

Recreational Fishing Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committee
Outcomes, Meeting 35
4 & 5 May 2010
Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre of Excellence

RFFTEC Members

Bruce Schumacher	Chair, RFFTEC
Max Graham	Region 1
Ron Butler	Region 2
Ron Croker	Region 3
Ian Ward	Region 4
Tom Williams	Region 5
Debbie Lennon	Region 6
Richard Ping Kee	Region 7
Kevin McKinnon	Region 8
Doug Joyner	Australian Fishing Trade Association
Peter Turnell	Director, Fisheries Resource Management

Meeting declared open at 9:30am

1. Chairs Welcome

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and expressed appreciation to former members Mr Karl Schaerf (Region 2) and Mr Brian Hale (AFTA) for their representation on behalf of recreational anglers in their regions.

2. Apologies

None

3. Confirmation of outcomes from previous RFFTEC meeting

The draft outcomes of the 34th RFFTEC meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting. **Moved:** Debbie Lennon **Seconded:** Richard Ping Kee. Carried.

4. Action Items from meeting 31

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

5. Correspondence received

Letter from John Diplock regarding the potential to bar code recreational fishing fee receipts as a discount card for fishing services and as a tool to improve auditing and compliance. The Committee noted the potential merit of a discount card system but more information was needed on any proposal.

6. NSW Recreational Fishing Trust Report

The status of the Freshwater Trust, including details of the updated Recreational Fishing Trust Investment Plan, were provided at the meeting and the following issues were discussed.

a) Licence Fees

The Committee re-iterated support for an increase of the recreational licence fee once CPI indexation resulted in an increase in the 1 year licence from \$30 to \$35 (as recommended at the November 2009 meeting). This would most likely occur following the June quarter. This would include an increase in the discount for 3 year licence from 17% to 19% (i.e. \$85

instead of \$105). The Committee supported the increase of the recreational licence fee every three years by whole dollar amounts in line with CPI. **Moved:** Doug Joyner. **Seconded:** Max Graham. **Carried.**

b) Funding allocations for the Saltwater and Freshwater Trusts

The funding allocations were discussed for the Saltwater and Freshwater Trust. The Committee supported a 70:30% ratio for the Saltwater and Freshwater Trusts, respectively (commencing 2009/10 based on predicted revenue of \$12 million). **Moved:** Debbie Lennon. **Seconded:** Ron Croker. **Carried.**

I&I NSW advised that it was prudent for “buffer funds” to be maintained in the Freshwater Trust to account for variation in projected licence revenue. This is required for the future as the Freshwater Trust traditionally had a large balance but this has decreased over time. The Committee agreed in-principle to the maintenance of ‘buffer’ funds in the Freshwater Trust. **Moved:** Tom Williams. **Seconded:** Ian Ward. **Carried.**

7. Appraisal of Investment Plan for 2010/11 Programs

The Recreational Fishing Trust Investment Plan, previously approved for funding by the Expenditure Committees, ACoRF and the Minister, was appraised by RFFTEC taking into account project status and any variations to projects as outlined in the annual and meeting reports submitted by program managers (refer to Tables 1 and 2). RFFTEC supported funding for the previously approved programs in the Investment Plan with the following amendment:

- Inland fisheries Program - The 2011/12 budget was amended from \$874,773 to \$784,773 to correct a typographical error.

Action item:

RFFTEC also requested I&I NSW to review the methodology of monitoring inland events for the I&I NSW Scientific monitoring of fishing tournaments program. It was noted that Basscatch and other inland events were usually involved monitoring one event per year by I&I NSW. Bad weather could therefore influence the time series of catch and catch rates significantly. RFFTEC also advised the Clarence Basscatch was being held in the wrong location, which missed sampling spawning fish.

8. Review of new 2010/11 FW applications

New Trust project applications (large and small grants) supported for funding by the Freshwater Trust are listed in Table 3. New Trust project applications deferred by RFFTEC are listed in Table 4. New Trust applications not supported for funding by the Freshwater Trust are listed in Table 5.

