

Appendix 10: Fisheries trust fund reports

Commercial Fishing Trust Fund

Department of Primary Industries (DPI) provides a range of monitoring, scientific, compliance and administrative services to the commercial fishing industry. DPI expenditure on commercial fishing activities is funded from consolidated revenue, with a contribution from the Commercial Fishing Trust Fund. Charges are levied for services such as licence administration and management but are not project specific. The Commercial Fishing Trust Fund also contributes to research and uses funds to leverage research and development support from other sources.

The NSW abalone and rock lobster fisheries are subject to cost recovery of attributable costs, although there is still some degree of government contribution and budgets are negotiated in detail with the relevant management advisory committees.

In 2021-22, the Commercial Fishing Trust Fund contributed \$3.237 million to DPI's commercial fishery-related programs.

Aquaculture Trust Fund

DPI provides a range of monitoring, scientific, compliance and administrative services to the aquaculture industry. The aquaculture industry is subject to full cost recovery for administration charges only and charges are not project specific. DPI's expenditure for aquaculture management and policy development is funded from consolidated revenue, with a contribution from the Aquaculture Trust Fund. The Aquaculture Trust Fund also contributes to research and uses funds to leverage research and development support from other sources (for example, Fisheries Research & Development Corporation, Seafood CRC).

In 2021-22, the Aquaculture Fishing Trust Fund contributed \$0.881 million to DPI's aquaculture related programs.

Fish Conservation Trust Fund

In 2021-22, the Fish Conservation Trust contributed \$0.293 million toward fish habitat and fisheries conservation outcomes.

Aboriginal Fishing Trust Fund

The Aboriginal Fishing Trust Fund provides grants and loans for the enhancement, maintenance and protection of Aboriginal cultural fishing as well as for Aboriginal communities to develop businesses associated with fisheries resources throughout NSW.

In 2021-22, the Aboriginal Fishing Trust contributed \$0.252 million towards Aboriginal fishing related projects.

Recreational and Charter Fishing Trust Funds

DRNSW received grants from the Recreational and Charter Fishing Trust Funds to undertake various programs during the year as follows:

Table 35. Grants received by DRNSW

Fish trust fund	2021-22 (\$'000)
Recreational Fishing (Saltwater) Trust Fund	9,987
Recreational Fishing (Freshwater) Trust Fund	5,528
Charter Fishing Trust Fund	31

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In 2021-22 funds (\$'000) from the Recreational Fishing (Saltwater) Trust Fund were used for the following projects:

Table 36. Recreational Fishing (Saltwater) Trust Fund project allocations

Project	Total Available	Expenses	Carry Forward
Artificial reefs (offshore)	31	31	0
Coastal fish habitat protection and management	88	88	0
Coastal fish habitat restoration grants program (prior to 2018/19)	6	2	4
Ecohuts for recreational fishers	2	2	0
Expenditure committee meeting expenses	16	16	0
External large grants -disbursements made to various organisations for approved projects	912	912	0
Flagship habitat program	25	25	0
Fish aggregation devices (FADs)	300	300	0
Fishcare volunteer program	549	549	0
Fisheries officers (9 coastal officers)	1,363	1,363	0
Fisheries officers (mobile squads)	459	459	0
Gamefish tagging program	192	192	0
Integrating recreational fishery data into harvest strategies for multi-species fisheries	23	23	0
Marine stocking of key recreational fish species in coastal waters	313	313	0
Recreational fisheries enhancement (artificial reefs and FADs coordination)	259	259	0
Recreational fishing access (coastal)	185	185	0
Recreational fisheries monitoring program: statewide fishing and charter surveys	785	785	0
Recreational fishing trust executive officer	237	237	0
Research angler program	195	195	0
Research on black bream fishery	23	23	0
Research on marine fish stocking	295	295	0
Research on recreational bait species: worms, pipis and yabbies	11	2	9
Small grants -disbursements made to various organisations for approved projects	79	79	0
Sydney Harbour wharves compliance initiative	410	410	0
Trust grants governance enhancement project	132	132	0
Total	6,890	6,877	13

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In 2021-22 funds (\$'000) from the Recreational Fishing (Freshwater) Trust Fund were used for the following projects:

Table 37. Recreational Fishing (Freshwater) Trust Fund project allocations

Project	Total Available	Expenses	Carry Forward
Dollar-for-dollar native fish stocking program	118	118	0
Emergency native fish rescue and drought recovery	140	140	0
Enhanced fish production at hatcheries for stocking (Port Stephens, Narrandera and Dutton)	441	441	0
Expenditure committee meeting expenses	14	14	0
External large grants –disbursements made to various organisations for approved projects	419	419	0
Fishcare volunteer program	328	328	0
Fisheries officers (inland)	909	909	0
Freshwater recreational management program	185	185	0
Fuel cards for fish stocking	9	5	4
Gaden trout hatchery	683	683	0
Inland stocking management	141	141	0
Nodavirus testing for fish stocking	8	8	0
Recreational fishing access (inland)	273	273	0
Regional inland fish habitat protection and management	127	127	0
Research on freshwater recreational fishery in NSW	590	590	0
Screens for streams	98	98	0
Screens for streams stakeholder forums	116	116	0
Small grants -disbursements made to various organisations for approved projects	38	38	0
Supporting fish hatchery trainees	2	2	0
Total	4,639	4,635	4

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In 2021-22 funds (\$'000) from the Recreational Fishing (Saltwater and Freshwater) Trust Fund were used for the following projects:

Table 38. Recreational Fishing (Saltwater and Freshwater) Trust Fund project allocations

Project	Total Available	Expenses	Carry Forward
Advisory Council meeting expenses	90	89	1
Fish for Life project	88	88	0
Get Hooked... It's Fun to Fish schools program	448	448	0
Habitat action program 2018/19 and beyond	938	938	0
NSW Gone Fishing Day	60	60	0
NSW fishing workshops	41	41	0
NSW fishway strategy for fish passage remediation	85	85	0
NSW recreational fishing environmental assessment	127	127	0
Recreational fisher research database	26	26	0
Recreational fisheries infrastructure management program	173	173	0
Recreational fishing fee administration project and Government Licensing Service transactions fees	2,212	2,212	0
Recreational fishing fee renewal notice system	101	101	0
Recreational fishing guides	101	101	0
Recreational Fishing Strategy	20	20	0
Recreational Fishing Trust annual report	65	65	0
Total	4,575	4,574	1

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