

## Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing

### Outcomes from Meeting 49 – Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 June 2010 Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre of Excellence

#### **Attendance**

Bruce Schumacher (Chair), Alistair McGlashan, John Drew, Neil Ryan, Claudette Rechterik, Max Castle, Adrian Wayne, Ron Croker, Sanchia Glaskin, Charlie Howe, Kevin McKinnon, John Clarke, Sylvia Zukowski, John Humphries, Ann Garard, Jan McLeod and Shane Jasprizza.

#### **1. Welcome**

New members - Sylvia Zukowski, Shane Jasprizza and Alistair McGlashan.

#### **2. Apologies**

Peter Turnell (I&I NSW) and Peter Cooley. Mika Malkki attended on behalf of Peter Turnell.

#### **3. Confirmation of minutes from previous ACoRF meeting**

**Motion:** The council accepted the outcomes as a true and accurate record of discussions from the 48<sup>th</sup> ACoRF meeting, held 2 December 2009. **Moved:** Sanchia Glaskin. **Seconded:** Kevin McKinnon. **Carried.**

#### **4. Business arising from the minutes**

##### **Action item**

I&I NSW to distribute the updated ACoRF member list to council members.

*Completed.*

#### **5. I&I NSW Fisheries Resource Management update**

##### **i) Select Committee on Recreational Fishing inquiry update**

The council was advised that most of the planned consultation hearings had been completed with the remaining hearings to be finalised by early September.

The Select Committee has heard submissions relating to a wide range of recreational fishing issues including, for example, marine parks, bag and size limits, fishing closures and the banning of setlines in inland waters. The council noted that commercial fishing issues have also been raised, although the majority of submissions relate to the recreational fishing sector. The department advised that further information about the inquiry including hearing transcripts is available at [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/web/common.nsf/V3Home](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/web/common.nsf/V3Home).

##### **ii) Proposed amendments to the NSW Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2002 as part of the Staged Repeal 2009**

The proposed amendments discussed at previous ACoRF meetings are on public exhibition. The council noted the point of clarification in relation to the introduction of consistent recreational gear marking and the proposal to reduce the recreational bag limit for cobia to 5.

The intent of the amendment relating to the taking of striped marlin in the Commonwealth's Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery was clarified by the department. The council was advised that Clause 8 of the 2002 Regulation provides a defence for the taking of striped marlin. However Clause 8 was technically unnecessary because of the operation of section 10 of the Commonwealth Fisheries Management Act 1991 which allows striped marlin to be caught, pursuant to a Commonwealth authority or permit, to be landed and sold in NSW.

As the Commonwealth law overrides any NSW law that prohibits the sale of striped marlin lawfully taken under a Commonwealth authority or permit, commercial fishers are still permitted to land and sell striped marlin in NSW.

Concern was expressed that the amendments relating to the definition of a Charter Fishing Business may not accurately address the original intention and do not provide sufficient protection to charter fishing industry. The department advised that the intention of the amendment is to stop non-licensed operators attempting to circumvent the need to possess a NSW Charter Fishing Licence by including the charter fishing activity as part of a 'packaged deal' i.e. accommodation and fishing charter. The department clarified that there is a need to balance licensing arrangements that govern the charter fishing sector while minimising additional restrictions to general recreational fishing activities and access.

#### iii) Collapsible crab traps

The council was advised that since 2005 a total of eight turtles have been reported drowned after becoming trapped in rectangular collapsible crab traps in NSW waters. The council noted that there were potentially a larger number of non-reported mortalities.

As all marine turtle species in NSW are listed as either endangered or threatened under the NSW *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* the department proposes to investigate potential methods of reducing the accidental captures to turtles in crab traps.

**Motion:** The council supports the investigation of potential methods of reducing the accidental capture of turtles in crab traps. **Moved:** Kevin McKinnon. **Seconded:** Claudette Rechterik. **Carried.**

#### Action item

I&I NSW to consider an interim education and advisory approach to this issue on the Department's website.

#### iv) Electric reels

The council clarified that future arrangements regarding the use of electric reels would be considered as part of the review of recreational fishing rules and regulations which is due to commence in 2011. The department reiterated that there were no pre-determined outcomes of this review and future arrangements would be developed following the formal consultation process.

#### v) Recreational fishing for trout cod

I&I NSW advised that only a small number of impoundments have been stocked with trout cod, with stocking focused solely at conserving the species in accordance with the National Recovery Plan.

The council supported RFFTEC's request to investigate the capacity of limited fishing for trout cod in stocked impoundments and further suggested that the department investigate the capacity of stocking trout cod in additional impoundments. The council noted that additional impoundments would have to be assessed by the department to ensure they are suitable for stocking.

**Motion:** The council supports the proposal for the department to investigate the capacity for a catch and release trout cod fishery in suitable impoundments and the potential stocking of additional impoundments. **Moved:** John Humphries. **Seconded:** Ronald Croker. **Carried.**

#### Action Item

Bill Talbot, Director Fisheries Conservation and Aquaculture, to consider if there is any capacity for limited fishing of trout cod in stocked impounded waters (i.e. a catch and release trout cod fishery), in line with conservation objectives of the National Trout Cod Recovery Plan. Recreational Fisheries Management to liaise with Fisheries Conservation and Aquaculture to progress investigations.

vi) National mako shark fishery workshop, Melbourne, 31 May 2010

The council noted the benefits of this workshop in providing an opportunity to develop a coordinated national approach involving the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (Australian Government), State and Commonwealth fisheries management agencies and the recreational fishing sector.

The Council was advised that a Commonwealth Bill to amend the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1997* was passed on 21 June 2010. The Bill included an amendment to the EPBC Act, which will allow recreational fishers to take mako sharks in Commonwealth waters (i.e. greater than 3 nautical miles from the coast).

vii) Recreational Fishing Access

a) Meroo National Park

I&I NSW advised that the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) had not finalised the Draft Plan of Management (POM) for the park.

Max Castle provided the council with an update on Meroo National Park indicating that access throughout the park had not improved. Mr Castle advised that he had contacted park rangers requesting the removal of incorrect signage around the park that indicated there was 'authorized access' only to a number of walking tracks. The park rangers have advised Mr Castle that these signs were incorrectly erected and would be removed.

Council members acknowledged the efforts of Max Castle on behalf of ACoRF and all recreational fishers regarding the maintenance of fishing access in the park.

b) Shellfish closure – Wagonga Inlet

The temporary closure on the taking of shellfish had to be extended as the algal bloom in Wagonga Inlet had not broken down within the expected time period. The council noted that the closure had been extended until 19 July 2010 with the possibility of a further extension if conditions do not improve.

c) Evans Head – Air Force use of Air Weapons Range

Council members were provided with a recent Department of Defence (Australian Government) media release advising that Air Force training in the Evans Head Air Weapons Range had been suspended, pending a total review into future training requirements in the area. ACoRF noted that the review would include extensive consultation with local and state authorities, recreational groups and industry.

d) Red Gum Forest National Parks

The council was advised that recreational fishing access is being promoted in consultation with local National Park managers. National Park managers are aware of the importance of this area for recreational fishers with a large number of people using the area for recreational activities such as camping and fishing. The department's Recreational Fishing Access program is working closely with DECCW and local National Park managers to improve recreational fishing access in the area.

e) Fish Rock Nature Reserve and Black Rock Nature Reserve proposals

**Motion:** ACoRF does not support any proposal for land acquisitions of Fish Rock and Black Rock at this stage. **Moved:** Shane Jasprizza. **Seconded:** Alistair McGlashan. **Against:** Claudette Rechterik. **Carried.**

f) Corowa Murray River de-snagging outcomes

The project to re-snag four kilometres of the Murray River around Corowa that was illegally cleared has now been completed. Council were advised that the prosecution case will be heard in the Land and Environment Court and is scheduled for October 2010.

## **6. Recreational Fishing Trust issues**

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

### a) Recreational Fishing Fees

The council supported an increase of the recreational fishing fee, once CPI indexation resulted in an increase in the 1 year fee from \$30 to \$35 (as recommended by both expenditure committees and the council at the meeting on 2 December 2009). Council noted the change would include an increase in the discount for the 3 year fishing fee from 17% to 19%.

**Motion:** The department to implement a fee increase effective as soon as possible, noting any timing issues such as seasonality of licence sales will need to be addressed. **Moved:** John Humphries. **Seconded:** Ronald Croker. **Carried.**

**Motion:** The council supports the proposal to increase the recreational licence fee every three years by whole dollar amounts in line with CPI. **Moved:** Adrian Wayne. **Seconded:** Max Castle. **Carried.**

### b) Funding allocations for the Saltwater and Freshwater Trusts

The funding allocations were discussed for the Saltwater and Freshwater Recreational Fishing Trusts.

**Motion:** The council supports a 70:30% ratio for the Saltwater and Freshwater Trusts, respectively. **Moved:** John Drew. **Seconded:** Kevin McKinnon. **Carried.**

I&I NSW advised that it was prudent for "buffer funds" to be maintained in the Saltwater and Freshwater Trusts to account for fluctuations in projected fishing fee revenue. The council supported the concept of maintaining a 10% funding buffer in the Saltwater and Freshwater Trusts.