9. 2010/11 Investment Plan summary

The Trust Investment Plan for 2010/11 will be updated with the programs supported for funding from the Recreational Fishing Trust following approval by ACoRF and the Minister.

10 Project updates – presentations

a) Freshwater fishing access - An update on the assessment of reserve referrals, NPWS plans of management and crown road closure applications, was provided. The results of a two NPWS surveys on outdoor recreation was discussed. Locations where stiles and angler access signage have been recently installed were shown.

- b) Community education program - In 2009/10 fresh water volunteers have attended 96 events and have made 2,000 contacts. A shade sail has been erected around the fish out pond at Narrandera to provide sun protection for children attending fishing workshops. 36 volunteers have been trained in delivery of the Get hooked program and 25 school visits were undertaken in 2009. Around 100 schools have registered for the Get Hooked program in 2010. The "Get hooked" schools program promotional DVD was presented.
- c) Licence administration - A comparison of licence sales between financial years was presented. It was noted that there has been an increase in licence sales using electronic methods (phone, online, touch, Bpay) and in 3 years licences sales, due to issue of renewals and plastic cards. Migration of licence sales via electronic methods is expected to continue to increase.
- d) Fishing infrastructure - A draft best practice design guidelines for fish cleaning stations was circulated to members. The Trust acknowledgement plaque is being re-designed to ensure it can be more easily attached to fishing infrastructure developments. An expression of interest calling for new applications to the Trust had been carried and 23 new angling infrastructure applications had been lodged. Assistance was provided in the development of project applications.
- e) Bass production - The outcomes of the 2009 fish stocking season and a comparison of stocking rates between financial years were discussed. In 2010, staff will focus on stocking bass in the southern zone with possible stockings at some central zone impoundments. Nodavirus occurrences at the hatchery and new breeding requirements through the HQAS have presented a number of challenges in recent years, however management measures have been adopted to improve breeding success and minimise risk of Nodavirus infection.
- f) Nodavirus research - A research project is underway to collect bass fry and juveniles from the wild for sampling. Initial samples from the Williams River system have returned a negative result to Nodavirus. Another project with the University of Sydney is being conducted to track the persistence of Nodavirus infection by sampling a group of known healthy carriers at regular intervals until they reach sexual maturity. A recent test of has found that Nodavirus is now difficult to detect in the brains of these fish.
- g) Habitat Action Program - An update on project progress was provided. The timeline for implementation of the 2010/11 Habitat Action Program was discussed. The Technical Panel will once again be responsible for reviewing these proposals and advising the committee on applications submitted. RFFTEC members from Regions 2 and 8 were nominated to attend the annual Fish Habitat Forum, to be held in Lake Macquarie on 4-5 June 2010.
- h) Gaden hatchery - The outcomes of a recent meeting of the Gaden Hatchery Implementation Committee were presented. Initiatives for increasing tourism and revenue along with hatchery operational procedures will be incorporated into a draft business plan for the hatchery, currently being prepared. This draft plan will be circulated to RFFTEC for comments once finalised. The tour guide is continuing to increase the profile of the hatchery and associated revenue from increased hatchery tours. A new brochure promoting the facility has been distributed through the region.
- i) Murray cod research - A history of Murray cod research in the Murray Darling Basin was presented. Current knowledge gaps in the reproductive biology of Murray cod were discussed. An update on the research of Murray cod spawning behaviour in the northern Murray-Darling River System was provided.

Discussion of meeting outcomes

The Committee sought clarification on communication of meeting outcomes to the community. The Department has confirmed that draft meeting outcomes will be prepared soon after the meeting and sent to members and placed on the Department's website. At this stage, members are able to communicate draft meeting outcomes, as required. This process will be streamlined in the future to assist members with communicating meeting outcomes.

Commercial fishing competitions

The Committee raised concern about inland fishing competitions that were primarily run from commercial purposes with little or no contribution to the fisheries resource or the community. The Department advised this issue would be referred to ACoRF.

