

20. Funds granted to non-government community organisations (continued)

Gloucester Rural Lands Protection Board	3 816.95
Goulburn Rural Lands Protection Board	1 501.53
Grafton Rural Lands Protection Board	1 227.54
Hume Rural Lands Protection Board	3 287.02
Hunter Rural Lands Protection Board	3 397.28
Kempsey Rural Lands Protection Board	2 939.30
Moss Vale Rural Lands Protection Board	1 790.45
Northern North England Rural Lands Protection Board	13 635.48
Tamworth Rural Lands Protection Board	1 656.54
Yass Rural Lands Protection Board	9 538.43
Young Rural Lands Protection Board	3 406.61
	60 000.00

21. Fisheries trust fund report

Commercial Fishing Trust Fund

NSW DPI provides a range of monitoring, scientific, compliance and administrative services to the commercial fishing industry.

Of the eight commercial fisheries only two, abalone and rock lobster are subject to full cost recovery of attributable costs, although there is still some degree of government contribution. In both these cases, budgets are negotiated in detail with the relevant management advisory committees.

For the remaining fisheries, charges are levied for services such as licence administration and management, but are not project specific.

Expenditure by the Department on activities relating to commercial fishing is funded from consolidated revenue with a contribution from the Commercial Fishing Trust Fund.

The Seafood Industry Advisory Council was consulted over the budget for commercial fishing. In 2006-07 the Commercial Fishing Trust Fund contributed \$3.6 million to the Department's commercial fishery related programs.

Aquaculture Trust Fund

NSW DPI provides a range of monitoring, scientific, compliance and administrative services to the aquaculture industry.

The aquaculture industry is not subject to full cost recovery and charges are not project specific.

Expenditure by the Department on activities relating to aquaculture is funded from consolidated revenue with a contribution from the Aquaculture Trust Fund.

The Seafood Industry Advisory Council was consulted over the budget for aquaculture. In 2006-07 the Aquaculture Trust Fund contributed \$500 000 towards the Departments aquaculture management activities.

Charter Fishing Trust Fund

In 2006-07 the Charter Fishing Trust Fund continued funding of the following projects:

	Total Available 2006-07 \$'000	Actual Expenses 2006-07 \$'000	Carry Forward \$'000
Charter fishing consultation	178	93	85
Charter fishing monitoring	84	26	59
Total	262	119	144

Fish Conservation Trust Fund

In 2006-07 the Fish Conservation Trust continued to fund Ocean Watch and contribute to fisheries conservation projects within the Department. Expenditure of \$124 000 on these two programs was approved.

21. Fisheries trust fund report (continued)**Recreational Fishing (Saltwater) Trust Fund expenditure**

Project	Total Available 2006-07* \$'000	Actual Expenses 2006-07 \$'000	Carry Forward \$'000
ACORF Meeting Expenses	24	25	-1
Artificial Reefs Deployment	114	118	-4
Artificial Reefs Monitoring and Research	229	196	33
Coastal Habitat Restoration Grants Program	238	167	71
Coffs Harbour fish cleaning facilities	20	14	6
Defining a quality recreational fishing experience	18	13	5
Dusky Flathead Research	-4	4	0
Eastern king prawn stocking in NSW estuaries	131	92	39
Estuary perch research	25	8	17
Expenditure Committee Meeting Expenses	25	32	-7
Fish Aggregation Devices (FADs)	135	139	-4
Fishcare Volunteer Program	624	629	-5
Fisheries Officers (9 Coastal Officers)	1 053	1 053	0
Fisheries Officers (Mobile Squad)	452	264	187
Gamefish Tagging Program	133	122	10
Greater Sydney Region Recreational Fishing Survey	390	105	285
Life History Research of Black Bream and Luderick	158	122	37
Marine Recreational Management Project	120	73	47
Maximising Survival of Line Caught Fish Research	199	147	52
Membership to RecFish Australia	23	16	7
Mulloway Stocking in NSW Estuaries	104	104	0
Recreational Fisheries Management Strategy	-6	6	0
Recreational Harvest of Baitfish in NSW Research*	20	20	0
Recreational Fishing Havens Process*	219	219	0
Recreational Fishing Trust Executive Officer	138	142	-3
Recreational Publications	219	147	73
Recreational Research Project	127	98	29
Research on striped marlin	5	5	0
Satellite tagging of tiger sharks	69	62	7
Small Grants	116	77	39
Study on Landed Fish at Gamefishing Tournaments 06-07	24	18	6
Sub-total	5 142	4 237	926
Direct Payments:			
Illuka Fishing Platform	3	3	0
Loan Repayment-Recreational Fishing Havens	2 000	2 000	0
Marine Discovery Centre, Bondi Beach	10	10	0
Recreational Fishing Haven Research in Northern NSW	60	60	0
Study on Landed Fish at Gamefishing Tournaments 05-06	6	6	0
Sub-total	2 079	2 079	0
Total	7 221	6 316	926

* The total available 2006-07 consists of allocations from the trust fund in 2006-07 and amounts carried forward from 2005-06.

