

**Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council
Draft Outcomes
Meeting 13, 25 – 26 February 2020
Rydges Sydney Central, 28 Albion Street, Surry Hills**

Members Present	Johann Bell Dave Rae Paul Lennon Grahame Williams OAM Justin Duggan Vicki Lear Jo-Anne Starling Matt Hansen Karl Mathers Steven Samuels Ray Tang Vic Levett Ian Puckeridge Peter Turnell	Independent Chair Region 1 - Mid and Far North Coast Region 2 - Lower North Coast Region 3 - Sydney & Central Coast Region 3 – Sydney & Central Coast Region 4 - Illawarra Region 5 - South Coast Region 6 - North West Inland Region 7 – South West Inland Region 8 – Central & Southern Tablelands Region 8 - Central & Southern Tablelands Charter Boat Fishing Spear Fishing Nominee of the secretary – DPI representative
APOLOGIES	Matthew Tripet, Social Benefits of Recreational Fishing	

1. Introduction by the Chair

NOTED:

- The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed members to the thirteenth meeting in Sydney.
- The Chair also welcomed the new Council members Ian Puckeridge, Grahame Williams and Justin Duggan.
- For the benefit of the new members, members were invited to introduce themselves and provide a brief background.

2. Introduction on roles and responsibilities of the Advisory Council, including Code of Conduct

NOTED:

- DPI provided a presentation to members on the roles and responsibilities of RFNSW, including the Code of Conduct and Charter and associated operational procedures.
- Members were provided with copies of the Department's Code of Conduct and the RFNSW Charter.
- DPI advised that draft meeting outcomes will be placed on the RFNSW webpage once meeting outcomes have been approved by the Minister for publication.

3. Register of Interests

NOTED:

- The Chair requested that members declare any changes or additions to the register provided in the agenda. Interests of members provided on their 'members pecuniary interests declaration and undertaking form' were added to the register.

ACTION: DPI to update Register of Interest table.

4. Agreement on the agenda, adoption of the previous meeting record, proposed future meeting schedule

NOTED:

- RFNSW members agreed on the agenda for the meeting. The outcomes of the 12th meeting of RFNSW were accepted without change as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
- It was proposed that the next meeting of RFNSW should include a joint session with CommFish. The meeting is scheduled to be held at Eden on 26-27 May 2020.

ACTION : DPI to circulate the confirmed Meeting 14 date to members.

5. Update on drought and bushfire recovery/rebuilding plans

a) Drought and bushfire recovery/rebuilding plans

NOTED:

- Cam Lay, DPI Drought Response Coordinator, briefed the Council on the NSW native fish drought response, which has included actions such as artificial aeration, fish rescue and relocation, environmental water delivery (where available), expansion of the Narrandera hatchery, and re-commissioning of Grafton Hatchery.
- Mr Lay took the opportunity to thank the recreational fishing community for their role in the drought response and the integral role anglers have played in the rescue and relocation process.

ACTION: RFNSW recommended that DPI prepare a review document of the drought response to be used as a future framework management model for drought response.

b) Pump and diversion screening

NOTED:

- Matt Hansen led discussion on the need to reform the use of screens on irrigation pumps, which could play a key role in the native fish rebuilding process.
- Council agreed that, on occasions, there will be a need for additional allocation of recreational fishing licence revenue, over and beyond the current 30%, to the Freshwater Trust. The need for additional funds has been demonstrated by the necessary response to the drought, bushfires and floods and associated fish kills. There is also the need to help finance essential modification to infrastructure that impacts on freshwater fish populations, such as screens on irrigation pumps.
- It was acknowledged that transfer of \$1 million of funding from the Saltwater Trust to the Freshwater Trust had previously been supported by Council for important projects. RFNSW

supported the transfer of an additional \$1 million to the Freshwater Trust in 2019/20, noting that additional funds had not been transferred in 2018/19.

ACTION: The Chair requested that RFNSW members with expertise in freshwater fisheries provide input to the letter to the Minister (to accompany the outcomes of Meeting 13) requesting transfer of funds from the Saltwater Trust to the Freshwater Trust.