Meeting closed:

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 12.30 pm, 5/5/2010.

Table 1: Summary of freshwater programs approved by the Minister in the Investment Plan

Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement programs

Program	Proponent	Budget				
		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Fish stocking: enhanced fish production - I&I NSW operates hatcheries that produce native fish and trout for stocking in freshwater impoundments throughout NSW. Trust funds boost production at the hatcheries, which has led to record numbers of fish being stocked and better fishing.	I&I NSW	\$346,458	\$396,769	\$418,200	\$440,446	\$465,063
Fish stocking: dollar for dollar program – community grants for fishing clubs to buy native fingerlings for stocking in rivers and dams.	I&I NSW	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Management of fish stocking to ensure responsible stocking practices – undertakes environmental assessments of fish stocking programs in NSW to ensure they are carried out in an ecologically sustainable way.	I&I NSW	\$96,171	\$104,809	\$108,543	\$108,543	\$108,543
Installation of secondary recirculation unit at Dutton Trout Hatchery – installation of a second re-circulation system to increase the amount of chilled / temperature controlled water in the hatchery used to house fish for stocking.	I&I NSW		\$38,250			
Supporting Fish Hatchery Trainees – capacity development program for work experience students at the Narrandera Fish Hatchery to build expertise in fish breeding technology.	I&I NSW		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Gaden Trout Hatchery - funding for the ongoing operation of the hatchery, including operational costs, including a trial employment of a dedicated tour guide.	I&I NSW		\$434,000	\$429,510	\$442,395	\$455,667

Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

Program	Proponent	Budget				
		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Aquatic habitat protection and fish conservation in the south west region – a conservation manager based in Albury manages fish habitat protection and aquatic threatened species management issues in south west NSW amongst government and non-government organisations, landholders, catchment management authorities and recreational fishing groups.	I&I NSW	\$158,646	\$158,646	\$162,623	\$162,623	\$162,623

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Program	Proponent	2008/09	2009/10	Budget		
				2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Effectiveness of freshwater stockings & recreational freshwater fishing assessments – involves completion of scientific studies on western drainage freshwater fish stockings to develop cost-effective stocking procedures for large-scale releases of fish (Phase 1). Phase 2 involves determining areas to be stocked, optimal stocking sizes and methods, the impacts of stocked fish on resident species, and the effectiveness of size limits on selected fisheries.	I&I NSW	\$184,439 Phase 1	\$190,978 Phase 2	\$204,923	\$218,245	\$228,999
Maximising the post release survival of angler caught native freshwater fish – research to develop fishing gears and practices that improve the survival of released fish in freshwater (Phase 2).	I&I NSW	\$81,900	\$199,900	\$199,300	\$101,500	
Optimised stocking of Australian bass by testing modelled estimates of predator impact – develops a predatory impact model to optimise stocking rates of Australian bass in freshwater impoundments.	University of NSW	\$50,427	\$52,251			
Enhancing Australian bass populations in the Clarence River through increased knowledge of their biology – investigates life history characteristics of a local bass population in the Clarence River which will provide specific information for management of the species in that catchment.	I&I NSW	\$10,000	\$10,000			
Rescue and protection of Macquarie perch from Upper Lachlan River system and investigations into captive breeding techniques - will ensure the preservation of Macquarie perch from the Lachlan river catchment by removing a representative portion of the population to secure refuge. Also investigates captive breeding techniques of Macquarie perch	I&I NSW	\$25,570	\$26,190			
Recovering recreational fisheries for freshwater catfish in the Murray-Darling Basin – determines patterns of population structure in freshwater catfish and identifies suitable reintroduction sites within the Murray-Darling catchment.	I&I NSW	\$133,610				
Spawning sites and reproductive behaviour of Murray cod in upland and lowland riverine habitats in the northern Murray-Darling River System.	I&I NSW		\$50,000			
A longitudinal study of nodavirus infection in Australian bass – sampling a batch of Nodavirus positive fish at regular intervals until they reach sexual maturity to determine whether and how the virus is passed onto the progeny of that batch.	I&I NSW		\$19,200	\$20,450	\$22,500	
Evaluation of the status of nodavirus-carrying Australian bass in NSW waterways – investigation of the incidence of Nodavirus in wild juvenile Australian bass populations and a review of the testing of Nodavirus in bass hatcheries based on the results.	I&I NSW		\$63,150			