### c) Recreational Fishing Trust Investment Plan

The council noted and supported the Recreational Fishing Trust Investment Plan for 2010/11, including the three amendments from RFSTEC and RFFTEC (refer to Table 1 in Appendix 1).

### d) New Trust Applications

The council noted that the recent expression of interest process for new Trust fund applications resulted in a total of 52 Saltwater and 21 Freshwater applications.

Council considered expenditure recommendations arising from the Recreational Fishing Freshwater and Saltwater Expenditure Committee (RFFTEC and RFSTEC) meetings held on 4 and 5 May 2010 (refer to tables in Appendix 1). Recommendations for new Trust applications supported by ACoRF are outlined in Table 2. Programs deferred by the Expenditure Committees and ACoRF are outlined in Table 3. Programs not supported by the Expenditure Committees and ACoRF are outlined in Table 4.

With regard to the Membership of Recfish Australia funding application, John Drew, Max Castle and Shane Jasprizza declared a potential conflict of interest as they may have involvement in the proposed program during future Recfish meetings. As ACoRF is currently a full member of Recfish, Mr Castle is the Recfish board member and Mr Drew is the additional voting delegate, as previously nominated by ACoRF to represent Council at Recfish meetings. Mr Jasprizza is the Business Director, Australian National Sportfishing Association, and the Association is an organisation member of Recfish. The chair provided the opportunity for the above three members to provide any comments and then requested these members to leave the meeting room to enable discussion and voting by remaining Council members. The council noted the additional correspondence provided by Recfish and considered the funding application.

**Motion:** The council supports funding of \$46,000 to Recfish for the 2010/11 financial year, with consideration to be made on additional funding pending the project's achievements after one year. **Moved:** John Humphries. Seconded: Alistair McGlashan. **Carried.**

**Motion:** The council supports the recommendations made by the expenditure committees for supported (other than the above Recfish application), deferred and not supported new programs, as outlined in Tables 2-4. **Moved:** John Drew. Seconded: Kevin McKinnon. **Carried.**

#### e) Government Licensing Service Pricing Review

The department informed the council that a review of the Government Licensing Service pricing model by the Department of Commerce is likely to result in an increase in fees charged per recreational fishing fee transaction. It is anticipated that the review will be completed in the coming months and further details will be provided when available.

### **7. Recreational Fishing Programs presentations**

The scheduled recreational fishing program presentations on Marine Stocking, Fisheries Enhancement and Community Education were postponed until ACoRF meeting 50 due to time constraints.

### **8. Global stock assessment and catch allocation approach for shared fish stocks.**

Andrew Goulstone, I&I NSW, provided the council with background information on the proposal for global stock assessments and allocations. The council was advised that I&I NSW and the Australia Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) were currently investigating the potential development of consistent stock assessment methods and agreed allocation limits of shared fish stocks.

The two agencies have worked together to produce a concept paper that outlines the potential for a global stock assessment and catch allocation approach to the Commonwealth Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery quota species.

The council were invited to provide comments, particularly relating to the identification of how recreational catch could or should be considered in the scheme. ACoRF provided the following potential issues that need to be considered by I&I NSW and AFMA relating to the inclusion of recreational fishing sector:

1. How recreational catches would be calculated - either use best available information or wait until more detailed information is available.
2. Who would fund monitoring of catches under any catch allocation agreement? Council noted that monitoring costs would most likely dictate which species are included in the process.
3. Accurate estimates of recreational catches would require ongoing state wide surveys (potentially every 5 years).
4. Limitations of recreational fishing catch estimates.

### **Action Items**

1. The department distribute the list of 32 SESSF quota species to council members.
2. The department use available gamefish tagging and charter fishing data for catches of the species being considered.

### **9. Adaptation of fishing and aquaculture sectors to the climate change in South- Eastern Australia**

Andrew Goulstone, I&I NSW, provided ACoRF with an outline of the "Adaptation of fishing and aquaculture sectors and fisheries management to climate change in south-eastern Australia" program and proposed four-year work plan. The council was advised that the program seeks to gather information to help individuals and businesses manage risks and opportunities presented

by climate change. It is envisaged that fisheries managers, fishers from all sectors (commercial, recreational and indigenous) and aquaculturalists would benefit from the coordinated approach.

### **10. Compliance Update**

Glenn Tritton, Director, Fisheries Compliance, I&I NSW, provided an update of recent compliance activities in the recreational fishing sector.

The council was advised that the Australian Fisheries National Compliance Strategy (AFNCS) for 2010-2015 is being developed and could be provided to members when completed. This document is an updated version of the existing AFNCS (2005-2010), which provides detailed information on the key objectives of fisheries compliance at a state and Commonwealth level.

To improve recreational fishing compliance throughout NSW, the council suggested I&I NSW develop an advisory poster/brochure on the most common recreational fisheries offences and the potential fines or penalties.

#### Development of a draft fin clipping policy for high value fish retained by recreational fishers

The council previously recommended that I&I NSW consider introducing fin clipping requirements for certain high value saltwater and freshwater recreational species to assist with the reduction of illegal sale of fish/black marketing opportunities. Some members expressed support for all retained fish to be fin clipped, however, this was not considered necessary.

The council was advised that a departmental policy on fin clipping is currently being drafted and council members will be consulted further prior to formal consideration of this issue during the next review of recreational fishing rules and regulations.

### **11. Commercial Fishing update**

#### Commercial Fisheries Reform update

Doug Ferrell, Manager Resource Planning, I&I NSW, provided an update on the current structural reform process for the NSW commercial fishing industry. The council noted the information provided in relation to the "Pyrmont Pact" and the eight key directions of reform. The department advised that this was a commercial fisheries focussed issue however as the key advisory body on recreational fishing it was important that the council be kept informed regarding this process.

#### Update on the potential introduction of a minimum size limit for cobia

The council noted that the proposed introduction of a minimum size limit for cobia is being discussed with the commercial fishing sector and will formally be considered during the next review of fishing rules. Council members reiterated their support for the introduction of a 75cm minimum size limit.

#### Commonwealth Endeavour Dogfish Closures

Fiona Hill, Fisheries Manager, I&I NSW, advised the council about the commencement of negotiations between the Commonwealth and state government in relation to a proposed Endeavour Dogfish fishing closure.

The council was advised that DEWHA and AFMA have requested the NSW government implement a fishing closure in a specific area off the coast of Sydney, which has been identified as important for remnant populations of the 4 species of dogfish listed by DEWHA as 'threatened'. The council was provided with a map of the proposed area noting that at present, the outlined closure encompasses extensive and important fishing grounds with species such as billfish, tuna, blue-eye trevalla, gemfish and sharks targeted using a variety of methods.

The council advised that dogfish were not commonly caught by recreational fishers, suggesting an alternative to a complete fishing closure could be a zero bag limit or a restriction on bottom fishing methods, which are more likely to result in the capture of these deep water demersal species (i.e. deep dropping) in the proposed area.

The department advised that a risk assessment of fishing methods used in the proposed closure area will be undertaken once more detailed information is received from a recent CSIRO survey. The department will consult with ACoRF regarding potential closures following the completion of the risk assessment.

### **Action Items**

I&I NSW to consult with ACoRF in regard to any potential closures in waters off the coast of NSW following the completion of the risk assessment.

I&I NSW to check charter boat logbook monitoring program records for possible dogfish catch data.

### ***12. Australian Government's marine bioregional planning process - East Coast Bioregion***

Martin Russell, Assistant Director (Liaison) East Marine Region, Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, advised the council that he had attended over 60 meetings with recreational, charter and commercial fishing industry groups to discuss the East Coast Bioregion - Areas for Further Assessment (AFAs). The council noted that this preliminary consultation is a key part of the process and allowed DEWHA to gather detailed and accurate information about specific fishing methods and important fishing grounds from each sector to ensure access to these areas is maintained, where possible.

Mr Russell confirmed that consultation with fishing industry groups in the South East Bioregion resulted in a number of changes to the South East Marine Bioregion Plan that allowed continued access to important fishing grounds identified by the local fishing industry.

The council noted that the ACoRF sub-committee had met with Mr Russell on 10 June 2010 to facilitate consultation between DEWHA and NSW recreational fishers specifically in relation to the collection of information on recreational fishing activities that occur within the East Coast Bioregion AFAs.

The sub-committee provided an outline of their meeting outcomes and maps of the east coast bioregion AFAs. It was clarified that the boundaries of the AFAs did not represent the boundaries of the proposed marine reserves, although the reserves would be established within the identified AFAs. Sub-committee members advised that a co-ordinated response from the wider recreational fishing community would provide a better chance of a positive outcome for the majority of recreational fishers. Max Castle advised that he had spoken with local fishing club members from Batemans Bay and Merimbula following the sub-committee meeting, however, these clubs indicated a reluctance to be involved with the process. The sub-committee recommended that council members consult with the wider recreational fishing community including local fishing clubs, bait and tackle suppliers and general recreational fishers before developing a response to DEWHA.

### **Action Item**

Council members to provide comments on the current proposed AFAs out of session. Comments should be focussed on highlighting important fishing areas and any areas that are of lesser importance. I&I NSW to collate comments from ACoRF members and provide further information to DEWHA.

### ***13. Australian Bowhunters Association Incorporated***

Brian Boyle, CEO NSW Game Council attended the meeting to provide further information relating to a proposal to allow bow hunting for carp in NSW.