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ACoRF Meeting Expenses - the Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing (ACoRF) provides high quality advice to the Minister for Primary Industries on issues relating to recreational fishing.

Artificial Reefs Deployment –involved the deployment of 6 artificial reefs in barren areas in Lake Macquarie, Botany Bay and St Georges Basin to enhance angler catch. The reefs were constructed using concrete 'Reefball' modules.

Artificial Reefs Monitoring and Research - is investigating the effectiveness of artificial reefs in 3 recreational fishing havens. The reefs are being monitored before and after installation to investigate changes in fish populations.

Coastal Habitat Restoration Grants Program - provides matching funding to angling clubs, local councils and Landcare groups for on-grounds habitat rehabilitation projects to enhance native fish stocks.

Coffs Harbour fish cleaning facilities – involves installation of quality facilities for anglers.

Defining a quality recreational fishing experience - involves surveys for analysis and modelling of the concept of a quality recreational fishing experience.

Dusky Flathead Research – involves essential research to determine the reproductive cycle, size and age at maturity and the timing and location of spawning of dusky flathead in NSW.

Estuary perch research – is investigating the biology and demographic characteristics of estuary perch, an increasingly important recreational species in NSW.

Expenditure Committee Meeting Expenses – the Recreational Fishing Saltwater Trust Expenditure Committee (RFSTEC) provides advice on expenditure from the Recreational Fishing (Saltwater) Trust to the Advisory Council and monitors the progress of projects supported by the Trust.

Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) - twenty one fish aggregating devices (FADs) are placed in coastal waters to attract pelagic fish such as mahi-mahi and even tunas and marlin.

Fishcare Volunteer Program - a dynamic volunteer program providing face to face education of recreational fishers. Volunteers donate their time and effort promoting awareness and advising anglers about the rules and values of sustainable recreational fishing.

Fisheries Officers (9 Coastal Officers) - nine Fisheries Officers are based at Clarence, Hastings, Port Stephens, Hunter, Sydney (x 2), Illawarra, Batemans Bay and the Far South Coast regions to maximise compliance with fishing rules and provide advisory services in recreational fisheries.

Fisheries Officers (Mobile Squad) - a mobile support group of three Officers with rapid response capacity that are heavily involved in recreational compliance activities.

Gamefish Tagging Program - provides valuable scientific information on the movement and growth of billfish, tuna, sharks and sportfish and encourages anglers to participate in fisheries management and research.

Greater Sydney Recreational Fishing Survey – this three year research program involves an extensive survey of recreational fishing in the Hawkesbury Shelf Bioregion.

Life History Research of Black Bream and Luderick – involves essential research on the biology and life history of black bream and luderick, two key recreational species.

Marine Recreational Management Project – this program develops new recreational fisheries policies, codes of conduct, fisheries advisory tools and products and other initiatives to enhance recreational fishing opportunities and ensure responsible fishing.

Maximising Survival of Line Caught Fish Research – studies are underway to estimate the survival of popular recreational estuarine species and to establish the factors that increase survival when released.

Membership to RecFish Australia - represents the interests of recreational fishers at a national level to ensure high-quality, enjoyable and ecologically sustainable fishing.

Mulloway Stocking in NSW Estuaries - ongoing research is exploring the effects of stocking the highly prized mulloway into NSW estuaries. Tens of thousands of mulloway fingerlings are being stocked into Botany Bay and the Manning, Richmond and Tweed Rivers.

Recreational Fisheries Management Strategy – involved a comprehensive review of recreational fishing rules to ensure sustainable fishing.

Recreational Harvest of Baitfish in NSW Research - provided estimates of the quantities of baitfish taken by the recreational sector to make informed decisions about resource sharing amongst stakeholders (these unspent funds were returned to the Trust Fund).