Platform: Enforcement of fishing rules

		Budget				
Program	Proponent	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
6 Inland Fisheries Officers (enhancement activities) - six inland fisheries officers conduct a range of activities to enhance voluntary compliance with fishing rules by providing advisory and education services and creating effective deterrence to illegal activity by undertaking patrols and enforcement operations	I&I NSW	\$700,824	\$727,717	\$755,685	\$784,773	\$815,026

Platform: Recreational fishing education

		Budget				
Program	Proponent	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Recreational Fishing Trusts Promotional Freshwater Fishing Calendar – to produce a recreational fishing trusts calendar promoting recreational fishing rules by running an angler photo competition.	I&I NSW	\$15,000				

Platform: Fishing fee coordination and payment network (this platform represents fee attributable funding)

		Budget				
Program	Proponent	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Freshwater Recreational Management – this position coordinates the following Trust programs: Enhanced fish production, \$ for \$ stocking, freshwater grants and expenditure committee coordination.	I&I NSW	\$166,000	\$166,000	\$166,000	\$166,000	\$166,000

Table 2: Summary of joint freshwater and saltwater programs approved by the Minister in the Investment Plan

Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

Program	Proponent	Budget				
		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Habitat Action Program...Making more fish naturally – involves development of a series of on-grounds works programs to improve habitat rehabilitation and fish stocks in consultation with the CMAs.	I&I NSW	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
		\$200,000	\$500,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
		FW	FW	FW	FW	FW
		\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Program	Proponent	Budget				
		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Scientific data collection from recreational fishing tournaments in NSW – aims to sample the catch and effort from Basscatch and other freshwater native fish events and club-based gamefishing in NSW in support of the assessment of billfish, tuna and sharks and freshwater native fish.	I&I NSW	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
		\$80,359	\$86,422	\$151,426	\$161,074	\$175,852
		FW	FW	FW	FW	FW
		\$34,439	\$37,038	\$37,857	\$40,268	\$43,963

Platform: Recreational fishing education

Program	Proponent	Budget				
		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Recreational Fishing Promotion and Event Management – involves working with fishing tournament organisers and the community to promote events that operate in a safe and environmentally and socially responsible way. This also includes implementing codes of practice for recreational fishing in NSW.	I&I NSW	SW \$108,110 FW \$27,030	SW \$109,780 FW \$27,440	SW \$109,780 FW \$27,440	SW \$109,780 FW \$27,440	SW \$115,760 FW \$28,940
Fishcare Volunteers – this is the flagship program of the Trusts. Over 300 trained volunteers are involved in face to face education with anglers to help them to be familiar with fishing rules and to promote responsible fishing practices.	I&I NSW	SW \$620,201 FW \$175,771	SW \$594,100 FW \$169,500	SW \$595,200 FW \$170,000	SW \$595,200 FW \$170,000	SW \$595,200 FW \$170,000
Get hooked...Its fun to fish - this schools education program is designed to teach children at an early age about the importance of aquatic habitats and to introduce them to safe and responsible fishing practices.	I&I NSW	\$435,500	SW \$364,600 FW \$40,000	SW \$386,000 FW \$38,000	SW \$361,000 FW \$40,000	SW \$396,000 FW \$39,000
Recreational fishing awareness raising - provides information on fishing rules to anglers and encourages responsible and sustainable fishing practices through a range of media (newspaper, magazines, radio, billboards) at peak fishing periods.	I&I NSW	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000
Fishing workshops – a series of fishing workshops for children are held in Sydney, at Government hatcheries and across regional NSW, including workshops for special needs groups and NESB communities.	I&I NSW	SW \$36,250 FW \$19,750	SW \$36,250 FW \$19,750	SW \$36,310 FW \$19,780	SW \$36,310 FW \$19,780	SW \$36,310 FW \$19,780
Recreational Fishing Guides – 300,000 Freshwater and saltwater fishing guides are produced each year to help recreational anglers identify their catch and summarise the fishing rules.	I&I NSW	SW \$100,000 FW \$40,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$40,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$40,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$40,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$40,000
RFA of NSW Fishing Safely DVD and resource material – involves production of high quality DVD modules on fishing safely in saltwater and freshwater.	RFA NSW	FW \$12,000 SW \$28,000				