Mr Boyle advised that the Australian Bowhunters Associations Incorporated (ABAI) requested the NSW Game Council liaise with I&I NSW to investigate the feasibility of a review of the closure on the taking of fish using bows in NSW waters. ABAI has proposed limited bow hunting

for carp in a controlled manner. The ABAI have advised that this activity would provide its members with an excellent sporting opportunity and could assist in reducing carp numbers.

A recent competition in the USA involving over 1000 bow hunters was responsible for removing over 28 tonnes of carp. The council noted that current research suggests that previous carp fish outs have had little effect on the wider carp population and are not useful as a carp control method.

Mr Boyle advised that the NSW Game Council have a world class licensing and database system that is used to monitor all hunting activities in Australia and New Zealand and would collect detailed information relating to possible carp hunting activities.

The council were also provided with detailed information about the methods used by bow hunters and the specialised equipment used to hunt carp. It was noted that this style of bow hunting was only possible over a limited range (0-5 metres) and could be carried out under strictly controlled rules developed by I&I NSW and regulated under the Fisheries Management Act. This could include, for example, discarding rules, safety exclusion zones for non-participants or bystanders and the mandatory use of a string slide to prevent personal injury.

Council members requested clarification as to whether limited bow hunting would also allow limited spearfishing for carp in inland waters.

**Motion:**

ACoRF was generally supportive of the concept of bowhunting for carp in some suitable waterways in the western drainage if carried out in a restricted and controlled manner. It was noted that broader consultation would be required to identify any potential risks and community concerns and that the next review of recreational fishing rules represents the most appropriate opportunity to obtain community feedback.. **Moved:** Kevin McKinnon. **Seconded:** Alistair McGlashan. **Carried.**

***14. Review of policy for Recreational Fishing Competitions in NSW Marine Parks***

The preliminary draft discussion paper on the development of a NSW Marine Parks Recreational Fishing Competition Policy was provided to the council for discussion. This paper outlines the key areas of discussion regarding the future management arrangements of fishing competitions in marine parks.

Council members were concerned that a policy that only related to fishing competitions within marine parks would create further inconsistencies in the fishing rules that apply within and outside of marine parks. The council agreed that regulations relating to recreational fishing (especially bag and size limits) should be as consistent as possible throughout the state.

The council recommended that the policy only focus on large fishing competitions, which are the major concern. ACoRF suggested that the definition of a large fishing competition in the discussion paper be increased to greater than 300 or 500 participants.

Concerns were also raised about Part 4(h) of the preliminary draft discussion paper as the intention of the issue was not clear.

The council recommended that the discussion paper should be released by the MPA. The council further recommended that Part 4(h) of the preliminary draft discussion paper be removed or re-worded to clarify the intention of this issue.

***15. Commercially focussed recreational fishing competitions***

The department advised that concerns have been raised by RFFTEC about inland fishing competitions that are primarily run for commercial purposes with little or no contribution to the fisheries resource or the community. Particular mention was made about a large annual fishing competition held on Lake Mulwala. It was however noted that this particular competition and



many other freshwater events have moved from being catch and keep to catch and release in recent years, which has resulted in a significant reduction in the environmental impact of the events.

The council also noted that many fishing competitions are used to raise funds to improve and enhance recreational fishing such as fish stocking, habitat rehabilitation, educational programs and fishing infrastructure. ACoRF suggested that a licensing system could be introduced to ensure commercial ventures/entities that are deriving profits from utilising public resources as part of recreational fishing competitions are required to contribute back to the aquatic/fisheries resource.

**Motion:** ACoRF requests I&I NSW to investigate the feasibility of licensing commercial ventures/entities run as recreational fishing competitions. **Moved:** John Humphries. **Second:** Kevin McKinnon. **Against:** Shane Jasprizza, Ann Garard. **Carried.**

#### ***16. Trial Bay bait grounds closure proposal***

I&I NSW advised that an extensive consultation process regarding the Trial Bay commercial fishing closure had now concluded. The council noted that the proposed size increase off the closure is likely to impinge on a number of commercial fishing operators (specifically ocean beach haulers) that commonly use the area to access their historical fishing grounds. The advice from this consultation is being provided to the Minister.

The council considered the proposal for the deployment of two FADs in an area adjacent to the location where the NSW Maritime mooring buoys were removed, noting that the concept would require NSW Maritime approval.

**Motion:** ACoRF recommends the department request clarification from NSW Maritime about the replacement of the two emergency mooring buoys. However, if one or both mooring buoys will not be replaced, then the department should seek approval to deploy replacement buoys. **Moved:** Max Castle. **Seconded:** Shane Jasprizza. **Carried.**

#### ***17. Out of session items***

- i) Fisheries Scientific Committee determinations.
- ii) Preliminary identification of Oxleyan pygmy perch critical habitat.

**Motion:** The council noted and ratified the above out of session items. **Moved:** Max Castle. **Seconded:** Charles Howe. **Carried.**

#### ***18. NSW Marine Park (Jervis Bay and Solitary Island) zoning plan review***

Adrian Toovey, DECCW and Graeme White, I&I NSW, attended the meeting to provide an outline of the review process and proposed amendments to the zoning plans for the Jervis Bay and Solitary Island Marine Parks. The council was advised that the public exhibition period for the zoning plan review of these parks is due to close on 17 September 2010.

The council re-iterated that a review of the activities permitted in sanctuary zones should be undertaken, as certain fishing methods would have no impact on the protection of specific species or habitat types (i.e. benthic habitat protection would not be impacted by surface fishing methods such as trolling). Mr Toovey clarified that the intention of current sanctuary zones was to conserve the entire ecosystem and was not limited to individual species protection.

ACoRF suggested that the Authority add the site of each angel ring to the relevant marine park zoning plan map. Mr Toovey advised that angel ring sites could be added to the maps.

The council invited Mr Toovey and Mr White to attend the next ACoRF meeting to receive the council's comments on the proposed Jervis Bay and Solitary Island Marine Park zoning changes and discuss the Lord Howe Island Marine Park zoning plan review, which is due to close on 8 September 2010.

## **19. Correspondence received**

### Spearfishing on ocean beaches

The council noted the list of correspondence received in relation to current spearfishing arrangements on ocean beaches in NSW.

**Motion:** ACoRF does not support the implementation any further restrictions on spearfishing. It is suggested that council member Adrian Wayne and the USFA work with local councils to identify possible non regulatory solutions on a case by case basis. Options include developing new signage that directs spearfishers to access their fishing grounds through low people traffic areas. **Moved:** Kevin McKinnon. Seconded: Charles Howe. **Carried.**

### Request to abolish recreational bag limits on leatherjacket

Council members noted the correspondence and advised they could not support a proposal to remove the recreational bag limit of any species. It was noted that leatherjacket populations have historically fluctuated significantly. ACoRF suggested that this issue should be considered as part of the review of recreational fishing rules and regulations.

### Correspondence (email) from Randwick Council re: line fishing within Bronte-Coogee Aquatic Reserve

The council advised that they did not support any proposal to prohibit line fishing in Clovelly Bay, noting that the rocky foreshore around the area provided a relatively safe and protected location for anglers.

**Motion:** The council supports the retention of current access for line fishing activities in the Clovelly Bay area. **Moved:** Alistair McGlashan. Seconded: Ronald Croker. **Carried.**

### **Action Item**

I&I NSW to provide a presentation on the 'Bluey Tagging' program at the next council meeting.

## **20. Other business**

### Mulloway Resource Planning Process

Darryl Sullings, Senior Fisheries Manager, I&I NSW, provided an overview of the Mulloway Resource Planning Process. The Mulloway Resource Planning Group met in early June 2010 to develop a list of key management actions that would form the objectives of a recovery program for the species. The proposed management actions included:

- Potential increases in minimum size limit for recreational/commercial fishers .
- By-catch limits for Estuary General fishers for fish under the minimum size limit.
- Potential reduction in the recreational bag limit. .
- Implementation of catch limit of mulloway by ocean beach hauling .
- Improvement of the current by-catch reduction devices used In the Estuary Prawn Trawl and Ocean Trawl Fisheries.
- Increased education of recreational fishers regarding fish handling and release techniques.

**Motion:** The council supports the management actions developed by the Resource Planning Group as a complete package. **Moved:** John Clarke. Seconded: Ronald Croker. **Carried.**

### Armidale Dumaresq Council - Malpas Dam stocking/access issue

John Drew provided a copy of correspondence from the Armidale Dumaresq Council advising that access to the Malpas Dam was restricted to members of the Malpas Aquatic Association. Council noted that the stocking of waterways that are not accessible to the general public is not consistent with the objectives of the NSW Native Fish Stocking program and should not be permitted.

**Motion:** ACoRF recommend that the department cease stocking in Malpas Dam while access is restricted. **Moved:** John Drew. Seconded: Ronald Croker. **Carried.**

### NSW Maritime Association - Review of boating safety on the Murray River

Max Castle advised that NSW Maritime are accepting late submissions on this issue. Council members were encouraged to make submissions to the review online at [www.maritime.nsw.gov.au](http://www.maritime.nsw.gov.au).

### Media Release – Cleaning Sydney Harbour Wharves

Following a number of complaints from local residents about anti-social behaviour and fishing debris on some of the public wharves within Sydney Harbour, the NSW Government has developed a coordinated approach to keeping all public commuter wharves on Sydney Harbour clean.