ACTION: DPI to prepare an application to the Recreational Fishing Trust Expenditure Committees to initiate and hold a workshop/forum to discuss fish screening technology, address the barriers and fast track the adoption of fish screening on irrigation intake pipes. The outcomes of the workshop would contribute significantly to development of the framework for the White Paper, which would seek to outline the implementation pathways for the broadscale adoption of fish screening technology across the range of current offtakes.

ACTION: RFNSW requested DPI to initiate development of the White Paper discussed at Meeting 12 with the future intention of presenting it to the Minister.

c) Warren Weir Closure

NOTED:

- Matt Hansen and DPI briefed Council on a proposal by local fishers from Warren for a fishing closure upstream of the Upper Warren Weir in the vicinity of where relocated fish were released. The Council was advised that water quality above the weir has been maintained and it is likely that the relocated fish have dispersed.

ACTION: RFNSW considered a closure at Warren Weir was not necessary at this stage but recommended a “watch and act” approach.

6. Review of action items from meeting 12 (February 2019)

NOTED:

- Council noted the status of achievements and action items from the previous meeting.

ACTION : Ray Tang and DPI to continue to monitor access issues associated with the Wallerawang power station closure.

7. Update on previous top 10 priority issues: reviewing status

NOTED:

- Given the extensive agenda for Meeting 13, the Chair requested that the detailed update on the top 10 issues be deferred until Meeting 14.

8. Recreational Fishing Trust matters

a) Recreational Fishing Trust operation and latest recommendations

NOTED:

- DPI provided an overview of the Recreational Fishing Trust operation in NSW for the benefit of new members.

- RFNSW reviewed the latest round of funding recommendations in Table 1 from the meetings of the Recreational Fishing Saltwater and Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committees (RFSTEC and RFFTEC) held on 27-28 November 2019.
- Member Ray Tang disclosed a potential conflict of interest regarding the applications submitted by Wallerawang branch CAS and Lithgow City Council. The Chair noted Mr Tang's interest was non-pecuniary and permitted Mr Tang to remain in the room.
- RFNSW supported the recommendations made by RFSTEC and RFFTEC at the November 2019 meetings, with the following amendment: RFNSW noted RFFTEC did not recommend funding for the project titled "Purchase of an additional fish transportation vehicle for drought response and hatchery expansion activities". RFNSW recommended that this request for funding be supported because the project would greatly improve the effectiveness of the native fish drought response. This recommendation is conditional on DPI providing quotes for the cost of the vehicle, confirming that compartments for proposed fish tanks will be optimized, and committing to making the vehicle available for use by other hatcheries in NSW where appropriate.
- RFNSW members discussed ways of improving the dissemination of information to fishers about projects supported by Trust funds.

ACTION: The Chair to write to the Minister supporting the funding recommendations from RFSTEC and RFFTEC in Table 1, with the amendment related to the project titled "Purchase of an additional fish transportation vehicle for drought response and hatchery expansion activities" described above.

ACTION: DPI to present a summary at Meeting 14 on all current methods of communicating and disseminating information on Recreational Fishing Trust projects to the public.

b) RFNSW membership on RFFTEC and RFSTEC

NOTED:

- Council noted the Expression of Interest process for upcoming membership vacancies on RFFTEC and RFSTEC. Council was supportive of continuing to have one RFNSW member on each of the committees to ensure overlap with RFNSW priorities, and to provide opportunity for feedback from RFNSW on expenditure committee discussions.
- RFNSW members interested in being considered for the expenditure committees were advised to email an expression of interest to recreational.fishingtrust@dpi.nsw.gov.au by 13 March 2020.
- Grahame Williams OAM advised Council that he had already submitted an expression of interest to renew his RFSTEC membership. DPI advised that Mr Williams' expression of interest would be extended to the proposed RFNSW process.

9. Update on yabby trap rule changes

NOTED:

- DPI updated Council about the implementation of changes to the regulations for using yabby traps.
- Council was notified that a Section 8 Fishing Closure, prohibiting the use of opera-house traps, would be implemented soon.

ACTION: DPI to notify the ACT government about the impending Section 8 fishing closure prohibiting the use of opera-house traps in NSW.