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Program	Proponent	Budget				
		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Recreational fishing infrastructure grants manager – facilitates the development of quality recreational fishing infrastructure in key locations for use by recreational fishers, identifies key gaps in the availability of existing infrastructure and develops a list of potential works to guide new applications.	I&I NSW	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
		\$86,800	\$113,348	\$121,559	\$124,645	\$128,645
		FW	FW	FW	FW	FW
		\$37,200	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$14,000	\$14,000
Recreational fishing access – 2 fisheries managers work closely with government agencies and other landowners to maintain and improve current access to popular local fishing spots.	I&I NSW	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
		\$118,000	\$125,400	\$133,700	\$138,145	\$138,145
		FW	FW	FW	FW	FW
		\$127,954	\$149,059	\$158,623	\$159,123	\$160,623
Small grants program - provides seed funding for community groups for recreational fishing infrastructure programs such as fish cleaning tables and fishing platforms.	Community groups/ Councils etc	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
		\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
		FW	FW	FW	FW	FW
		\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
RFA NSW – NSW Crown Lands and Reserves vesting and securing recreational fishing access for the future – This project will identify Crown parcels of land, which could be formed into reserves dedicated for recreational usage, including fishing, under the Crown Lands Act.	Recreational fishing Alliance of NSW			SW		
				\$128,695		
				FW		
				\$55,155		

Platform: Fishing fee coordination and payment network (this platform represents fee attributable funding)

Program	Proponent	Budget				
		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Expenditure Committee meeting expenses – the saltwater and freshwater committees of expert anglers reviews Trust funding applications and ongoing progress of programs.	RFSTEC/ RFFTEC/ I&I NSW	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
		\$35,000	\$30,000	\$31,000	\$32,000	\$33,000
Recreational fishing fee administration – provides for the convenient payment of the fishing fee at fishing tackle stores, other outlets and via the web and phone, plastic licences and a renewal function.	I&I NSW	FW	FW	FW	FW	FW
		\$30,000	\$30,000	\$31,000	\$32,000	\$33,000
Fee research database – this database collects information on the details of fee receipt holders and other demographic information for use in research surveys.	I&I NSW	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
		\$750,000	\$1,040,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
Licence fee renewal facility – enhanced fee renewal service for anglers.	I&I NSW	FW	FW	FW	FW	FW
		\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Licence fee renewal facility – enhanced fee renewal service for anglers.	I&I NSW	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
		\$63,000	\$63,000	\$63,000	\$63,000	\$63,000
Licence fee renewal facility – enhanced fee renewal service for anglers.	I&I NSW	FW	FW	FW	FW	FW
		\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000
Licence fee renewal facility – enhanced fee renewal service for anglers.	I&I NSW	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
		\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,000
Licence fee renewal facility – enhanced fee renewal service for anglers.	I&I NSW	FW	FW	FW	FW	FW
		\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000