At Abbotsford, Cabarita, Chiswick and Kissing Point wharves where there have been a number of problems such as waste and litter, fishing will now be prohibited between 5am and 10am each day to enable cleaning of wharves by contractors. Additionally, on wharves where fishing is permitted new signs promoting safe and responsible fishing will be installed to give anglers the opportunity to continue to enjoy fishing. Police and NSW Maritime Boating Safety Officers, in addition to Fisheries Officers, will have the power to enforce the fishing ban.

### Rock Fishing Safety

The NSW Government has committed \$90,000 in funding for the development and distribution of multi-lingual rock fishing safety advisory material and to boost the angel rings program. Funding will also be provided for a trial involving the use of GPS beacons on angel rings.

### Identification flags for divers on the surface

Concerns have been raised that the current identification system (blue and white flag) for divers below the surface is not sufficient, following incidents where freedivers (i.e. non-scuba) have been struck by passing boats whilst on the surface.

Adrian Wayne advised the council that representatives from the USFA were planning to request that NSW Maritime Authority improve the current identification system for divers. The USFA hopes to have an additional flag added to the NSW Maritime Boating handbook and boat licence knowledge test that specifically indicates there are divers on the surface in the surrounding area.

The council supported USFA representatives contacting NSW Maritime to investigate the possibility of an additional identification flag for divers.

### **21. Next meetings**

The next meeting (ACoRF 50) is scheduled for 2 September 2010; meeting 51 is proposed for 7 December 2010.

### Action items from 49<sup>th</sup> ACoRF meeting on 22/23 June 2010

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Team Responsible</b>	<b>Status</b>
4. Business arising from the minutes	I&I NSW distribute the updated ACoRF members list to council members.	Recreational Management	Completed 8/7/10.
5. iii) I&I NSW Fisheries Resource Management Update – Collapsible crab traps	I&I NSW to consider an interim education and advisory approach to this issue on the Department's website.	Recreational Management/ Publications Unit	Pending.
5. v) I&I NSW Fisheries Resource Management Update – Recreational fishing for Trout Cod	Bill Talbot, Director Fisheries Conservation and Aquaculture, to consider if there is any capacity for limited fishing of Trout Cod in stocked impounded waters (i.e. a catch and release Trout Cod fishery) at such locations, in line with conservation objectives of the National Trout Cod Recovery Plan. Recreational Fisheries Management to liaise with Fisheries Conservation and Aquaculture to progress investigations.	Recreational Management/ Fisheries Conservation and Aquaculture	Pending.
8. Global stock assessment and catch allocation approach for shared fish stocks.	The department to distribute the list of Southern and Eastern Shark and Scalefish Fishery quota species to council members.	Recreational Management	Pending.
8. Global stock assessment and catch allocation approach for shared fish stocks.	The department use available gamefish tagging and fishing charter data available for catches of the species being considered.	Commercial Management	Pending.
10. Compliance Update	I&I NSW consider the development of an advisory poster/brochure focused on important compliance issues, common offences and retrospective penalties for distribution to recreational fishers.	Recreational Management and Compliance Staff	Pending.
11. Commercial Fishing update - Commonwealth Endeavour Dogfish Closures	I&I NSW to consult with ACoRF in regard to any potential closures in State waters, following the completion of the risk assessment.	I&I NSW	Pending.
11. Commercial Fishing update - Commonwealth Endeavour Dogfish Closures	I&I NSW to check charter boat logbook monitoring program for dogfish catches.	Recreational Management/ Commercial Management	Pending.
12. Australian Government's marine bioregional planning process - East Coast Bioregion	Council members to provide comments on the current proposed AFAs out of session. Comments should be focussed on highlighting important fishing areas and areas that are of lesser importance. I&I NSW to collate comments and provide as ACORF response to Martin Russell at DEWHA.	ACoRF and Recreational Management	Pending
19. Correspondence received - Randwick Council re: line fishing within Bronte-Coogee Aquatic Reserve.	I&I NSW to facilitate return correspondence to the following issues: Spearfishing on ocean beaches ; leatherjackets bag limit; and Bronte-Coogee Aquatic Reserve. I&I NSW to provide presentation of the 'Bluey Tagging' program at the next council meeting.	I&I NSW	Pending next meeting.

**Appendix 1: Table 1: Recreational Fishing Trust Investment Plan for 2010/11, previously approved for funding by the Expenditure Committees, ACoRF and the Minister (funding for 2010/11 appraised and endorsed by ACORF, RFFTEC and RFSTEC).**

<b>Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement programs</b>						
Program	Proponent	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Fish aggregating devices (FADs) – a series of fish aggregating devices (FADs) are placed in coastal waters from Byron Bay to Eden to attract pelagic fish such as mahi-mahi and even tunas and marlin.	I&I NSW	\$194,000	\$209,000	\$212,000	\$220,000	\$223,000
Building artificial reefs in estuaries- artificial reefs have been built in Lake Macquarie, Botany Bay, St Georges Basin, Lake Conjola and Merimbula Lake to create new fish habitat for recreational fishing. More reefs will be deployed in other estuaries along the coast.	I&I NSW	\$441,000	\$543,000	\$580,000	\$590,000	\$591,000
Building artificial reefs in ocean waters - I&I NSW proposes to deploy large, purpose built, steel artificial reef units to create offshore fishing locations. The design of the structures will use the worlds best artificial reefs technology to maximise their effectiveness. Further funding for this program will be considered following an assessment of the effectiveness of the reefs in one location.	I&I NSW	\$241,000	\$961,000			
Eastern king prawn stocking in Wallagoot Lake – involves an additional stocking of prawns in 2008 as an extension of the current research prawn stocking program, which is investigating the effectiveness of stocking prawns to enhance recreational fishing.	University of NSW	\$95,000				
Marine stocking of important recreational fish species in coastal waters – involves completion of an Environmental Impact Statement and Fisheries Management Strategy for marine stocking followed by implementation of a marine stocking program of key recreational species in NSW to enhance recreational fishing.	I&I NSW	\$364,000	\$236,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
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
<b>Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation</b>						
Program	Proponent	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	FW \$158,646	FW \$158,646	FW \$162,623	FW \$162,623	FW \$162,623
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 \$200,000 FW \$200,000	SW \$500,000 FW \$200,000	SW \$200,000 FW \$200,000	SW \$200,000 FW \$200,000	SW \$200,000 FW \$200,000
Coastal fish habitat protection and management – this position manages fisheries habitat protection issues, threatened species management and seeks opportunities to actively enhance recreational fisheries and fishing access where possible via development assessment, land use and natural resource management planning processes.	I&I NSW	\$162,552	\$166,678	\$166,678		
<b>Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing</b>						
Program	Proponent	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 \$80,359 FW \$34,439	SW \$86,422 FW \$37,038	SW \$151,426 FW \$37,857	SW \$161,074 FW \$40,268	SW \$175,852 FW \$43,963
Improving survival of released fish after catch and release – involves research to develop fishing gears and practices that improve the survival of released fish in saltwater.	I&I NSW	\$126,903 Phase 2 \$88,700 Phase 3	\$181,300	\$198,100	\$240,900	
Gamefish tagging - 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.	I&I NSW	\$120,000	\$124,330	\$129,020	\$133,590	\$136,910
Enhancing recreational fisheries through conservation of iconic recreational trophy fish – this project aims to create a spatial model for the presence, distribution and movements of mullocky, bream and flathead in 4 estuaries.	University of NSW		\$133,000	\$70,300	\$35,900	
Examination of recreational fishing fatalities in NSW 2002 to 2007- aims to identify, describe and compare all fishing related drowning deaths in NSW.	Royal Life Saving Society	\$67,000				
Development of cost-effective methods for monitoring and assessing spatial management options for recreational fisheries in NSW – this project is using cutting edge technology to develop a cost effective way of monitoring recreational boat-based fishing effort over large geographical scales and development of a GIS system for integrating habitat distributions within the Greater Sydney Region.	I&I NSW		\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	