10. Presentation by Jeremy Hooper, Region 3 Estuary General commercial fisher, on a proposal to allow commercial prawn hauling in the Hastings River Recreational Fishing Haven

NOTED:

- Mr Jeremy Hooper gave a presentation to Council with the details of the Fisheries Resource Re-Allocation Application he has made to DPI. Mr Hooper was supported at the meeting by Ms Tricia Beatty, Chief Executive Officer, Professional Fishermen's Association (PFA).
- The Council was advised that Mr Hooper has been liaising with DPI to address gaps in his application, including community consultation.
- Council also received feedback via teleconference from Mr Jason Isaac, proprietor Ned Kelly's Bait n Tackle store, and Mark Saxon, operator of Castaway Estuary Fishing Charters. regarding Mr Hooper's proposal.
- Following Mr Hooper's presentation and questions from the floor by members of RFNSW, Council discussed the application and raised several objections to the proposal to allow commercial prawn hauling in the Hastings River Recreational Fishing Haven.

ACTION: RFNSW members to collate all the reasons for rejecting the proposal into a detailed document to transmit Council's recommendation to the Minister.

11. Update on the status of the mulloway, kingfish and snapper

NOTED:

- Dr John Stewart from DPI presented Council with an update on the current stock status of kingfish, as detailed in the National Status of Australian Fish Stocks (SAFS). It was noted the status will be re-assessed during 2020.
- FRDC are funding a workshop, to be held on 24-25 March 2020, that will aim to address knowledge gaps in assessment of the kingfish stock.
- RFNSW reiterated its position on kingfish made at meeting 5 and in the meeting 12 outcomes letter sent to the former Minister, which included the following recommendations: increasing the minimum size limit to 75 cm, reducing the bag limit from 5 to 2, with only one fish over 100 cm permitted for recreational fishers, and banning the method of lead-lining for recreational fishers.

ACTION: RFNSW to reiterate to DPI its concern about the current status of kingfish in NSW and explore synergistic management options across both the recreational and commercial sectors to rebuild the stock at the joint session with CommFish scheduled for 25-26 May 2020.

12. Proposal to address significant cockle harvest in Lake Illawarra

NOTED:

- DPI briefed Council on the increased recreational effort and harvest of cockles in Lake Illawarra and other metropolitan areas based on Fisheries Officer and public observations, supported by compliance action statistics over the past few summer periods.
- RFNSW were notified about a communications strategy for cockles implemented by DPI to better educate fishers and improve compliance rates.
- It was also noted that current harvest rates may result in localised depletions of cockles and that current arrangements can enable collection of large quantities of cockles by groups of people visiting the lake together, increasing black marketing opportunities.

ACTION: RFNSW supported a DPI proposal to reduce the bag and possession limit of cockles from 50 to 20.

ACTION: The Chair requested DPI to contact the NSW Food Authority about the availability of any information on the heavy metal content of cockles in Lake Illawarra. If no information exists, the responsible course of action is to commission the relevant tests because work by DPI in Botany Bay decades ago apparently indicated that heavy metals could be a problem due to the relatively long lifespan of cockles.

13. Update on commercial fishing matters

a) Crab trapping in Clarence River

NOTED:

- DPI notified Council about the release of a discussion paper proposing the use of crab traps for recreational and commercial fishers in the Clarence River upstream of the boat ramp adjacent to the Maclean Court House, an area where use of crab traps is currently prohibited.
- Based on the information provided in the discussion paper, it was not clear why the fishing area needed to be expanded. There was concern by RFNSW that any expansion in the area for crab traps may impact use of other types of recreational fishing gear and activities.