Table 3 - New Trust Project Applications supported by RFFTEC for funding

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Program	Proponent	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<p>Corowa Murray River Foreshore fishing platform - Construction of a five metre wide by twelve metre long fishing platform on the Murray River Foreshore in Corowa. Motion: The Committee <u>supports funding</u> for the project. Moved: Debbie Lennon Seconded: Kevin McKinnon Carried</p>	Corowa Shire Council	\$24,800	\$0	\$0
Small Projects				
<p>Lake Jindabyne access road - To reconstruct drainage, re-grade roadway and re-sheet the roadway with gravel to allow the continuation of historic angler access to Lake Jindabyne, from Kosciuszko Road. In addition angler access signage will be installed in consultation with I&I NSW and the Council of Freshwater Anglers. Motion: The Committee <u>supports funding</u> for the project. Note: The Committee requested that the angler access manager prepare an agreement with the land owner to ensure ongoing access to the Lake for recreational fishing via this road. Moved: Max Graham Seconded: Debbie Lennon Carried</p>	Garry Huggett and Robert Weston / Landowners	\$4,095	\$0	\$0
<p>Upgrading of the Lake Keepit Fish Cleaning Bay & Signage - To provide improvements to the existing fish cleaning bay & to provide new signage around the park. Motion: The Committee <u>supports funding</u> for the project. Moved: Ron Croker Seconded: Debbie Lennon Carried</p>	Lake Keepit State Park	\$4,910	\$0	\$0

Platform: Recreational fishing education

Program	Proponent	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<p>Recreational fishing calendar and photo competition 2012 & 2013 - The project aims to produce a calendar for 2012 and 2013, generated using photos from the recreational fishing public of NSW that will display key rules and regulations for recreational fishing. The calendar will supplement the recreational fishing guides and DL brochures to enhance the current education process. Motion: The Committee <u>supports funding</u> for the program. Moved: Kevin McKinnon Seconded: Ron Butler Carried. Note: the Committee requested that the font size of the calendar be increased and public holidays be included.</p>	Industry & Investment NSW	\$9,750	\$9,750	\$0
<p>National Tree Planting Day / Native Fish Awareness Day - The project aims to undertake a native fish awareness field event on the National School Tree Planting Day and develop a multi media DVD promoting the field day and environmental qualities of the reserve. Motion: The Committee <u>supports funding</u> for the program. Moved: Ron Butler Seconded: Max Graham Carried. Note: This was a late application, however, the Chair and the Committee agreed to consider the application.</p>	Calrossy Anglican School	\$750	\$0	\$0

Program	Proponent	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Gaden Trout Hatchery – Tour Guide position. To provide ongoing funding for the Tour Guide position, following a 6 month successful trial. Motion: The Committee supports funding for the program. Moved: Ian Ward Seconded: Ron Croker Carried.	Industry & Investment NSW	\$68,000	\$62,000	\$65,000

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Program	Proponent	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Finland study tour Funds for a future leader trip to Finland to study the management of fisheries, focussing on the areas of: data collection, education, licensing, aquatic habitat protection and restoration, climate change strategies, event management, accreditation systems, representational systems, the promotion and enhancement of recreational fishing, the promotion of responsible fishing and the role of governments. A report will be provided to the committees. Motion: The Committee supports funding for the program. Moved: Richard Ping Kee Seconded: Max Graham Carried.	Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW	\$3,500	\$0	\$0
Ongoing monitoring of the movement patterns of Australian bass & eel-tailed catfish in the Clarence River - The information collected from this project will build on the data I&I NSW has been collecting on Australian bass, <i>Macquaria novemaculeata</i> , and eeltailed catfish, <i>Tandanus tandanus</i> , in the Clarence River. The information will be used to better manage both species throughout NSW. Motion: The Committee supports funding for the program. Moved: Max Graham Seconded: Ron Croker Carried.	Industry & Investment NSW	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Spawning sites and reproductive behaviour of Murray cod in upland and lowland riverine habitats in the northern Murray-Darling River System This project will provide biological information on Murray cod in the northern tributaries of the Murray-Darling River System that will improve management and enhance recreational fisheries throughout NSW. The Committee supports revised funding, as shown, for the program which should be used to leverage funds from other sources such as FRDC (for the remaining costs). Moved: Richard Ping Kee. Seconded: Debbie Lennon Carried.	Industry & Investment NSW	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Detecting and preventing the spread of an emerging pest species, Redfin, in the Upper Coxs River This project will survey the Coxs River between and including Lakes Wallerawang (also known as Lake Wallace) and Lyell in order to detect the presence, and prevent the spread, of the invasive redfin perch. Motion: The Committee supports funding for the project. Moved: Tom Williams Seconded: Ian Ward Carried.	Industry & Investment NSW	\$15,000	\$0	\$0

