

MEETING	Recreational Fishing Saltwater Trust Expenditure Committee (RFSTEC)
MEETING NO.	Meeting 49
DATE & TIME	10 May 2017. 9:00 – 16:00
LOCATION	St George Rowers Club, 1 Levey Street, Wollie Creek
ATTENDEES	Bruce Schumacher (Chair), Mark Berg (Region 1), 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), John Burgess (ANSA NSW Branch), Stan Konstantaras (RFA NSW), Grahame Williams (NSW GFA), Allan Hansard (AFTA).
APOLOGIES	Peter Turnell (DPI).

1. Chair's introduction

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Confirmation of outcomes from the previous meeting

The draft outcomes of the 49th RFSTEC meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting (Moved John Paton, Seconded Grahame Williams, Carried).

3. Action items from previous meeting

The Committee noted the progress on action items from the previous meeting (Table 1).

4. Recreational Fishing Trust update

The status of the Saltwater Trust was presented by DPI.

5. Review of new Saltwater Trust grant applications

36 saltwater and 6 joint funded project applications were received. Expenditure recommendations are provided in the tables in sections 9.1 and 9.2. Funding recommendations with respect to each project will be forwarded to the Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council for consideration.

6. General business

Issues raised in general business are provided in the meeting action items (Table 2).

7. Next meeting

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8. Action items

Table 1 – Action items - previous meeting

Action	Status
Letter to be sent to RFNSW expressing concern of lengthy approval of Recreational Fishing Trust grant approval.	Completed
National Harvest Strategy schematic diagram of operation to be supplied to RFSTEC members.	Completed
Letter to be sent from RFSTEC to the DDG DPI Fisheries Geoff Allen seeking Recreational Fishing Stakeholder representation in the new National Harvest Strategy process.	Completed
Letter to be sent to RFNSW regarding Melven Brown's proposal to establish a fishing & diving museum for NSW. DPI and John Burgess to investigate opportunities at Marine Discovery Centres and La Perouse Indigenous Centre.	Completed

Table 2 – Action items - this meeting

Item	Issue	Action
1.	Financial advice to be sought regarding interest earned on balances for legacy Trust projects.	Pending
2.	The committee recommended investigation of a stipend payment to be established (for sitting fees) resembling that of the newly formed RFNSW advisory council.	Pending
3.	That stakeholder research priority areas be established to encourage funding applications which address specific knowledge gaps on recreational fish species and issues. That the Director Fisheries Research be invited to provide a presentation at the next meeting to commence the process.	Pending
4.	That a communication strategy for the promotion of the Recreational Fishing Trusts and Trust programs be discussed at the next meeting	Pending



9. Project assessment recommendations

9.1 Projects **SUPPORTED** for funding from the Recreational Fishing Trust

Joint FW/SW Projects

Platform	Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Fishing fee coordination and payment network	Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council (RFNSW) consultation and meeting expenses	NSW DPI	RFNSW advises the Minister for Primary Industries on recreational fishery policy issues including maintaining and improving the quality of recreational fishing opportunities and access, and recommendations regarding allocation of recreational fishing fee funds to programs that benefit recreational fishing Supported - Moved Lisa Terry, Seconded Grahame Williams, Carried.	SW \$22,000 FW \$26,000	\$0	\$0
Recreational fishing education	The Fly Program Ltd. Men in Flight Program	The Fly Program Ltd	The purpose of The Fly Program's Men in Flight program is to raise awareness of and coordinate programs that address depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and suicide in the Australian male community. The program focuses on education and peer support through recreational fishing in the natural environment. Supported - Moved Adrian Wayne, Seconded Lisa Terry, Carried. The Committee recommended the Minister for Primary industries seek supporting contributing funds from the Minister for Social Services. The committee also noted the high cost per person for the project and approved funding this year to establish the project but project costs should be reduced for further applications.	SW \$41,000 FW \$17,000	\$0	\$0

Recreational fishing enhancement programs

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Creating new fishing locations by building more offshore artificial reefs (2018-2020).	NSW DPI	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. Supported. Moved Lionel Jones, Seconded Geoff Shelton. Conditional on Newcastle and Wollongong locations being two of the four locations.	\$0	SW \$2,200,000	SW \$2,200,000