Recreational Fishing Havens Process - thirty recreational fishing havens were created along the NSW coast in 2002 to provide better fishing opportunities for anglers. Many commercial fishing businesses were bought out using funding from the Saltwater Recreational Fishing Trust (these unspent funds were returned to the Trust Fund).

Recreational Fishing Trust Executive Officer - oversees the Recreational Fishing Trusts and provides efficient service delivery to the Expenditure Committees and ACoRF to ensure transparent reporting.

Recreational Publications - aims to inform and educate the community about responsible fishing, compliance with fishing rules and to encourage responsible fishing.

Recreational Research Project - collects information on effort and harvests of recreational fishers for resource assessments. The program also produces articles for the recreational fishing community.

Research on striped marlin – involves investigation of age, growth and reproduction of this important recreational species.

Satellite tagging of tiger sharks – provides interesting, detailed information on the movements of the tigers sharks on a daily basis for many months.

Small Grants Program – provides grants for fishing clubs, councils and other community members for small, local projects aimed at enhancing recreational fishing. Programs include construction of fish cleaning tables, measuring stations etc.

Study of Landed Fish at Gamefishing Tournaments 06-07 - collection of valuable biological data on gamefish and sharks at gamefishing tournaments across NSW.

Direct Payments

Iluka Fishing Platform – involves the construction of a safe fishing platform and measuring station for recreational fishers on the Clarence River.

Loan Repayment, Recreational Fishing Havens - the Recreational Fishing Havens established in 2002 were funded through a \$20 million loan. The loan repayments schedule requires that repayments of \$2 million be paid in each financial year.

Marine Discovery Centre, Bondi Beach – involves the enhancement of the Marine Discovery Centre at Bondi Beach. The Centre is a non-profit organisation for the education of Sydney's school children on sustainable recreational fishing.

Recreational fishing haven research in northern NSW - This study compared catches of fish by anglers in and outside the recreational fishing havens in northern NSW to determine the effectiveness of the havens in improving recreational fishing opportunities.

Study of Landed Fish at Gamefishing Tournaments 05-06 - collection of valuable biological data on gamefish and sharks at gamefishing tournaments across NSW.

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Recreational Fishing (Freshwater) Trust Fund expenditure

Project	Total Available 2006-07* \$'000	Actual Expenses 2006-07 \$'000	Carry Forward \$'000
Brewarrina Fishing Platform	21	10	11
Dollar-for-Dollar Native Fish Stocking Program	230	208	22
Dutton recirculation system	53	47	6
Eastern Cod Stocking Program	5	0	5
Effectiveness of stocking research	159	153	5
Enhanced Fish Production for Stocking	329	345	-17
Expenditure Committee Meeting Expenses	15	25	-9
Fishcare Volunteer Program	185	182	3
Fisheries Officers (Inland)	582	584	-1
Freshwater Recreational Management	204	185	19
Gaden Trout Hatchery Redevelopment	238	280	-42
Genetic research on Bass and Perch	30	20	10
Gosling Creek Reservoir Fishing Platform	19	8	11
Impoundments Access Program	11	0	11
Inland Habitat Restoration Grants Program	205	38	167
Maintaining Access in Travelling Stock Reserves	105	109	-4
Maximising Survival of Inland Line Caught Fish Research	173	92	80
Nodavirus research	16	11	5
Recreational Fisheries Management Strategy	-2	2	0
Regional fish Habitat Managers (2)	299	294	5
Small grants	60	11	49
Total	2 936	2 604	336

* The total available 2006-07 consists of allocations from the trust fund in 2006-07 and amounts carried forward from 2005-06.

Brewarrina fishing platform - involves construction of an angling platform.

Dollar for Dollar Native Fish Stocking Program – enables fishing clubs, councils and community groups to apply for matching funds to buy native fish from hatcheries to stock in approved public waterways.

Dutton recirculation system – provides for a temperature controlled recirculation unit capable of maintaining trout broodstock at the Dutton fish hatchery to enhance production.

Eastern Cod Stocking - essential research into genetic factors of cod to ensure effective stocking practices in the future.

Effectiveness of Stocking Research – this program involves research on the effectiveness of freshwater stocking in NSW, which will lead to improved stocking practices.

Enhanced Fish Production for Stocking - these funds boost the stocking capacity of Government hatcheries at Narrandera, Jindabyne, Ebor and Port Stephens.

Expenditure Committee Meeting Expenses – the Recreational Fishing Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committee (RFFTEC) provides advice on priorities for expenditure from the Recreational Fishing (Freshwater) Trust to the Advisory Council and monitors the progress of projects supported by the Trust.