Table 4 - New Trust Project Applications deferred by RFFTEC

Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

Program	Proponent	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Queanbeyan River re-snagging Replenishment of large woody debris into the Queanbeyan River to provide in-stream roughness and structure for native fish along with territorial markers and breeding sites for Murray Cod. Motion: The Committee <u>referred</u> this application for assessment under the 2010/11 Habitat Action Program funding assessment round Moved: Kevin McKinnon Seconded: Doug Joyner Carried.	Queanbeyan City Council	\$9,150	\$0	\$0

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Program	Proponent	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Chifley Dam fishing projects pre-proposal The Bathurst RSL Fishing Club in conjunction with Bathurst Regional Council seeks advice on funding for a number of potential infrastructure projects at Chifley Dam that aim to improve recreational fishing. The projects include a shelter, fishing platform, floating pontoon and a fish disposal system. Motion: The Committee reviewed the development options proposed within the application. The Committee considered the pre-proposal for a recreational fishing platform as the most suitable option, however recommended that it be relocated to another part of the dam, away from the boat ramp / ski boat launching area. The Committee <u>referred</u> this application to the Trust Infrastructure Manager to discuss the submission of an application by the applicant for a fishing platform or other recreational fisheries specific grant at the next meeting. Moved: Tom Williams Seconded: Max Graham Carried.	Bathurst RSL Fishing Club / Bathurst Regional Council	\$0	\$0	\$0

Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement programs

Small Projects				
Fitzroy Falls Reservoir restocking project - The project aims to restock the Fitzroy Falls Reservoir with appropriate fish and yabby stock. The Committee requested that the project be referred for assessment under the Dollar for Dollar Native Fish Stocking Program. Moved: Ron Croker Seconded: Kevin McKinnon Carried.	Burrawang Village Hotel Fishing Club	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Stock Pejar Dam with Australian bass - To stock Pejar Dam with Australian Bass. Pejar Dam is located east of the Great Divide and is easily accessible and easy to fish. The Committee requested that the project be referred for assessment under the Dollar for Dollar Native Fish Stocking Program. Moved: Ron Croker Seconded: Ian Ward Carried.	Top Pub Fishing Club (Crookwell Hotel Motel)	\$1,000	\$0	\$0

Table 5 - New Trust Project Applications not supported by RFFTEC

Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

Program	Proponent	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Habitat Action Program – making more fish... naturally - the program will support the improvement of recreationally important fish populations, engage recreational anglers in fish habitat actions and provide devolved habitat grants to enhance fisheries in NSW. The Committee <u>did not support</u> additional funding for this project and noted that the current approved allocation of \$200,000 was sufficient. Moved: Kevin McKinnon Seconded: Ian Ward Carried.	Industry & Investment NSW	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Small Projects				
Finding fish passage for Falls Road [Funding for design plans] - to formulate a fish passage option and associated cost for the Falls Road Crossing remediation, in consultation with recreational anglers, local landholders, and Wellington Council. The option will then guide future investment of the Macquarie RiverSmart program to proceed with the construction phase of the project. [This project was originally submitted to the Habitat Action Program in 2009, but was referred back to the general round of Trust funding] The Committee <u>did not support</u> funding for this project as the development of the plan did not provide for improved fish passage. However the Committee noted that the local Conservation Manager could provide advice on the proposed crossing upgrade e.g. culvert designs / indicative costs and could also assist with a future application to the Habitat Action Program for on ground works as required. Moved: Tom Williams Seconded: Ron Croker Carried.	RiverSmart Australia	\$8,000	\$0	\$0