Fishing access and facilities

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Saltwater Park Adaptive Canoe Launch and Fishing Pontoon.	Coffs Harbour City Council	To improve public accessibility to Coffs Creek for recreational fishing and canoeing/kayaking, particularly for community members with disabilities and mobility impairment. Supported - Moved John Paton, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried	SW \$72,000	\$0	\$0
Coastal Engineering study of sand deposits, their causes and possible remediation (long and short term) in the navigation channel – Small Grants	St George and Sutherland Shire Anglers Club Inc.	Commissioning a professional study of the movements affecting the depositing sand in and around the entry to the channel to the boat ramp with recommendations and costings for remediation long term. Supported - Moved Grahame Williams, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried.	SW \$1,650	\$0	\$0

Recreational fishing education

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Communication initiatives to promote responsible fishing and boating around oyster leases – Small Grants	NSW DPI	DPI, Oceanwatch, RMS and representatives from the oyster industry have been working together to implement a communications plan involving production of high quality online videos to educate anglers on responsible fishing and boating practices around oyster leases. The aims of the campaign are to maintain access to these important fishing locations and to minimise impacts on the oyster industry by limiting damage, theft and water quality issues. Supported - Moved John Paton, Seconded John Burgess, Carried.	SW \$8,000	\$0	\$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Redfern Men's Cave Fishing Trips – Small Grants	Weave Youth and Community Services	Project to take a group of 10-15 men from Redfern Men's Cave (indigenous and non-indigenous background who live in public housing in the inner city of Sydney) for a fishing trip every 2 months over the course of 1 year in order to connect them to the broader community, build authentic relationships and learn new skills around responsible fishing practices. Supported - Moved John Paton, Seconded Lisa Terry, Carried. Condition – Licenced Charter Boat to be used for fishing trips if a charter is to be used.	SW \$6,300	\$0	\$0
Let's Go Fishing Target 100 – educating school children on the sustainable benefits of recreational fishing (Target 100)	Australian Fishing Trade Association	This project builds on project LS004 by extending the program of increasing the knowledge of school age children about sustainable recreational fishing through supervised practical involvement from 50 to 100 schools in NSW Supported - Moved Grahame Williams, Seconded John Burgess, Carried.	SW \$90,000	\$0	\$0

Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Minimising the potential for interactions between shore-based anglers and grey nurse sharks	Cardno NSW/ACT	Investigations would be done and a code of conduct written to improve the sustainability of shore-based fishing by minimising potential interactions between shore-based anglers and grey nurse sharks. Supported - Moved Lisa Terry, Seconded Grahame Williams, Carried. Condition - \$25,000 for core work component only to develop a code of conduct	SW \$141,050 (requested) \$25,000 (supported)	\$0	\$0
NSW Game Fish Tournament Monitoring	Ghosn Consulting Services	Collate 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. Supported - Moved John Burgess, Seconded Allan Hansard, Carried. Grahame Williams declared a conflict of interest and left the room for voting.	SW \$69,700	\$0	\$0
Understanding the variable nature of Blue Swimmer Crab populations in NSW estuaries	NSW DPI	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. Supported – Moved Lisa Terry, Seconded John Paton, Carried.	SW \$100,000	SW \$100,000	SW \$50,000

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Bait Security – building on a solid foundation. To improve access and availability of beachworms to NSW recreational fishers	NSW DPI	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. Supported – Moved Geoff Shelton, Seconded Lionel Jones, Carried.	SW \$65,728	SW \$62,494	\$0
Monitoring and Research on Landed Fish at Game Fishing Tournaments in NSW: 2017/2018	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	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. Supported - Moved John Paton, Seconded Grahame Williams, Carried.	SW \$30,500	\$0	\$0
Where have all the yellowfin tuna gone? Investigating the disjunct between commercial and recreational catches off NSW	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	The project will focus on the investigation of an apparent lack of correlation between inshore catches of yellowfin tuna by recreational fishers and offshore catches by commercial fishers. Supported - Moved Grahame Williams, Seconded John Paton, Carried.	SW \$40,000	\$0	\$0
Can citizen science help build social license for the recreational fishing sector? – Small Grants	Centre for Marine Socioecology	We will explore if social license of recreational fisheries can be created through citizen science and how we can bolster this social license for the benefit of recreational fishing in Australia. Supported - Moved Lisa Terry, Seconded Adrian Wayne, Carried.	SW \$9,930	\$0	\$0
Provision of Annual Report for the Gamefish Tagging Program for 2016/2017 – Small Grants	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	Provision of an informative, attractive and readily accessible report on the Gamefish Tagging Program for the year 2016/2017 Supported - Moved Lionel Jones, Seconded John Paton, Carried.	SW \$6,000	\$0	\$0