Fishcare Volunteer Program - a dynamic volunteer program providing face to face education of recreational fishers. Volunteers donate their time and effort promoting awareness and advising anglers about the rules and values of sustainable recreational fishing.

Fisheries Officers (Inland) – provides funding for additional fisheries officers based in inland NSW to maximise the level of compliance with fishing rules and provide advisory services in the recreational fishery.

Freshwater Recreational Management – this program manages fish stocking programs in NSW and plays a key role in community liaison and correspondence with fishing clubs and other key stakeholder groups.

Gaden Trout Hatchery Redevelopment - ensures the supply of quality stock in the future for the benefit of anglers and the regional economy.

Genetic Research on Bass and Perch – assessment of the population genetic structure of golden perch, Macquarie perch, estuary perch and Australian bass within NSW, which will contribute to the development of effective broodstock collection procedures.

Gosling Creek Reservoir fishing platform – involves construction of an angling platform.

Impoundments Access Program - this program involved the development of a guidebook on stocked lakes and impoundments for anglers.

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Inland Habitat Restoration Grants Program - provides matching funding to angling clubs, local councils and Landcare groups for on-grounds habitat rehabilitation projects to enhance native fish stocks.

Maintaining Access in Travelling Stock Reserves - involves identification of travelling stock and other reserves of importance to recreational anglers and follow-up management action to ensure maintenance of appropriate access for fishers.

Maximising Survival of Inland Line Caught Fish Research - studies are underway to estimate the survival of popular recreational inland species and to establish the factors that increase survival when released.

Nodavirus research – aims to understand the causes and management of nodavirus outbreaks in Australia bass to ensure ongoing stocking of the species.

Recreational Fisheries Management Strategy – involved a comprehensive review of recreational fishing rules to ensure sustainable fishing.

Regional Fish Habitat Managers (2) – this program funds two inland conservation managers focused on protecting and rehabilitating valuable freshwater fish habitats for healthy and productive recreational fisheries.

Small Grants – enables fishing clubs, councils and other community members to submit saltwater proposals for small, local or regional projects aimed at enhancing recreational fishing. Programs include construction of fish cleaning tables, measuring stations etc.

Recreational Fishing (Freshwater and Saltwater) Trust Fund expenditure

The following programs are funded on a one-third two-thirds basis by the respective trust funds.

Project	Total Available 2006-07* \$'000	Actual Expenses 2006-07 \$'000	Carry Forward \$'000
Fishing Guides	179	176	3
Fishing Promotion	50	43	7
Fishing Workshops	111	118	-7
Recreational Fishing Fee Administration	1 147	873	274
Recreational Fishing Fee Reminder Notice	164	164	0
Recreational Fishing Fee Research Database	90	71	19
Recreational Fishing Trust DVD	60	57	3
Research on Banded Grunter	58	49	9
Tournament Management	132	134	-2
Tournament Monitoring	160	151	9
Total	2 151	1 836	315

* The total available 2006-07 consists of allocations from the trust fund in 2006-07 and amounts carried forward from 2005-06.

Fishing Guides - involved the printing and distribution of 300 000 quality Recreational Saltwater and Freshwater Guides in 2006-07.

Fishing Promotion - raises awareness of fishing rules (including the need to pay the fee) and encourages responsible and sustainable fishing practices.

Fishing Workshops - involves holding children's workshops in Sydney, at Government hatcheries and across regional NSW, including workshops for special needs groups and NESB communities.

Recreational Fishing Fee Administration - involves management of a network of 1 000 fee agents, including the distribution of fishing fee receipt books and advisory material, reconciliation of monthly returns and agent accounts and maintenance of Web and IVR fee payments. Also includes payment of agent commissions.

Recreational Fishing Fee Reminder Notice - involves the mailing out of reminder letters (with advisory material) to one and three year fee receipt holders.

Recreational Fishing Fee Research Database - the database collects information on the names, addresses, phone details and other demographic information for use in surveys.

Recreational Fishing Trust DVD – involved production of a DVD outlining programs funded by the Trusts and distribution of 70 000 copies to recreational fishers.

Research on Banded Grunter - involves development of a plan to control the banded grunter (pest species) in the Clarence River.

Tournament Management - involves development and implementation of a code of conduct for fishing competitions to improve the environmental and social impacts of these events.

Tournament Monitoring – this program collects catch and effort information at selected fishing competitions across NSW to monitor fish populations.