

CHAIRPERSON'S SUMMARY

The Recreational Fishing Trust Advisory Council (RFTAC) held its first meeting online on Thursday 23 April 2026. The following were the key matters discussed at the meeting:

1. The Chairperson welcomed members to the inaugural meeting of RFTAC. A brief introduction was provided by each member about their background and interests.
2. The Council ratified the Council Charter outlining the role, terms of reference, responsibility and operation of the Council.
3. The Council was provided with an overview of the operation of the RFT including background, the types of projects funded and current RFT projects.
4. The importance of maintaining confidentiality with funding application assessment, the decision-making process and when communicating with stakeholders and the media was discussed.
5. The Council was provided with an overview of the application assessment process including the NSW Grants Administration Guidelines and the eligibility and assessment criteria for applications.

The next meeting of Council will be held in Sydney on 21 May 2026.

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Chairperson, RFTAC

11 May 2026