9.2 Projects NOT - SUPPORTED for funding from the Recreational Fishing Trust

Joint FW/SW Projects

Platform	Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Recreational fishing education	What's that Fish – (mobile app)	Darren Foley	Develop an app in relation to fish species, bag limits, size limits, photo of fish caught and where fish was caught, etc. Not supported - Moved Grahame Williams, Seconded Lisa Terry, Carried. This would duplicate many aspects of the previously funded FishSmart App currently available.	SW \$10,000 FW \$5,000	\$0	\$0
Recreational Fishing Education	Promotion of Recreational Fishing Trust programs with Adventure Angler TV	Adventure Angler TV	To successfully promote trust grant projects through hundreds of TV episodes and repeats of Adventure Angler and through various other smaller videos and clips produced for social media. Not supported - Moved John Burgess, Seconded Allan Hansard, Carried. The committees supported the concept, but not the project delivery model as outlined in the application. The committee recommended that a communication strategy for the promotion of the Recreational Fishing Trusts be developed.	SW \$16,700 FW \$8,300	\$0	\$0
Recreational fishing enhancement programs	Smartphone Fishing Tournaments	SHOK Fishing Pty Ltd	SHOK Fishing Pty Ltd propose to host monthly fishing tournaments via our existing smartphone application which would allow NSW anglers to participate in a free fishing tournament from any geographical location within NSW for their chance to win prizes. Not supported - Moved Lionel Jones, Seconded Geoff Shelton, Carried. Deemed ineligible - funding for a commercial enterprise.	SW \$10,000 FW \$5,140	\$0	\$0
Research on fish and recreational fishing	Establishment of an independent peer-review panel to assist with assessment of research applications for funding from the Recreational Fishing Trusts	NSW DPI	This project will set up a panel of high-profile scientists to assess the quality of research applications to the Recreational Fishing Trust and make recommendations to the Expenditure Committees. Not supported - Moved John Paton, Seconded Micah Adams, Carried. The model proposed by the application was beyond the scope of what the committees require. Alternate models of delivery of research technical assistance were discussed.	SW \$50,000 FW \$20,000	\$0	\$0