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Program	Proponent	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Quipolly Dam recreation area - Liverpool Plains Shire Council is developing a recreation area at Quipolly Dam. It is proposed to include barbecues; a picnic area with tables and seating, walking paths; car parking; disabled parking and foreshore access; and male and female amenities. Motion: The Committee <u>did not support funding</u> for this project as the infrastructure and associated equipment was not considered beneficial to recreational fishers. However the Committee requested that the Trust Infrastructure manager discuss the preparation of a more recreational fisheries specific project with the applicant for future submission. Moved: Ron Croker Seconded: Doug Joyner Carried.	Liverpool Plains Shire Council	\$99,500	\$0	\$0

Program	Proponent	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Small Projects				
River Meadows fish cleaning facility - supply and installation of fish cleaning facility / measuring table including running water and power. The Committee <u>did not support funding</u> for this project as the Committee considered that recreational fishing access to the site was limited due to it being located on private property and therefore it was not eligible for funding from the Trust. Moved: Ron Butler Seconded: Kevin McKinnon Carried.	Keoughs Plant Hire Fishing Club	\$9,070	\$0	\$0
Trailer to carry safety gear and PIT tagging equipment - Southern Bass Fishing Club seeks funds to purchase a 7 x 4 galvanised trailer for the transport and safe housing of PIT tagging equipment and safety gear, first aid gear for club outings and PIT tagging events. Motion: The Committee <u>did not support funding</u> for this project as the purchase of the trailer was not considered beneficial to anglers and could set a precedent for requests for trailers from other fishing organisations to carry fishing equipment / gear for club related events and also that PIT tagging equipment can generally be packed into a container/small case. Moved: Kevin McKinnon Seconded: Doug Joyner Carried.	Southern Bass Fishing Club Inc.	\$2,600	\$0	\$0

Platform: Recreational fishing education

Program	Proponent	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Weed Free Recreational Fishing booklet - Produce and disseminate an educational booklet to assist recreational fishers to identify aquatic weeds that impact on recreational fishing and to avoid spreading them to other fishing spots. Motion: The Committee <u>did support funding</u> for this project as there are already many publications on weed species including books, posters and Primefacts. Moved: Ron Croker Seconded: Debbie Lennon Carried.	WetlandCare Australia	\$15,720	\$0	\$0
Small Projects				
Sustainable fishing practices program, Gloucester - Provide accredited TAFE training in sustainable fishing practises to youth (15 – 17 years) in Gloucester. Participants will learn how to pass on the skills to the wider community. The Committee <u>did support funding</u> for this project due to the relatively low number of participants in the program and the high salary component of the budget. Moved: Kevin McKinnon Seconded: Doug Joyner Carried	North Coast TAFE	\$10,000	\$0	\$0

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Program	Proponent	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<p>Identification of critical drought refuges, potential spawning grounds & migration corridors of large bodied native fish in the Edward-Wakool System Fish will be acoustically tagged and tracked throughout the entire Edward-Wakool System to initiate a collaborative project between the community and catchment management authority, and to determine spawning grounds, potential fish blockages, and critical drought refuge holes. Motion: The Committee <u>did not support</u> funding for the program as the study was not considered a recreational fisheries research priority at this time. However the Committee recommended that the applicant could discuss the project with fisheries research scientists at the Narrandera Fisheries Centre with a view to collaborating with other research presently taking place within these catchments. Moved: Doug Joyner Seconded: Ron Butler Carried.</p>	Deniliquin RSL Fishing Club	\$48,000	\$16,000	\$0
<p>Why do anglers decide not to renew their recreational fishing licence. To determine why recreational fishers do not renew long term fishing licences. Motion: The Committee <u>did not support</u> funding for the program as the study was not considered a recreational fisheries research priority at this time. Moved: Debbie Lennon Seconded: Ian Ward Carried.</p>	John Diplock, Hamata Pty Ltd	\$21,249		