ACTION: RFNSW recommended retaining the current arrangements for crab trapping in the Clarence River.

b) Consistent size limits – blue swimmer crab and abalone

NOTED:

- RFNSW and CommFish have previously recognised the need for consistent size limits across commercial and recreational fisheries, wherever possible.
- Currently there are differences in size limits for blue swimmer crab and abalone.
- RFNSW reiterated its position on Eastern rock lobster made at meeting 10, including increasing the recreational lobster catch bag limit from 2 to 3

ACTION: Council supported 1) increasing the blue swimmer crab minimum legal length from 6 to 6.5 cm, and 2) increasing the abalone minimum legal length to 12 cm with an associated increase of the bag limit to 5 in areas previously not affected by Perkinsus. RFNSW will present these recommendations as a package at the joint meeting session with CommFish scheduled for 25-26 May 2020.

c) Determination of TAC for Ocean Trawl species for 2020/2021 (for information)

NOTED:

- RFNSW was advised that total allowable catch (TAC) measures (quotas) control the amount of particular fish species that are taken each year by NSW commercial fishers in certain quota-managed share classes. DPI introduced new catch quotas for 17 species or species groups in 2019.
- DPI advised that submissions on the appropriate TAC for the following fisheries and species were open until 10 March 2020:
 - 1) Estuary general (to apply from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021) - pipi, beachworm, cockle and ghost nipper;
 - 2) Ocean hauling purse seine (to apply from 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021) - Australian sardine, blue mackerel, yellowtail scad; and

3) Ocean trap and line (to apply from 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021) - bass groper, blue-eye trevalla, gemfish, hapuku, pink ling, bigeye ocean perch.

14. Update on the NSW marine estate, including recent changes in Batemans Marine Park

NOTED:

Sarah Fairfull, Director, Aquatic Environment, at DPI, provided an update on the first year of implementation of the 10-year Strategy.

- An update was also provided on (i) the piloting of a new marine park management planning process in the Batemans Bay and Port Stephens-Great Lakes marine parks; and (ii) increased recreational fishing access provided by the NSW Government in December 2019 to five sanctuary zones in the Batemans Bay Marine Park, including proposed community consultation on the changed fishing arrangements.

15. Introduction of Harvest Strategies for NSW Fisheries

NOTED:

- DPI provided a presentation on the development of a draft policy on harvest strategies in NSW. Such strategies provide a framework that specify pre-determined decision rules necessary to achieve agreed ecological, economic and/or social management objectives.
- DPI is also investigating how to integrate recreational fishing information into potential harvest strategies in NSW. External stakeholder workshops are planned that will work to help identify recreational fishing objectives and ways that these can be incorporated into multi-sector harvest strategies.

ACTION: RFNSW requested regular updates on the progress and development of harvest strategies in NSW.

16. Progress on the recreational fishing environmental assessment

NOTED:

- DPI updated Council on the development of an environmental assessment (EA) of recreational fishing in NSW, and the associated recreational fisheries strategy.
- This project will conduct an EA of recreational fishing, using current evidence and building on previous assessments that exist to facilitate development of a strategy. The strategy will identify management approaches to mitigate components of the recreational fishery that are identified as key environmental risks. This will be used to inform policy to ensure that the NSW recreational fishery continues to provide quality fishing opportunities whilst minimising negative impacts. This approach will help build the social licence of recreational fishing and help ensure the long-term support of recreational fishing within the community.

ACTION: RFNSW to establish an environmental assessment sub group to assist with development of the EA. DPI to routinely update the Council on the progress of the EA.

17. Items relating to Update on the Fish for Life social licence initiative, risk assessment into recreational fishing in Sydney's water supply dams, communication plan for recreational grassroots fishers and Botany Bay cruise ship terminal

ACTION: Agenda items relating to these issues were deferred until the next meeting.

18. Correspondence received

a) Golden Perch bag limit reduction – letter received from Mr Troy Bright

ACTION: RFNSW requested DPI to prepare additional information on the issues raised by Mr Bright, including available stock assessment and compliance information, to enable further review of Mr Bright's proposals.

b) Macquarie River pipeline concerns – letter received from Mr Col Gordon

ACTION: RFNSW recommended that DPI request further input on this issue from the Fish Passage Taskforce, noting that this had been an ongoing issue and recreational fishing stakeholders continue to raise concerns about the impacts of pipeline extraction on local fish stocks. Any further information from the relevant local DPI fisheries conservation manager should also be obtained and given to Council.

c) Crab trap floats – from Ian and Roby Chalmers

ACTION: RFNSW recommended that the issue of appropriate marking of crab trap and net floats be placed on the agenda for the joint session with CommFish NSW during Meeting 14, noting that this is a cross-sectoral issue.