Artificial Reefs Monitoring Program – this program involves the monitoring of Artificial Reefs and communication of the results to the scientific community and the angling public.	I&I NSW	\$165,659	\$164,556 Phase 1 \$82,234 Phase 2	\$276,880	\$268,798	\$265,698
Monitoring and research of landed fish and game fishing tournaments in NSW – this project organises, coordinates and reports on biological research and sampling at NSW game fishing tournaments.	Pepperell Research & Consulting	\$25,500	\$25,500			
Investigating the behavioural response to grey nurse sharks to recreational lure and baited lines - examines the interactions between particular fishing methods and the species.	I&I NSW	\$228,570	\$185,946	\$28,146		
Recreational fishing in the Shoalhaven Region: optimising survey methods and assessing sustainability – involves an investigation of recreational fishing by carrying out surveys in the Shoalhaven River, using student scholarships and regional workshops.	University of Wollongong	\$78,775	\$92,000	\$81,650		
Predicting hazardous conditions for rock fishers – investigation of wave group behaviour to educate and ward the fishing community of potentially hazardous fishing conditions.	University of NSW	\$39,000				
Recreational fishing and fishery independent surveys in the Hawkesbury Shelf Bioregion (additional funding) – obtains detailed information on the catch and effort of anglers in the region.	I&I NSW	\$350,000				
Australian salmon: Population structure, reproduction, diet and composition of commercial and recreational catches in NSW - provides information on the current population structure of salmon along the NSW coast.	I&I NSW	\$28,792				
Environmental impacts and techniques for stocking the eastern king prawn into recruitment limited recreational fishing havens – involves monitoring the growth, mortality and consumption of stocked prawns in two far south coast estuaries (Back and Wallagoot Lakes).	University of NSW	\$83,796				
Enhancing recreational fisheries through responsible stocking of mulloway – involves pilot stockings of mulloway fingerlings in Botany Bay and 3 North Coast estuaries.	University of NSW	\$52,509				
Biology and fishery of estuary perch in coastal catchments in NSW – investigating biology and fishery of the estuary perch in coastal rivers.	University of Wollongong	\$33,315				
Growth and reproduction of striped marlin – an investigation of important life history parameters for this iconic recreational species.	Charles Sturt University	\$4,550				
Production of scientific review – scientific appraisal of the Torn Blue Fringe with respect to recreational fishing.	Emerald Lagoon	\$30,000				
Evaluating the recreational fisheries of Recreational Fishing Havens and other key recreationally-fished estuaries in NSW – assessment of long term changes in Recreational Fishing Havens and key recreational fishing species.	I&I NSW		\$139,788	\$146,743	\$75,278	
Profiling the biology and fishery of rock blackfish (Girella elevata) in the Sydney Region – investigation of baseline life history information for the management of rock blackfish.	I&I NSW		\$57,615	\$58,699	\$36,826	

Movements of key recreational angling species in the Sydney Region – determination of the movements, residence times, habitat interactions and pathways of movements of key recreational fish species in Sydney Harbour.	I&I NSW		\$50,000			
Assessment of barotraumas and its mitigation measures on the behaviour and survival of offshore species in NSW - investigates the effects of barotrauma on the behaviour and physiology of key recreational fish species in NSW using a range of novel research techniques.	I&I NSW	\$89,914	\$155,616	\$88,891		
The final frontier: Recreational fishing and environmental outcomes of responsible stocking practices for mulloway and Eastern king prawns - continues the final 2 years of monitoring of mulloway and Eastern king prawn stockings in estuaries to determine the effectiveness of the programs.	University of New South Wales	\$109,106	\$110,648			
Solving bycatch and discard problems in NSW's recreational mud crab fishery - This project will develop solutions to the problems of bycatch and discarding of undersize mud crabs in recreational traps using experimental manipulations of trap design.	I&I NSW		\$20,281			
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			
<b>Platform: Enforcement of fishing rules</b>						
Program	Proponent	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Coastal recreational mobile squads (enhancement activities) - three 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	SW \$414,577	SW \$428,024	SW \$442,008	SW \$456,552	SW \$471,678
9 Coastal Fisheries Officers (fee compliance) – this contribution of 9 coastal Officers ensures compliance with the requirement to pay the recreational fishing fee. This program complements the other Fisheries Officers funded by I&I NSW and other sources.	I&I NSW	SW \$1,053,476	SW \$1,053,476	SW \$1,053,476	SW \$1,053,476	SW \$1,053,476
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	FW \$700,824	FW \$727,717	FW \$755,685	FW \$784,773	FW \$815,026
<b>Platform: Recreational fishing education</b>						
Program	Proponent	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
NSW Future Leaders – capacity development program for the next generation of recreational fishing leaders to contribute in fisheries management.	Recreational Fishing Alliance NSW	\$23,500 SW				
World Recreational Fishing Conference - this conference is held every three years and is a key meeting for exchange on recreational fisheries management issues.	RFSTEC/ I&I NSW	SW \$17,208				
Recreational fishing information - a range of fishing brochures and stickers are produced every year to help anglers keep up-to-date on the latest fishing rules and good practices. Large print runs are distributed free of charge to anglers.	I&I NSW	SW \$142,500	SW \$142,500	SW \$142,500	SW \$142,500	SW \$142,500
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	FW \$15,000				
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				
Creating recreational fishing aquariums displays that inspire the public about recreational fishing – involves installation of large fish tanks to engage high school students and the public at the Centre.	National Marine Science Centre	SW \$19,750				
RFA rockfishing safety resource folder mailout 2009 to 2011 – production of an additional 15,000 DVD/CDs and 5000 resource folders for distribution to anglers free of charge.	Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW		SW \$41,750	SW \$4,500	SW \$4,500	
NSW rock fishing safety workshops – to educate non English speaking anglers on safe rockfishing practices using a series of 5 workshops.	Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW	SW \$33,175				
<b>Platform: Fishing access and facilities</b>						
Program	Proponent	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 \$86,800 FW \$37,200	SW \$113,348 FW \$13,000	SW \$121,559 FW \$13,000	SW \$124,645 FW \$14,000	SW \$128,645 FW \$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 \$118,000 FW \$127,954	SW \$125,400 FW \$149,059	SW \$133,700 FW \$158,623	SW \$138,145 FW \$159,123	SW \$138,145 FW \$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 \$100,000 FW \$60,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$60,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$60,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$60,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$60,000
Recreational fishing and habitat map for the Lower Hawkesbury – involves the production of maps that educate and inform recreational fishers on fishing locations and seagrass habitats.	Hornsby Shire Council	SW \$12,000				
Installation of fish cleaning tables, measuring stations and signage at 7 Tweed Coast Holiday Parks – construction of quality recreational fishing infrastructure.	Tweed Coast Holiday Parks Reserve Trust	SW \$28,000				
Annual Membership of Recfish Australia – provides a funding base for Recfish Australia as the peak national recreational fishing body to carry out its role.	Recfish Australia	SW \$23,000				
Erection of replacement radio tower at Swansea with safe access to maintain 24 hour operation for recreational boaters, including recreational fishers.	Australian Volunteer Coastguard	SW \$35,300				
Accessible fishing platform on Stockton Foreshore for disabled people - this project involves the building of a cantilevered platform which will extend over the rocks enabling people with a disability or those that are elderly the opportunity to fish.	Newcastle City Council	SW \$25,000				
Fish cleaning tables and shelters, Gosford area – construction of 13 fish cleaning tables and 6 associated shelters.	Gosford City Council		SW \$85,250			
Clifton Gardens jetty rehabilitation works, Mosman – to contribute to the upgrade of Clifton Gardens jetty and promote its use as an angling facility.	Mosman Council		SW \$50,000			
Merimbula public jetty upgrade – to provide a fishing platform with fish cleaning facility, as part of the upgrade to the Merimbula public jetty.	Bega Valley Shire Council		SW \$45,000			
Recreational fishing governance – investigating a framework to provide for improved governance of recreational fishing.	I&I NSW		SW \$150,000			
Angel Rings 2009 to 2011 – continuation of the Angel Rings project which installs and maintains Angel Rings in popular rockfishing locations.	ANSW NSW		SW \$19,250	SW \$20,855	SW \$22,570	
New Handrails for Long Jetty, located at Tuggerah Parade– this will improve accessibility and safety of this iconic fishing spot.	Wyong Shire Council		SW \$11,875			
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				\$128,695 SW \$55,155 FW	

Cooperbrook fishing platform with fish cleaning facility, Manning River -The proposed project involves the construction of a fishing platform incorporating fish cleaning facilities on the Lansdowne River Foreshore adjacent to the Cooperbrook Foreshore Reserve. This project forms part of a larger project which includes improvement of boating facilities in the reserve.	Greater Taree City Council		\$46,185			
<b>Platform: Fishing fee coordination and payment network</b>						
Program	Proponent	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Recreational fishing havens – involves repayment of a loan used for the buyout of commercial fishing entitlements to create 30 recreational fishing havens.	I&I NSW	\$2 million	\$2 million	\$2 million	\$2 million	\$2 million
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 \$35,000 FW \$30,000	SW \$30,000 FW \$30,000	SW \$31,000 FW \$31,000	SW \$32,000 FW \$32,000	SW \$33,000 FW \$33,000
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.	ACoRF/ I&I NSW	SW \$28,500	SW \$28,500	SW \$29,000	SW \$29,500	SW \$30,000
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	SW \$750,000 FW \$300,000	SW \$1,040,000 FW \$300,000	SW \$750,000 FW \$300,000	SW \$750,000 FW \$300,000	SW \$750,000 FW \$300,000
Trust Executive Officer – this position coordinates the Recreational Fishing Trusts and associated projects to ensure quality service delivery, accountability and transparency.	I&I NSW	SW \$150,590	SW \$157,000	SW \$164,000	SW \$164,000	SW \$164,000
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 \$63,000 FW \$27,000	SW \$63,000 FW \$27,000	SW \$63,000 FW \$27,000	SW \$63,000 FW \$27,000	SW \$63,000 FW \$27,000
Freshwater Recreational Management – this position coordinates the following Trust programs: Enhanced fish production, \$ for \$ stocking, freshwater grants and expenditure committee coordination.	I&I NSW	FW \$166,000	FW \$166,000	FW \$166,000	FW \$166,000	FW \$166,000
Licence fee renewal facility – enhanced fee renewal service for anglers.	I&I NSW	SW \$115,000 FW \$50,000	SW \$115,000 FW \$50,000	SW \$115,000 FW \$50,000	SW \$115,000 FW \$50,000	SW \$115,000 FW \$50,000