Fishing access and facilities

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Brunswick River Fishing Platform	Byron Shire Council	To install a fishing platform for the use of local, regional and international recreational fishers of the Brunswick River, enabling bank stabilisation and regeneration of the riparian zone Not supported - Moved Lisa Terry, Seconded John Paton, Carried. Applicant to resubmit two applications, the first to cover a fishing compliant platform with more detail. The second application for the riparian works to be submitted to Habitat Action Grants. DPI Angling Facilities Manager to work with applicant on revised future application.	SW \$81,668	\$0	\$0
Myola Training Wall Fishing access pathway	Callala Beach Progress Association Inc.	The Myola Training wall is a popular fishing location in Currumbene Creek. The site is very popular with families. Currently access to the wall from the carpark is via a rough eroded pathway through untidy regrowth bush. The proposal is to construct a 2.5m wide concrete path from the carpark to the training and clear back some of the surrounding shrubs. The first 50m of the very rough wall is then to be topped with suitable crushed rock so that the top of the wall is relatively level allowing safer access along the wall itself. This will allow much better family access to the beautiful location. Not supported - Moved Micah Adams, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried. There was in principle support for the project however, the committee believed local council should be more involved particularly in regards to the training wall repair works. DPI Angling Facilities Manager to work with applicant on revised future application.	SW \$51,800	\$0	\$0
Installation of Solar Lighting at Boat Ramps.	Central Coast Council	To install solar lighting around boat ramps and fish cleaning tables to reduce energy costs and improve recreational fisher's facilities Not supported - Moved John Paton, Seconded Lisa Terry, Carried. Council recommended to re-submit funding applications for lighting of fish cleaning tables but not for lighting the boat ramp areas. Councils should work with RMS Boating Program for improvements to boat ramps.	SW \$35,150	\$0	\$0
Construction of Fishing Table – San Remo Hot Water Outlet, San Remo	Central Coast Council	To install fish a cleaning table and shelter to compliment the new boat ramp and upgraded parking area that will be constructed in the 17/18 financial year at San Remo Hot water Outlet, San Remo. Not supported - Moved John Paton, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried. DPI Angling Facilities Manager to work with applicant on revised future application that uses DPI standard designs and costings for fish cleaning stations. Proposed siting of fish cleaning station to be discussed also with DPI prior to re-submitting application.	SW \$35,570	\$0	\$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Construction of Fishing Table – Saltwater Creek Reserve, Long Jetty	Central Coast Council	To install fish a cleaning table and shelter to compliment the new boat ramp and parking area at Saltwater Creek Reserve, Long Jetty. Not supported - Moved John Paton, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried. DPI Angling Facilities Manager to work with applicant on revised future application that uses DPI standard designs and costings for fish cleaning stations. Proposed siting of fish cleaning station to be discussed also with DPI prior to re-submitting application.	SW \$27,340	\$0	\$0
Construction of Fishing Table – Sunshine Reserve, Chittaway	Central Coast Council	To install fish a cleaning table and shelter to complement the existing boat ramp and parking area at Sunshine Reserve, Chittaway Not supported - Moved John Paton, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried. DPI Angling Facilities Manager to work with applicant on revised future application that uses DPI standard designs and costings for fish cleaning stations. Proposed siting of fish cleaning station to be discussed also with DPI prior to re-submitting application.	SW \$35,570	\$0	\$0
Woollamia regional boat ramp cleaning table upgrade	Jervis Bay Game Fishing club	Repair and refurbish the 8 person fish cleaning table and add new shelter with lights. Woollamia boat ramp is Jervis Bay's main access ramp. The table will address ongoing access, efficiency and public health issues plus cater for expected increases in usage due to growing population and tourist numbers. In principle support - Moved Grahame Williams, seconded Micah Adams, carried. Revised budget with correct costings to be supplied along with a letter of in-principle support from Council and Marine Parks. The committee will then review the application Out Of Session.	SW \$26,495	\$0	\$0
Forster Marina, Fish Cleaning Tables	Midcoast Council	Remove existing dated fish cleaning tables. Fabricate 2 x 4m fish cleaning tables as per standard design. Install new slab and adjust existing plumbing if required. Install new tables Not supported - Moved Ann Garard, Seconded Lisa Terry, Carried. DPI Angling Facilities Manager to work with applicant on revised, further developed application.	SW \$30,144	\$0	\$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. Not supported - Moved Micah Adams, Seconded Lionel Jones, Carried. Applicant recommended to re-submit a less expensive design. There was also concern if a shortened wharf length would reach far enough out in the bay for deep enough water to be suitable as an ideal fishing location. A site visit has been organised by RFSTEC member to establish water depth of shortened wharf.	SW \$50,000	SW \$250,000	\$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Kennedy Drive Boat Ramp – Fish Cleaning Table	Tweed Shire Council	A fish cleaning table has been present at the Kennedy Drive Boat Ramp in Tweed Heads for 20 years. The structure is outdated and unsafe and Council seeks to replace it. Not supported - Moved Adrian Wayne, Seconded Mark Berg, Carried. Applicant recommended to re-submit an application for the fish cleaning table component only. Riverbank revetment wall repairs considered not to be Recreational Fishing Trust responsibility.	SW \$35,000	\$0	\$0
Installation of solar lighting at Picnic Point boat ramp	Central Coast Council	Council proposes to install solar lighting at the boat ramp at Picnic Point, The Entrance to increase safety for recreational fishers using the facility Not supported - Moved John Paton, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried. Council recommended to re-submit funding applications for lighting of fish cleaning tables but not for lighting the boat ramp areas. Councils should work with RMS Boating Program for improvements to boat ramps.	SW \$9,537	\$0	\$0
Installation of solar lighting at San Remo Hot Water Outlet boat ramp	Central Coast Council	Council proposes to install solar lighting at the proposed new boat ramp at San Remo Hot Water Outlet, San Remo to increase safety for recreational fishers using the facility Not supported - Moved John Paton, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried. Council recommended to re-submit funding applications for lighting of fish cleaning tables but not for lighting the boat ramp areas. Councils should work with RMS Boating Program for improvements to boat ramps.	SW \$9,537	\$0	\$0
Installation of solar lighting at Boat Harbour Summerland Point boat ramp	Central Coast Council	Council proposes to install solar lighting at the boat ramp at Boat Harbour, Summerland Point to increase safety for recreational fishers using the facility Not supported - Moved John Paton, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried. Council recommended to re-submit funding applications for lighting of fish cleaning tables but not for lighting the boat ramp areas. Councils should work with RMS Boating Program for improvements to boat ramps.	SW \$9,537	\$0	\$0
Rileys Hill Dry Dock Recreational Fishing Pontoon and Amenities	Rileys Hill Dry Dock Heritage Reserve Trust	Provision of a disabled accessibility pontoon, associated gangway, fish cleaning station and lighting at the historic Rileys Hill Dry Dock site, Rileys Hill on the Richmond River Not supported - Moved John Paton, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried. DPI Angling Facilities Manager to work with applicant on revised future application.	SW \$56,018	\$0	\$0