d) Carrying of additional fly fishing rods – letter received from Mr Jason Mahoney

ACTION: RFNSW supported an amendment to fishing regulations to permit possession of additional rods rigged with lure or fly when fishing a trout stream, with only one rod to be used at any one time.

e) Bellambi boat ramp sting ray issue – letters received from Ms Jess Whittacker and Ms Sarah Copeland

NOTED:

- RFNSW acknowledged the concerns of Ms Copeland and the recent irresponsible behaviour of the relevant fisher targeting large rays at Bellambi boat ramp.
- RFNSW noted DPI had since erected signs at the boat ramp and other key locations where large rays congregate advising fishers not to target large rays, and to always fish responsibly.

ACTION: Council requested that DPI send Ms Sarah Copeland's son a fishing package to acknowledge his efforts in being a guardian for 'Big Bob', the local sting ray and other aquatic life in his local area at Bellambi.

f) Sydney Dive Wreck proposal – from Sam Baxter, Gordons Bay SCUBA Diving Club, Sydney

NOTED:

- The Council considered correspondence from Gordons Bay SCUBA Diving Club regarding their proposed wreck proposal and future fishing arrangements.

ACTION: Council noted that the Sydney dive wreck project is still in a proposal phase, however, if the dive wreck reef was built, then it is likely Council would not be adverse to consideration of a small fishing closure (similar to the current arrangements for the HMAS Adelaide off the Central Coast), noting the potential social-economic benefits that may be generated from the dive reef.

19. General Business

a) Batemans Marine Park

NOTED:

- Jo Starling advised she was contacted by Mr Bill Barker, a local SCUBA diver, on the far south coast, regarding his concerns about increased recreational fishing access in the Batemans Bay Marine Park, and apparent lack of community consultation.

ACTION: Jo Starling to liaise with Mr Bill Barker regarding proposed community consultation on the changed fishing arrangements to five sanctuary zones in the Batemans Bay Marine Park.

b) Snowy Hydro 2.0

ACTION: Snowy Hydro 2.0 to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

c) Peer review process

NOTED:

- The Chair presented a concept of a peer review process for research applications submitted for funding from the Recreational Fishing Trusts, which would add value to the application assessment process and increase accountability of decision-making.

ACTION: The Chair to provide an outline of the peer-review concept for Trust research applications for consideration/review by RFNSW at Meeting 14.

Table 1. Summary of new Saltwater and Freshwater Trust grant applications SUPPORTED for funding by RFSTEC and RFFTEC

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	Refurbish the existing timber jetty at Quarantine Bay into a level, accessible platform for recreational fishing and associated uses. \$119,104 REQUESTED. \$90,280 SUPPORTED. 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.	SW \$90,280	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Accessibility Upgrades to Gwandalan Jetty – Gwandalan Bowling Club Foreshore Reserve (contingency funding)	Central Coast Council	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.	SW \$22,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Collarenebri Recreational Fishing Upgrade – Fish Cleaning Station	Collarenebri Fishing Club	Install a custom orb curved roof fish cleaning station with lighting and pressurised water on the Barwon River at Collarenebri adjacent to the newly developed boat ramp and recreational area.	FW \$13,730	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0
Too Good To Lose! Water Police patrols to help keep Sydney Harbour ferry wharves open to fishing	DPI Fisheries/ RMS	This joint project with Roads and Maritime Services and Water Police 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	SW \$180,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

