$188,768	SW \$195,739	SW \$201,393

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project	Organisation	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<p>Building a stronger more sustainable freshwater recreational fishery in NSW This project builds on the long-term recreational fishing research program undertaken throughout the freshwater rivers and impoundments of NSW. The aim is to improve freshwater recreational fisheries in NSW which will result in increased economic, social and environmental benefits.</p>	NSW DPI	FW \$684,801	FW \$704,911	FW \$687,470
<p>Pump Fishway Project: Phase 2 - Fish transfer The Pump Fishway innovation aims to transform fishways' performance and costs. Phase 1 proved the concept; Phase 2 seeks to transfer fish safely over 8m walls, ready for field implementation.</p>	The University of New South Wales	FW \$88,601	FW \$0	FW \$0
<p>Screens for Streams: Boosting native fish stocks through improved water extraction practices Will showcase effectiveness of innovative fish screens on irrigation pumps at selected sites across NSW and will facilitate broad-scale uptake of fish screening technologies on irrigation infrastructure across the MDB, to prevent large scale fish losses from water extraction practices.</p>	Charles Sturt University	FW \$100,000	FW \$100,000	FW \$100,000
<p>Bait Security – building on a solid foundation. To improve access and availability of beachworms to NSW recreational fishers The project supports an evidence-base for improved access, availability and management of NSW beachworms; Quantify fishery selectivity, density and size-structures within fished and unfished areas (e.g. Sanctuary Zones) to inform management options for improved sector access and allocation.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$62,494	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project	Organisation	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<p>Fisheries Enhancement Research and Monitoring Program – Marine Stocking</p> <p>This project will address research and monitoring in relation to NSW RFST-funded NSW Marine Fish Stocking Fishery Management Strategy; with a focus on 1) commencing Blue Swimmer Crab and Dusky Flathead stocking; 2) FMS monitoring of Eastern King Prawn and Mulloway stocking programs; and 3) trial estuarine releases of Yellowtail Kingfish (and potentially Yellowfin Bream, if Yellowtail Kingfish are not successful).</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$180,410	SW \$186,927	SW \$184,141
<p>Fisheries Enhancement Research and Monitoring Program - Regional plan to monitor NSW offshore artificial reefs</p> <p>This project provides essential monitoring for the Offshore Artificial Reefs program. This monitoring is needed as part of the Commonwealth approval conditions for each of the reefs. This monitoring will determine the effectiveness of existing and proposed reefs for the next three years.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$240,014	SW \$258,852	SW \$283,585
<p>Monitoring and Research on Landed Fish at Game Fishing Tournaments in NSW: 2018/2019</p> <p>The project facilitates and conducts monitoring, sampling and biological research on billfish, tuna, sharks and other gamefish captured and weighed at the major game fishing tournaments in NSW.</p>	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	SW \$30,500	SW \$0	SW \$0
<p>NSW Game Fish Tagging Program</p> <p>The NSW Game Fish Tagging Program of Australia is the largest saltwater tagging program of its kind in the world and has been in operation since 1973. It is used to obtain vital information on the biology of highly migratory fish species. The program is an essential component of game fishing in Australia and promotes angler stewardship in the fishery. Over 455,000 fish have been tagged by over 50,000 anglers since the beginning of the program. The program has recently extended to key sportfish species such as mulloway, dusky flathead and snapper.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$159,590	SW \$164,270	SW \$169,600

Project	Organisation	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<p>NSW Game Fish Tournament Monitoring</p> <p>This project collates data to support fisheries research and management of game fish species and to strengthen negotiations between recreational fishers, Government and other interested organisations regarding fishery access and sustainability.</p>	Ghosn Consulting Services	SW \$72,450	SW \$75,150	SW \$78,400
<p>Provision of Annual Report for the Gamefish Tagging Program for 2017/2018</p> <p>Provision of an informative, attractive and readily accessible report on the Gamefish Tagging Program for the year 2017/2018.</p>	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	SW \$6,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
<p>Rock Fishing Safety Survey</p> <p>An analysis of rock fishing deaths in the coronial database supported by observational surveys of rock fishers to enable more effective rock fishing safety messages content and delivery.</p>	Central Queensland University	SW \$3,629	SW \$0	SW \$0
<p>The Great Swordfish Race</p> <p>Use key recreational fishers to deploy satellite tags into 10 swordfish off the NSW coast. The objectives are to provide movement, behaviour and post-release survival of fish tagged in NSW in the newly emerging day time deep-drop fishery. This will provide information on this exciting new recreational fishery including information on the timing and availability of swordfish in NSW, their behaviour and suitability for C&R. A key component of the project will be to establish the world's first "Great Swordfish Race" to engage recreational fishers and the general public in an interactive experience to improve our understanding of the mystical and iconic "gladiator of the ocean" along the east coast of Australia and foster stewardship in this new fishery.</p>	ANSA/DPI	SW \$74,800	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project	Organisation	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
Understanding the variable nature of Blue Swimmer Crab populations in NSW estuaries This project will collect information on the reproductive biology and recruitment dynamics of Blue Swimmer Crab to inform future management arrangements, broodstock collection and targeted stocking for this species.	NSW DPI	SW \$100,000	SW \$50,000	SW \$0