**Table 2 - New Trust Project Applications supported by ACORF, RFSTEC and RFFTEC for funding**

<b>Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement programs</b>				
Project Title	Organisation	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<p><b>Replacement fisheries enhancement offshore vessel</b> I&amp;I NSW is seeking to replace the existing FADs ocean going vessel to improve safety at sea in line with occupational health and safety requirements, following ongoing expansion of the FADs program.</p>	Industry & Investment NSW	\$65,910	\$0	\$0
<b>Small grants</b>				
<p><b>Participation and strategic planning forum for fishing in NSW</b> The funding application proposes to subsidise the costs of a two day forum. The forum aims to develop methodologies and strategies to set the direction for the Association for the next ten years. The funds will in part cover the cost for participants (regional representatives) to attend the workshop, such as fuel and accommodation, venue hire and materials for the forum. <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC requested that a detailed report be required upon completion of the program and that the invitation be extended to the forum to all other interested fishing clubs and major organisations in order to gain a larger audience.</p>	NSW Fishing Clubs Association Inc. (NSW FCA INC.)	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Platform: Fishing access and facilities</b>				
Project Title	Organisation	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<p><b>Membership of Recfish Australia</b> Recfish Australia will work closely with ACoRF and other recreational fishing peak bodies on issues of national significance that affect NSW recreational fishers, e.g. Marine Bioregional Planning in Commonwealth Waters. <b>Note:</b> It was noted that RFSTEC had supported funding for one year only.</p>	Recfish Australia	\$46,000		
<p><b>Fish cleaning table installation and improvement project, Lake Macquarie</b> The project is the installation of four new fish cleaning tables and the replacement of one table. Table locations are adjacent to boat ramps into Lake Macquarie at: Croudace Bay (T H Halton Park); Swansea (Cnr Lake St and The Esplanade); Cams Wharf; Toronto Lions Park (Anzac Parade); Pelican (Lakeview Parade) – Replacement Table.</p>	Lake Macquarie City Council	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$0
<p><b>Upgrading and expansion of stainless steel fish cleaning tables at various locations throughout the Eurobodalla Shire.</b> To provide improved fish cleaning facilities for recreational anglers. The project has been identified by Council staff that manage and maintain the existing fish cleaning facilities. It has been identified that the current timber surfaced fish cleaning facilities are inadequate and difficult to maintain. This project has been developed through informal discussions with users.</p>	Eurobodalla Shire Council	\$60,500	\$0	\$0

<b>Additional funding for disabled access fishing platform Stockton</b> To provide additional funding for the previously approved disabled access fishing platform which will allow for the change of building materials as required by Council. Council has allocated extra funds to the construction of the platform and would like to request that the current funding by the Trust of \$25,000 be increased to by \$19,000 to \$44,000 which would represent half of the total construction cost of \$88,000.	Newcastle City Council	\$19,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Small grants</b>				
<b>Fish cleaning table, Longworth Park, Karuah</b> To construct a stainless steel fish cleaning table for the many recreational fishers that fish on or near the jetty at Longworth Park, Karuah.	Karuah Progress Association Inc.	\$2,472	\$0	\$0
<b>Fish cleaning table with sun protection roof, Tweed Heads South</b> To install a fish cleaning table with roof for sun protection, suitable for disabled persons and with access to a fresh water tap.	Tweed Heads Amateur Fishing Club	\$8,136	\$0	\$0
<b>Installation of fish cleaning facility at Valla Lions Park</b> The project will provide a fish cleaning facility at a popular recreational precinct frequented by residents and visitors. Recreational fishing enthusiasts can use the nearby boardwalk, crossing the creek to access the beach. The area has picnic facilities, barbeque, amenities and is close to a caravan park and residences.	Nambucca Shire Council	\$1,750	\$0	\$0
<b>Corowa Murray River Foreshore fishing platform</b> - Construction of a five metre wide by twelve metre long fishing platform on the Murray River Foreshore in Corowa.	Corowa Shire Council	\$24,800	\$0	\$0
<b>Lake Jindabyne access road</b> - 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.	Garry Huggett and Robert Weston / Landowners	\$4,095	\$0	\$0
<b>Upgrading of the Lake Keepit Fish Cleaning Bay &amp; Signage</b> - To provide improvements to the existing fish cleaning bay & to provide new signage around the park.	Lake Keepit State Park	\$4,910	\$0	\$0
<b>Platform: Recreational fishing education</b>				
Project Title	Organisation	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<b>Sydney International Boat Show fishing clinic</b> The project seeks funding support to continue the very popular fishing clinic that runs at the annual Sydney International Boat Show. Over the last 10 years, average visitation to the boat show has been 77,000 people. Of those that attend 45% have an interest in fishing. This is the largest interest group that visits the show. <b>Note: Funding of \$20,000 for 2010/11 was supported with the following provisions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exposure – NSW Saltwater Fishing Trust banner and signage to be displayed at the Boat Show</li> <li>Presentations – several 30 minute presentations by I&amp;I NSW are to be made on Trust Funded projects i.e. Artificial Reefs, Gamefish tagging, Fishcare etc.</li> </ul>	Boating Industry Association of NSW Ltd (BIA)	\$40,000	\$42,000	\$44,000
<b>Small grants</b>				

<p><b>Catch N Cook children's program – La Perouse</b> The aim of this children's (age 7-12) program will be to run a 6 week (one day per week) Catch N Cook fishing program in Botany Bay. It will also give organisers and local elders the opportunity to fish with the children, and at the same time yarn about their own experiences fishing, and any issues they may have.</p>	Koori Communications and Training	\$4,995	\$0	\$0
<p><b>Catch N Cook - Eden school holiday program</b> The aim of this youth program will be to run a one week catch n cook fishing program in Eden, following on from a successful Commonwealth funded program run on the mid north coast two years ago. It will also give organisers and local elders the opportunity to fish with the youth and at the same time yarn about their own experiences fishing and any issues they may have.</p>	Koori Communications and Training	\$5,700	\$0	\$0
<p><b>“Tight Lines” – Rehabilitation through recreational fishing.</b> To take groups of rehabilitation clients with disabilities and spinal and brain injuries, under full supervision, on weekly fishing outings. A recent trial of these fishing outings has been conducted and has been judged a big success. The aim of this project is to extend this trial into a regular rehabilitation program.</p>	Royal Rehabilitation Centre	\$3,850	\$1,450	\$1,600
<p><b>Assisting others to enjoy fishing (2010-11)</b> To hold 2 one-day junior clinics, 2 one-day Grey Power clinics, one two-day Camp Quality clinic and one two-day Canteen clinic.</p>	Narooma Sports and Game Fishing Club	\$5,095	\$0	\$0
<p><b>Recreational fishing calendar and photo competition 2012 &amp; 2013</b> 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. <b>Note:</b> The committee requested the inclusion of public holidays in the calendar and an increase in size of text to be used to make reading easier.</p>	Industry & Investment NSW	SW \$9,750 FW \$9,750	SW \$9,750 FW \$9,750	\$0
<p><b>I can fish too</b> The project seeks to locate wheelchair accessible fishing sites in the Middle Harbour, Narrabeen and Pittwater areas where 12 students can safely undertake subsequent fishing sessions. The students will gain knowledge and understanding about sustainable and recreational fishing. <b>Note:</b> Fishcare volunteers will attend the fishing clinics.</p>	Arranounbai School	\$4,200	\$0	\$0
<p><b>Gaden Trout Hatchery – Tour Guide position.</b> To provide ongoing funding for the Tour Guide position, following a 6 month successful trial.</p>	Industry & Investment NSW	\$68,000	\$62,000	\$65,000
<p><b>National Tree Planting Day / Native Fish Awareness Day</b> - 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.</p>	Calrossy Anglican School	\$750	\$0	\$0

<b>Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing</b>				
Project Title	Organisation	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<p><b>Statewide survey of recreational fishing in NSW – development, validation and implementation using existing and novel methods</b></p> <p>A team of experts will design, validate and implement a statewide survey of recreational fishing in NSW. This will provide an updated NSW estimate of the recreational harvest and fishing effort (following on from the 2001 national survey). Most other states in Australia have completed or are undertaking similar statewide surveys. There are 4 potential modules</p> <p>Module 1 - Statewide phone/diary survey with on-site regional validation and workshop  Module 2 - A field-based test of a new survey method (adaptive survey design).  Module 3 – Collection of fish length &amp; biological information  Module 4 – Estuarine prawn surveys</p> <p><b>Note: RFSTEC supported funding of \$50,000 in 2010/11.</b> The Committee considered Module 1: Statewide phone/diary to be a very high priority. However, the Committee questioned whether the proposed methodology was the most suitable. Therefore, the Committee approved \$50,000 for holding a statewide workshop to determine the most appropriate and cost effective survey methodology.</p>	Industry & Investment NSW	Module 1 \$610,000  Module 2 \$60,000  Module 3 \$330,000  Module 4 \$635,700	Module 1 \$855,000  Module 2 \$245,000  Module 3 \$820,000  Module 4 \$675,400	Module 1 \$375,000  Module 2 \$70,700  Module 3 \$164,100  Module 4 \$305,000
<p><b>Monitoring and research on landed fish at game fishing tournaments in NSW: 2010/2011</b></p> <p>The project facilitates and conducts monitoring and biological research on billfish, tuna, sharks and other gamefish captured and weighed at the major game fishing tournaments in NSW.</p>	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	\$26,000	\$0	\$0
<p><b>Why do anglers decide not to renew their recreational fishing licence? A statewide survey of licence churn.</b></p> <p>The main reasons why NSW recreational fishers buy a fishing licence for the first time, or do not renew their recreational fishing licences will be determined by a phone survey using the fishing licence database. This information will be used to devise strategies to encourage new licence sales and renewals to promote participation in recreational fishing, and increase revenue to the Recreational Fishing Trusts.</p>	Hamata Pty Ltd [Mr John Diplock]	\$42,498	\$0	\$0
<p><b>Closing the loop: understanding the relationships between recreational fishing surveys, bag and size limits and fisheries management objectives.</b></p> <p>A joint research proposal between the University of Sydney, I&amp;I NSW and the Australian Research Council to improve our empirical understanding of the costs and benefits of bag and size limits.</p>	University of Sydney	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000