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		deterrent. It is proposed to continue the patrols into the 2019/20 summer fishing season.				
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. Funding was not supported for works supervision and site establishment, which should be covered by Council.	SW \$0	SW \$14,336	SW \$0	SW \$0
Mill Bay Fish Cleaning table replacement	Eurobodalla Shire Council	Remove an existing fish cleaning table at Mills 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.	SW \$9,005	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
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.	SW \$5,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Accessible Fishing Platform Lake Wallace	Lithgow City Council	Council propose to install a relocatable floating accessible fishing platform at Lake Wallace, Wallerawang, to enable fishers in wheelchairs or with mobility restrictions to fish at this popular and well stocked fishing waterbody. \$106,123 REQUESTED. \$53,062 SUPPORTED (50%). The benefit of the project was acknowledged but the project was considered high cost. Contributing funding of 50% was recommended be sought from other sources such as Council.	FW \$53,062	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$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 and provides essential services for fishers. It is proposed that funding continues for ongoing management and maintenance of the facility by the club.	SW \$0	SW \$7,370	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
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.	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.	SW \$8,750	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Fish Cleaning Table – Copeton Dam	Reflections Holiday Parks	Install a fish cleaning table at Fireball Point, Copeton Dam.	FW \$9,800	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$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.	SW \$0	SW \$7,500	SW \$0	SW \$0
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. This will enable the jetty to meet safety standards, enhance physical appearance and ensure continued use for fishing, tourism and educational activities.	SW \$63,811	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
The Mill Pond - A New Public Fishery	Wallerawang branch CAS	Wallerawang CAS was approached by a private company who has offered free access to anglers to the Mill Pond, one of their water storages located at the old Portland cement quarries. DPI Fisheries has negotiated a legal deed of access to the waterbody securing managed public access for anglers to the site. The agreement has some access conditions to ensure public safety and requires installation of some infrastructure.	FW \$78,418	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0
Wee Waa Recreational Fishing Upgrade – Fish Cleaning Station	Wee Waa Fishing Club	Install a custom orb curved roof fish cleaning station with lighting and pressurised water on the Namoi River at “Yellowbanks” Wee Waa adjacent to the newly developed boat ramp, recreational and camp area.	FW \$18,800	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0

Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Extra operational funds for emergency native fish rescue and drought recovery activities: in principal funding support only	NSW DPI	Undertake emergency native fish rescue and recovery operations across the Murray Darling Basin to protect and restore native fish populations impacted by the drought. \$300,000 REQUESTED. \$180,000 SUPPORTED for staff resources for 12 months only to boost production to restore fish populations following the drought.	FW \$180,000	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0
Stocking of Estuary Perch within Brogo, Danjera and Glennies Creek dams	NSW DPI	Continue to stock up to 20,000 Estuary Perch fingerlings within Brogo Dam over the next 2 years and to commence Estuary Perch stockings within Danjera and Glennies Creek Dams (up to 90,000 Estuary Perch fingerlings), to provide anglers with exciting new high quality recreational fishing opportunities.	FW \$0	FW \$25,000	FW \$50,000	FW \$0
Purchase of an additional fish transportation vehicle for drought response and hatchery expansion activities	NSW DPI	Purchase a new fish transportation vehicle as part of recovery operations for critical drought response and the expansion of the Narrandera Fisheries Centre Hatchery. Note: RFFTEC had not supported funding for the project as it was considered the funding should be provided from other government sources. However, RFNSW considered the project would contribute effectively to the native fish drought response and assist greatly to boost delivery of stocked fish to additional inland locations, particularly in more remote areas with challenging terrain. RFNSW supported funding for the project, conditional on advice on vehicle costs and the number of tank compartments being provided to RFNSW and the vehicle being available for use by other government hatcheries.	FW \$250,000	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$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. 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
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.	SW \$3,097	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
Evaluation of survival behaviour of fish to inform re-stocking programs for recreational fisheries and conservation of wild fish	Charles Sturt University	To examine the behaviour of larval and juvenile fish to improve survival of recreational and conservation in stocking programs.	FW \$0	FW \$48,883	FW \$0	FW \$0
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.	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. It was 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
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 and potential stocking activities.	SW \$0	SW \$65,303	SW \$66,634	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
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.	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.	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.	SW \$0	SW \$6,500	SW \$0	SW \$0
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.	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.	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.	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.	SW \$9,944	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Research observations of water temperature, dissolved oxygen and pH values on trout waters in the Barrington Tops	The Barrington Club Inc.	Conduct a 3 year program compiling a detailed log of key indices on varying sites in streams and dams on the Barrington Tops, including the Upper Manning, Hunter and Barrington Rivers and their tributaries with a view to confirm suitability for trout stocking for recreational fishing opportunities.	FW \$3,766	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0
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.	SW \$39,935	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Casting for Recovery - a Weekend Fly Fishing Retreat for Women with Breast Cancer. An ACT regional project with vision of it becoming an Australian National Project with regional branches.	ACT Fly Fishers	Provide a free fly fishing retreat including tuition on a one-to-one basis, weekend accommodation and care for up to 14 women who have breast cancer.	FW \$7,338	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0
Walcha Bowling Club Fishing Club – Kids Fishing Workshop	Walcha Bowling Club Fishing Club	The Club proposes to introduce recreational fishing to the youth of Walcha and surrounding communities by sponsoring children to attend DPI’s kids’ fishing workshops at the Dutton Trout Hatchery where participants will be educated by DPI staff. It is expected that three events each supporting up to 10 children will be held each year for an initial period of two years. \$4,320 REQUESTED. \$1,920 SUPPORTED. The \$2,400 workshop fee component to be covered by the DPI Fishing Workshops program.	FW \$1,920	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0