Platform: Enforcement of fishing rules

Project	Organisation	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
6 inland fisheries officers Funding for 6 inland fisheries officers maintaining capacity of NSW DPI to enforce fisheries rules and regulations including recreational fishing fee requirement across NSW inland areas.	NSW DPI	FW \$900,584	FW \$923,099	FW \$946,177
9 coastal fisheries officers Funding for 9 coastal fisheries officers maintaining capacity of NSW DPI to enforce fisheries rules and regulations including recreational fishing fee requirement across NSW coastal areas	NSW DPI	SW \$1,164,325	SW \$1,193,433	SW \$1,223,269
Coastal recreational mobile squads Funding for 3 recreational mobile squad officers maintaining capacity of NSW DPI to enforce saltwater recreational rules and regulations in particular recreational fishing fee requirements whilst patrolling popular fishing areas including recreational fishing havens.	NSW DPI	SW \$519,113	SW \$532,091	SW \$545,393

Platform: Fishing fee coordination and payment network

Project	Organisation	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<p>RFTEC meeting expenses</p> <p>To hold regular meetings of the Recreational Fishing Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committee (RFTEC) in order to review trust fund applications and make recommendations to RFNSW Advisory Council and the Minister for Primary Industries on priorities for expenditure from the Recreational Fishing (Freshwater) Trust.</p>	NSW DPI	FW \$33,800	FW \$34,600	FW \$35,500
<p>Recreational Fishing Infrastructure Co-ordination – Enhancing The Shore-based Fishing Experience For Coastal and Inland Fishers</p> <p>To target stakeholder identified gaps in fishing infrastructure in NSW, including fish cleaning facilities and accessible fishing platforms. To provide support to the Trust Executive Officer for financial and auditing management of Trust programs to ensure timely and quality service delivery. The role provides quality advice to the public on all Trust enquiries and application development.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$144,527 FW \$16,059	SW \$148,795 FW \$16,533	SW \$151,921 FW \$17,732
<p>Fisheries Manager (inland recreational fisheries)</p> <p>The program assists with freshwater legislative review, advisory and policy development. The position co-ordinates the Recreational Fishing Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committee, Gaden Trout Hatchery Management Advisory Committee and freshwater recreational grants funded from the Recreational Fishing (Freshwater) Trust. The position assists in the management of the dollar for dollar native fish stocking program, enhanced fish production program and Gaden trout hatchery operational program.</p>	NSW DPI	FW \$187,328	FW \$192,011	FW \$196,811

Project	Organisation	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<p>Recreational Fisher Research Database</p> <p>This project involves data entry of 1 and 3 year fishing fee receipt holders by an external consultant onto the Recreational Angling database for research and management purposes. This includes data validation and duplication checks of the database.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$49,000 FW \$21,000	SW \$45,500 FW \$19,500	SW \$42,000 FW \$18,000
<p>Recreational fishing fee awareness program</p> <p>This project seeks to raise awareness amongst the recreational fishing sector of the need for a fishing licence and where licence fees go by using advertising in key fishing magazines, signage, social media and other initiatives (to be identified in the recreational fishing communications plan).</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$0 FW \$0
<p>Recreational Fishing Fee Renewal Notice System</p> <p>Involves an efficient licence renewal notice system to encourage recreational fishers to renew their fee when it expires. The notice gets sent out to around 250,000 licence holders per year.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$86,000 FW \$36,850	SW \$86,000 FW \$36,850	SW \$86,000 FW \$36,850
<p>Recreational Fishing Licensing (Fee) project</p> <p>This project provides for the safe and secure collection of recreational fishing licences fees (public money) which are deposited into the Recreational Fishing Trusts on a daily basis. It provides a convenient payment network for anglers using a variety of methods such as a dedicated webpage, sales agents (fishing tackle stores etc) throughout NSW, BPAY, automated telephone, EFTPOS terminals and even mail. It caters for all types of anglers. There is 1) an electronic sales platform run by the OneGov - Government Licensing Service (GLS) and 2) a manual payment system of agents run by DPI.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$1,515,430 FW \$649,470	SW \$1,044,050 FW \$447,450	SW \$1,059,310 FW \$453,990

Project	Organisation	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<p>Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council (RFNSW) consultation and meeting expenses</p> <p>RFNSW advises the Minister for Primary Industries on recreational fishery policy issues including maintaining and improving the quality of recreational fishing opportunities.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$62,500 FW \$26,700	SW \$63,300 FW \$27,100	SW \$64,100 FW \$27,500
<p>Recreational Fishing Trust Executive Officer</p> <p>The officer is responsible for the overall coordination and financial management of the Recreational Fishing Trusts to facilitate a transparent and accountable Trust system, on behalf of the recreational fishing community. This includes implementation of good governance processes to ensure collection and transfer of licence revenue to the Trusts, disbursement of funds to Trust projects and ensuring quality delivery of project outcomes to improve recreational fishing.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$186,000	SW \$193,000	SW \$199,000
<p>Recreational Fishing Trust grants administration program – supporting the delivery of Trust funded projects</p> <p>To improve the delivery and performance of Recreational Fishing Trust funded projects by assigning essential resourcing to grants administration and management. The position sends funding agreements to applicants, receives milestones reports, processes project invoices and so on. It is an integral position of the Trust management team to facilitate effective governance controls including audits and monitoring to maintain and improve the standard of project delivery and accountability across all Trust funded projects.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$132,941	SW \$136,177	SW \$139,494
<p>RFSTEC meeting expenses</p> <p>The Recreational Fishing Saltwater Trust Expenditure Committee (RFSTEC) is an advisory subcommittee of the Ministerial Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council (RFNSW) that reviews applications for funding and makes recommendations on priorities for expenditure from the Recreational Fishing (Saltwater) Trust.</p>	NSW DPI	SW \$33,800	SW \$34,600	SW \$35,500

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