<b>Small grants</b>				
<p><b>Pesticide toxicology study of aquatic species in the Shoalhaven Region</b>  This project investigates the effects of pesticides, currently used in NSW catchments, on aquatic species. Recently the use of pesticides has been linked to mortality and deformities (development of two headed fish) in Queensland. Chemical use in the catchments of NSW estuaries is suspected as one of the land management issues that contribute to the decline in recreational fish populations and estuarine health. Pesticide effects on aquatic, recreational catch species (marine and freshwater fish, oysters and yabbies) will be determined through observation of reproductive and embryonic developmental abnormalities. Adults and eggs will be exposed to the chemicals in a rigorous experimental design in the lab to determine the chemical effect. This project is important for the sustainability of recreational fishing stock productivity in NSW.</p>	Shoalhaven Marine and Freshwater Centre, University of Wollongong	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
<p><b>Provision of an annual report for the Gamefish Tagging Program for 2009/2010</b>  Provision of an informative, readily accessible report on the Gamefish Tagging Program for the year 2009/2010.</p>	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	\$7,000	\$0	\$0
<p><b>Finland study tour</b>  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.</p>	Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW	SW \$3,500 FW \$3,500	\$0	\$0
<p><b>Ongoing monitoring of the movement patterns of Australian bass &amp; eel-tailed catfish in the Clarence River</b> - The information collected from this project will build on the data I&amp;I NSW has been collecting on Australian bass, <i>Macquaria novemaculeata</i>, and eel-tailed catfish, <i>Tandanus tandanus</i>, in the Clarence River. The information will be used to better manage both species throughout NSW.</p>	Industry & Investment NSW	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
<p><b>Spawning sites and reproductive behaviour of Murray cod in upland and lowland riverine habitats in the northern Murray-Darling River System</b> 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. RFFTEC supported revised funding, as shown, for the program which should be used to leverage funds from other sources such as FRDC (for the remaining costs).</p>	Industry & Investment NSW	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
<p><b>Detecting and preventing the spread of an emerging pest species, Redfin, in the Upper Coxs River</b> 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.</p>	Industry & Investment NSW	\$15,000	\$0	\$0

<b>Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation</b>				
Project Title	Organisation	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<b>Habitat Action Program – making more fish... naturally.</b> 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. <b>Note: RFSTEC supported an increase in funding from \$200,000 to \$500,000 from the Saltwater Trust in 2010/11 <u>only</u> at this stage. RFFTEC did not support an increase in funding from the Freshwater Trust.</b>	Industry & Investment NSW	SW \$500,000	SW \$500,000	SW \$500,000

**Table 3: New Trust Applications deferred by ACoRF, RFSTEC and RFFTEC**

<b>Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation</b>				
Project Title	Organisation	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<p><b>Charles Kemp Recreation Reserve Riverbank Rehabilitation</b>            To undertake bush regeneration and revegetation along the western bank of the Hawkesbury River at Charles Kemp Recreation Reserve at Ebenezer.  <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC referred this project to the Habitat Action Program.</p>	Hawkesbury City Council	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<p><b>Hawkesbury Park Rehabilitation</b>            To undertake bush regeneration and revegetation along the western bank of the Hawkesbury River at Hawkesbury Park, North Richmond.  <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC referred this project to the Habitat Action Program.</p>	Hawkesbury City Council	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Small grant</b>				
<p><b>Skeleton Rocks Reserve Rehabilitation</b>            To undertake bush regeneration and revegetation along the western bank of the Hawkesbury River at Hawkesbury Park, North Richmond.  <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC referred this project to the Habitat Action Program.</p>	Hawkesbury City Council	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$2,500
<p><b>Queanbeyan River re-snagging</b> - 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. <b>Note:</b> RFFTEC referred this project to the Habitat Action Program.</p>	Queanbeyan City Council	\$9,150	\$0	\$0
<p><b>Chifley Dam fishing projects pre-proposal</b> - 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. <b>Note:</b> 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 for further development.</p>	Bathurst RSL Fishing Club / Bathurst Regional Council	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing</b>				
Project Title	Organisation	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<p><b>Recreational fishing towards suitable Mako shark legislation.</b>            The spatial and temporal movements of mako sharks off NSW will be determined through comparing the historical recreational fisher tagging data with new telemetry data to inform proposed legislative changes.  <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC recommended that this project be deferred until the outcomes of the national Mako Workshop (31 May, Melbourne) have been released in order to avoid overlap/duplication of research effort.</p>	Industry & Investment NSW	\$85,653	\$79,862	\$0

<b>Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement programs</b>				
Small Projects				
<b>Fitzroy Falls Reservoir restocking project</b> - The project aims to restock the Fitzroy Falls Reservoir with appropriate fish and yabby stock. <b>Note:</b> The Committee requested that the project be referred for assessment under the Dollar for Dollar Native Fish Stocking Program.	Burrawang Village Hotel Fishing Club	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>Stock Pejar Dam with Australian bass</b> - To stock Pejar Dam with Australian Bass. Pejar Dam is located east of the Great Divide and is easily accessible and easy to fish. <b>Note:</b> The Committee requested that the project be referred for assessment under the Dollar for Dollar Native Fish Stocking Program.	Top Pub Fishing Club (Crookwell Hotel Motel)	\$1,000	\$0	\$0

**Table 4: New Trust Applications not supported by ACoRF, RFSTEC and RFFTEC**

<b>Platform: Fishing access and facilities</b>				
Project Title	Organisation	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<p><b>Improving fish cleaning area - Sussex Inlet</b>                      The project seeks to upgrade and extend an existing fish cleaning table so that more than 3 people can use it at any one time. The project also aims to rectify some design faults.  <b>Note:</b> The Committee requested the application be referred to the Angling facilities Manager to rework the application and include consultation with council.</p>	Fishing Club Sussex Inlet Bowling Club	\$3,500	\$0	\$0
<p><b>Installation of rock platform webcams in association with an information and safety portal [pre-proposal]</b>                      The purpose of this pre-proposal is provide information on a pioneering project to implement a safety program that includes the installation of streaming video cameras and associated data services that provide coastal conditions and weather information through an information portal for rock fishermen in NSW.  <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC were concerned that this program had limited benefits for recreational fishing due to the chosen locations.</p>	COASTALWATCH / CoastalCOMS	\$0	\$0	\$0
<p><b>Lewis Island footbridge for recreational anglers</b>                      To replace the existing timber footbridge at Lewis Island, Narooma. Lewis Island is a popular location for recreational anglers.  <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC noted that the project budget was low value for money and noted there was no matching funding provided.</p>	Eurobodalla Shire Council	\$150,150	\$0	\$0
<p><b>Upgrade of rescue equipment, Camden Haven Sea Rescue Squad</b>                      To upgrade essential navigational instruments on the rescue boat. The existing radar and GPS are outdated.  <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC recommended that this application be referred to NSW Maritime or NSW Marine Rescue as a more appropriate funding source noting the multi user capacity of the project.</p>	Camden Haven Sea Rescue Squad Inc.	\$7,100	\$0	\$0
<p><b>Merimbula boat ramp, boat cleaning project</b>                      Provide boat washing facilities for recreational boaters who use the waters of the lake and offshore, many of whom are visitors without access to cleaning.  <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC recommended that this application be referred to NSW Maritime as a more appropriate funding source noting the multi user capacity of the project.</p>	Merimbula Big Game and Lakes Anglers Club	\$46,800	\$0	\$0
<p><b>Merimbula Public Jetty – Disabled Access</b>                      The Project will provide disabled access to the upgraded Merimbula Public Jetty. The jetty is the only formal recreational boating facility on Merimbula's front lake and supports a variety of marine recreational activities such as fishing and general boating by a range of community user groups and individuals as well as tourists to the area.  <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC recommended that this application be referred to NSW Maritime as a more appropriate funding source noting the multi user capacity of the project.</p>	Bega Valley Shire Council	\$30,000	\$0	\$0