Platform: Licence fee payment system & Trust management

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 (Service NSW)	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.	SW \$525,000 FW \$225,000	SW \$525,000 FW \$225,000	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$0 FW \$0

Table 2. Summary of new Saltwater and Freshwater Trust grant applications NOT SUPPORTED for funding by RFSTEC and RFFTEC

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Anglers Reach Boat Ramp	Adaminaby Fishing Club (Sub branch of Monaro Acclimatisation Society Inc)	Construct a 70m long by 3m wide all weather concrete boat ramp and gravel parking area at Anglers Reach, Lake Eucumbene. NOT SUPPORTED AT THIS STAGE. It was noted the applicant should approach the RMS Boating Now Program in the first instance. DPI also to confirm whether there was free public access through the caravan park to the ramp as this was not evident in the application.	FW \$40,900	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0
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. 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
Swampy Plain River - Angler access and amenities improvement	Khancoban Angling Club	Provide seating and shaded areas for recreational fishers to enjoy the Swampy Plain River below Khancoban Pondage RFFTEC noted the project was for general recreational amenity and not recreational fishing specific.	FW \$8,900	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$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 AT THIS STAGE. RFFTEC noted the applicant should approach the RMS 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. RFSTEC requested that DPI confirm with the applicant whether the proposed location provides unrestricted free public access and questioned 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
Rocky Waterholes Mooring Pontoon	Narrandera Fishing Club	To install a platform at water level for safe access for the general public for boating and kayak fishing activities at Rocky Waterholes including a fish cleaning table area. The platform will enhance boating access to Bundidgerry Creek and Lake Talbot. RFFTEC noted the pontoon was primarily for boating purposes.	FW \$20,704	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0
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. 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. 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
Recreational Fishing in the Snowy Monaro – Improved Information and Access	Snowy Monaro Regional Council	Install regional signage and supporting information about recreational fishing in the Snowy Monaro region. Project will elevate awareness of iconic sites and integrates with NSW DPI angler access aims. RFFTEC noted the following issues: many of the fishing sites are already well known, some signage would be located large distances from water, there was an apparent lack of agreement from land owners and the Monaro Acclimatisation Society is not supportive of the project.	FW \$32,480	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
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. 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
Lake Centenary Pedestrian Footbridges	Temora Shire Council	Construct two pedestrian footbridges at Lake Centenary to provide access to popular fishing spots and remove the need for pedestrians to use the footpath on the Trigalong Creek bridge on Goldfields Way, which is perceived to be a safety risk by some community members, particularly those with small children. RFFTEC noted the project was for general recreational amenity and not fishing specific.	FW \$84,285	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0
Accessible Fishing Platform at Bogolong Dam	Weddin Shire Council	Construct a fishing platform at Bogolong Dam that provides access for inclusive participation in recreational fishing. NOT SUPPORTED AT THIS STAGE. RFFTEC recommended the application be resubmitted when the fishery is established to show there is a demonstrated need for the infrastructure.	FW \$60,000	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0

Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Nutrient enhancement Lake Eucumbene	Cooma Trout Acclimatisation Association	Enhance nutrient levels in Lake Eucumbene by aerial dropping guano (fossilised birdlime) as previously done in 1983. RFTEC noted that an environmental assessment for the project activities had not been completed, including undertaking required consultation with relevant management authorities regarding approvals. Concern was also expressed about the potential impacts of increased nutrient levels downstream of the lake.	FW \$0	FW \$5,719	FW \$0	FW \$0