Recreational fishing education

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Phase three of the Guide to Spearfishing in NSW (USFA)	Underwater Skindivers and Fishermen's Association Inc.(USFA)	This project follows the success of the 1st & 2nd editions of the Guide to Spearfishing in New South Wales and entails reprinting and distribution of a further approximate 12,000 copies. Publications are to be distributed to industry, government, media, relevant associations, the general public and the spearfishing community. Adrian Wayne declared a conflict of interest and left the room for voting. Not Supported - Moved John Paton, Seconded Geoff Shelton, Carried. Fadventure	SW \$27,700	\$0	\$0

Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Developing a simple rapid assessment method for fish densities under pontoons	University of Technology Sydney, School of Life Sciences	We propose to develop a simple rapid assessment method to assess fish under structures such as pontoons, using go pro cameras that will help assess fisheries value of artificial habitats. Not supported - Moved Micah Adams, Seconded John Paton, Carried. Low priority.	SW \$9,900	\$0	\$0
Understanding the causes and impacts of shark bite-offs in Lord Howe Island recreational fisheries	University of Western Australia	Quantify the spatial extent and frequency of shark bite-offs in recreational and charter fisheries of Lord Howe Island Marine Park, and investigate the behaviour and movement patterns of Galapagos sharks to assist in developing potential mitigation measures Not supported - Moved Lionel Jones, Seconded Micah Adams, Carried. Low priority	SW \$48,270	\$0	\$0
Morphology of the electrosensory system of pelagic sharks – Travel and transport costs to collect NSW samples from game fishing events	The University of Queensland	Investigation and comparison of the detailed structure of the electrosensory system of different species of sharks caught in game fishing tournaments. Travel costs to attend and transport of samples. Not Supported - Moved Grahame Williams, Seconded John Paton, Carried. Collection and transportation of samples should be incorporated and collected under the “Monitoring and Research on Landed Fish at Gamefishing Tournaments” run by Pepperell Research	SW \$5,000	\$0	\$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
What are the sources of food supporting larval and juvenile bream and flathead in estuaries?	University of Technology Sydney	This study aims to understand the importance and nutritional value of food resources delivered from upstream and the terrestrial environments to estuaries for larval and juvenile bream and flathead. <i>Not supported - Moved Lionel Jones, Seconded Allan Hansard, Carried. Low recreational fishing advantages from outcomes and considered low priority</i>	SW \$10,000	\$0	\$0
Engaging recreational fishers in citizen science: developing cost effective stock status indices for management	University of Sydney	This project will look for ways to use self-reported data from recreational fishers to track changes in stock levels which are useful for management. <i>Not supported - Moved Lisa Terry, Seconded Ann Garard, Carried. Prior funded project "Developing cost-effective recreational angler data collection and survey methods in NSW through the use of interactive smartphone technology" is nearing completion, focus should be directed towards app development following Field GIS Australia's work.</i>	SW \$79,796	SW \$88,047	SW \$88,047
Effective reduction of marine debris sourced from shore-based recreational fishing	Cardno NSW/ACT	Effective reduction of marine debris sourced from shore-based recreational fishing <i>Not supported - Moved Grahame Williams, Seconded Allan Hansard, Carried. T-Anglers Bins have had mixed success in past projects and trials, larger council uptake and continued support is needed to maintain and empty bins. Bins cannot be located everywhere people fish. More emphasis should be directed towards education and prosecution. Research considered low priority as problem and sources of rubbish have been identified.</i>	SW \$104,392	\$0	\$0
Improving spatial analyses for recreational fisheries to facilitate engagement with the recreational sector	NSWDPI / Fishing Survey Solutions	Investigate best-practice methods for documenting the spatial footprint of recreational fisheries. Case studies will be used to develop an evidence-based framework for stakeholders to use when considering spatial management options. <i>Not supported - Moved Stuart Rhodes, Seconded Stan Konstantaras, Carried. Considered low priority.</i>	SW \$190,000	\$0	\$0