<p><b>Trial Bay Marine Rescue weather station</b> To allow accurate dissemination of important local weather information to ocean going fishing vessels. <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC recommended that this application be referred to NSW Maritime or NSW Marine Rescue as a more appropriate funding source noting the multi user capacity of the project.</p>	Marine Rescue Trial Bay	\$6,900	\$0	\$0
<p><b>San Remo jetty maintenance works</b> The jetty at Wallarah Creek Park, San Remo, provides access to Budgewoi Lake for recreational fishers. The area is popular with locals and tourists, especially in the summer months. The jetty has been identified as needing new decking to render the jetty safe for all fishers. <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC considered that the jetty had a multi user capacity and that maintenance works should be the responsibility of local Council.</p>	Wyong Shire Council	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
<p><b>Mannering Park jetty maintenance works</b> The Jetty located in Mannering Park requires maintenance i.e. board replacement. This is required to ensure the jetty is safe for all users. The Jetty is currently utilised for recreational fishing and other recreational activities and is a very popular location frequented by locals and tourists. <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC considered that the jetty had a multi user capacity and that maintenance works should be the responsibility of local Council.</p>	Wyong Shire Council	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
<p><b>Walarah Point Park jetty maintenance works</b> The jetty within Wallarah Point Park, Gorokan, offers local residents and tourists access to Budgewoi Lake for recreational fishing and requires re-decking. These works are important to continue and encourage use of the jetty for recreational fishing. <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC considered that the jetty had a multi user capacity and that maintenance works should be the responsibility of local Council.</p>	Wyong Shire Council	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
<p><b>Simpsons Creek Site 14 [Brunswick Heads] recreational fishing access project</b> This project is seeking funds to provide recreational fishing access to the Simpsons Creek at Brunswick Heads. The funds will allow Council to implement recreation fishing access at a site they are planning to rehabilitate as part of the Brunswick Estuary Management Plan. <b>Note:</b> The Committee referred the application to the I&amp;I NSW Infrastructure Manager to seek clarification on the type and size. of infrastructure</p>	Byron Shire Council	\$40,160	\$0	\$0
<p><b>Quipolly Dam recreation area</b> - 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. <b>Note:</b> RFFTEC considered the infrastructure and associated equipment was of limited benefit 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.</p>	Liverpool Plains Shire Council	\$99,500	\$0	\$0

<b>Small Projects</b>				
<b>River Meadows fish cleaning facility</b> - supply and installation of fish cleaning facility / measuring table including running water and power. Note: RFFTEC noted 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.	Keoughs Plant Hire Fishing Club	\$9,070	\$0	\$0
<b>Trailer to carry safety gear and PIT tagging equipment</b> - 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. <b>Note:</b> RFFTEC considered 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.	Southern Bass Fishing Club Inc.	\$2,600	\$0	\$0
<b>Platform: Recreational fishing education</b>				
Project Title	Organisation	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<b>Fishing education for migrants and refugees in Coffs Harbour</b> Deliver training to migrant and refugee anglers in recreational fishing, including information on fishing rules, responsible and sustainable fishing practices, water safety, etc incorporating teaching materials that take into account their English as a second language by accessing interpreters and extensive use of visual materials (rather than written ones). <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC recommended that the project be referred to the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW (RFA NSW) and Australia National Sports fishing Association (ANSA) for the potential inclusion in their community education training programs.	North Coast TAFE (TAFE NSW – North Coast Institute)	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Sustainable fishing practices program – Taree</b> Provide accredited TAFE training in sustainable fishing practices to youth (16 – 19 years) in Taree. Participants will learn how to pass on the skills to the wider community. <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC recommended that the project be referred to the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW (RFA NSW) and Australia National Sportsfishing Association (ANSA) for the potential inclusion in their community education training programs.	North Coast TAFE	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Hooked</b> Global Care aims to take socially isolated young people from western Sydney and through fishing increase the social interaction skills and experience of the young participants. We define young people from single parent homes (low socio economic) that don't have social networks through sport or other interests. <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC considered the project budget to be low value for money due to the small number of participants.	Global Care	\$140,500	\$0	\$0

<p><b>The 2nd Korean Society of Sydney recreational fishing competition and rock fishing safety training.</b>  The project aims to establish an annual recreational fishing competition and rock fishing safety day as a follow on from the successful 1st fishing day that attracted around 100 Korean anglers. It is envisaged that the event will attract around 200 participants to the fishing day each year. The primary aim is to increase safety awareness for Korean anglers and students.  <b>Note:</b> The Committee noted the potential merit of the program but expressed concern about the proposed use of funds for fishing competition prizes. RFSTEC recommended that the project manager consult with the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW for potential inclusion in their community education fishing safety training programs.</p>	The Korean Society of Sydney, Australia	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
<p><b>Eurobodalla Sustainable Recreational Fishing Education Program</b>  The project will engage and educate recreational fishing and school groups throughout the 110km of Eurobodalla coastline to promote sustainable fishing practices and the protection of fish habitat.  <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC recommended that the project manager consult with the Fishcare Volunteer program for potential inclusion in their community education training programs.</p>	Eurobodalla Shire Council	\$17,500	\$0	\$0
<p><b>The New South Wales Journal of Recreational Spearfishing</b>  The creation of a 32-page quality periodic journal that contains factual, positive, appealing, consistent, professional and informative content aimed at fostering safe, ethical and responsible spearfishing behaviour in NSW waters.  <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC was concerned that this program had limited benefits for recreational fishing and was considered low value for money.</p>	Underwater Skindivers and Fishermen's Association (USFA)	\$125,000	\$0	\$0
<p><b>Boating Safety</b>  To continue this education initiative, additional media equipment and supplies, in the form of CDs, DVDs and printing supplies is required.  <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC considered that the project had a multi user capacity and limited benefits for recreational fishing.</p>	Hawkesbury River Rescue Inc	\$10,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
<p><b>Small grants</b></p>				
<p><b>Swansea wide - offshore wrecks and reef fishing.</b>  The project aims to record pictures and video of several wreck sites off Lake Macquarie. The information will be collated on DVD including manufacturing electronic maps of accurately mapped areas. This project aims to identify long lost wrecks, most of which are in 100 meters plus depths. The project will also record fish species at these locations.  <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC questioned the commercial nature of the program and the overall benefits to recreational fishing.</p>	Mr Stephen Dial	\$9,070	\$0	\$0
<p><b>Assisting disabled veterans to enjoy fishing</b>  To purchase 6 electric reels, 6 bottom fishing rods, line and spooling and batteries for reels to allow disabled veterans the opportunity to experience offshore recreational fishing.  <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC acknowledged the merits of the program, but expressed concern about management of the program and contributing funding.</p>	South West Rocks RSL sub branch	\$5,802	\$0	\$0



<p><b>Equipment for scouts to complete their fishing badges</b> To purchase fishing equipment for the cubs and scouts to allow them to earn their fishing badges. <b>Note:</b> The Committee noted that Scout fishing badge programs are incorporated into the Fishcare Volunteer Program and that Volunteers attend the Fishing Badge days, utilising the Fishcare workshop gear.</p>	Dapto Scout Group	\$1,500	\$0	\$0
<b>Program</b>	Proponent	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<p><b>Weed Free Recreational Fishing booklet</b> - 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. <b>Note:</b> The Committee noted there were already many publications on weed species including books, posters and Primefacts.</p>	WetlandCare Australia	\$15,720	\$0	\$0
<b>Small Grants</b>				
<p><b>Sustainable fishing practices program, Gloucester</b> - 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. <b>Note:</b> The Committee noted the relatively low number of participants in the program and the high salary component of the budget.</p>	North Coast TAFE	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing</b>				
Project Title	Organisation	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<p><b>Reducing interactions of grey nurse sharks with recreational baits through spatial separation and bait protection devices.</b> To determine at what spatial scale grey nurse sharks are attracted to deep-set recreational baits, and to investigate the feasibility of using magnetic bait deterrents to prevent their accidental capture. <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC noted the pending completion of the current project later this year and considered additional information was not essential.</p>	Industry & Investment NSW	\$198,764	\$228,784	\$47,012
<p><b>Effectiveness of fishladders in an urban river environment</b> A program to monitor the effectiveness of three recently installed fish ladders in the Parramatta CBD. <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC considered the project had limited benefit to recreational anglers.</p>	Parramatta City Council	\$30,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<p><b>Predicting hazardous conditions for rock fishing. Phase 2: Field verification and stability testing</b> This project is intended to build on a successful stage 1 component of the “Predicting hazardous conditions for rock fishing” [Project no. L49] study. <b>Note:</b> RFSTEC noted that the previous project undertaken by the applicant had provided substantial information on this subject and questioned the need for further research.</p>	Water Research Laboratory (WRL), University of New South Wales	\$49,850	\$0	\$0
<b>Program</b>	Proponent	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13

<p><b>Identification of critical drought refuges, potential spawning grounds &amp; migration corridors of large bodied native fish in the Edward-Wakool System</b> 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. <b>Note:</b> RFFTEC did not consider the project to be a recreational fisheries research priority at this time. However the Committee recommended that the applicant 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.</p>	Deniliquin RSL Fishing Club	\$48,000	\$16,000	\$0
<b>Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation</b>				
<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>
<p><b>Finding fish passage for Falls Road [Funding for design plans]</b> - 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]. Note: The Committee noted the development of the plan did not provide for improved fish passage, however recommended that the regional I&amp;I NSW Conservation Manager provide advice on the proposed crossing upgrade e.g. culvert designs / indicative costs and also assist with a future application to the Habitat Action Program for on ground works as required.</p>	RiverSmart Australia	\$8,000	\$0	\$0