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Who is this new bloke? Assessing the effects of translocations on behaviour and movement of Murray cod	Charles Sturt University	Translocations may affect behaviour, movement and survival of territorial fish like Murray cod. This project will assess potential influence of translocations on resident or translocated fish in the Darling River. Project is unlikely to significantly add to any current recreational fishery monitoring or research programs for native fish.	FW \$659,560	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0
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. Both RFSTEC and RFFTEC 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
Murray Cod weight and Length Measuring	Macquarie Adventures Facebook Group	Involves catching Murray cod in dams and the Macquarie River between Bathurst and Orange and collect data on the growth patterns for future analysis by DPI. This will build on data collected since 2015 and assist with updates on pest species. RFFTEC noted there should be research input and guidance from an appropriate research organisation. Support can also be provided through the DPI Tournament Management program.	FW \$2,000	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0
Far South Coast European Carp Monitoring and Control Program 2020 - 2022	South East Local Land Services	Pilot a monitoring and control program for European Carp in Bega River and Brogo Dam identifying suitable control methods for long term effective pest management and reducing impact on native fish populations and recreational fishing values. RFFTEC noted the existing National Carp Control Program underway and that outcomes should be delivered through the existing national program initially.	FW \$63,500	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Developing the rock blackfish (<i>Girella elevata</i>) propagation technology as a part of the future restocking procedure	Southern Cross University	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	SW \$220,907	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
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>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

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Future-proofing recreational fisheries: identifying biomarkers for thermal resilience in Australian recreational fish species	The University of Sydney	Use sophisticated molecular genetic tools to identify patterns of gene expression that are associated with thermal stress in recreational fish species to improve breeding and restocking programs. RFTEC acknowledged the direct benefits to recreational fishing may be limited and suggested that contributing funding from other sources may be warranted e.g. Fisheries Research and Development Corporation.	FW \$394,445	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0
Ciguatera Toxins in NSW Spanish Mackerel: Where, when and how much?	University of Technology Sydney	Determine the factors affecting the amount of Ciguatera toxins in Spanish Mackerel caught recreationally in NSW over two fishing seasons. 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.	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. 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. 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
Traditional Fishing Group	Deniliquin Local Aboriginal Land Council	The project aims to prevent isolation of Aboriginal men with issues relating to disability, mental health and depression, drug and alcohol, domestic violence, loneliness and anti-social factors. Participants will meet with others using fishing and yarning circle talking to engage with other Aboriginal community members which will help break down some of their barriers and enable them to socialise with others in a safe environment whilst fishing together. RFFTEC noted a previous similar project by the same applicant had been supported for funding however the funding deed had not been executed by the applicant. RFFTEC recommended that DPI contact the applicant about status and commencement of the first project before consideration of this second application.	FW \$8,929	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0
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. 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. RFSTEC recommended using existing apps to capture this data.	SW \$97,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
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. RFSTEC noted the project would provide limited benefit to recreational fishing.	SW \$8,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0
Byron Bay Rainforest Kayak Fishing Experience	Go Fish Australia	Go Fish Australia promotes the rich fishing assets of Northern NSW, especially in the mighty rivers and streams of the Tweed, the Clarence and the Byron hinterland. Their new rainforest fishing experiences require the purchase of kayaks and fishing-related equipment purchased. RFFTEC noted the applicant was a commercial enterprise.	FW \$10,000	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0
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. 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
Oberon Redfin Roundup Learn to Fish Day	Oberon Council	The Oberon Redfin Roundup is a free two day fishing tournament heavily targeted towards families and aimed at reducing the Redfin population in Oberon Dam. This project will see an expansion of the event to attract more young participants and deliver a learn to fish day across three schools prior to the fishing tournament. RFFTEC noted support can be provided by the Fishcare and DPI Tournament Management Program.	FW \$0	FW \$7,800	FW \$0	FW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
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. RFSTEC recommended the applicant liaise further with DPI and Fishcare to investigate potential partnerships. Concerns were raised concerns regarding the travel budget, which was considered excessive.	SW \$9,000	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$0

