

Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account 2014/2015

A report to each House of Parliament on the disbursement
of Recreational Fishing Licence Revenue



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Cover image: Deployment of the RFL funded Torquay Offshore Reef

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Foreword

A report to each House of Parliament on the disbursement of Recreational Fishing Licence Revenue from the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account, 2014-15

Every year the Victorian Government, through the Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Trust Account, disburses revenue derived from the sale of RFLs to projects that will further improve recreational fishing opportunities in Victoria.

As the Minister for Agriculture, I recognise the significant contribution recreational fishing continues to make to the State's economy.

During 2014/15 the Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group continued to provide me with sound advice on the proposed expenditure of all RFL Trust Account revenue, and on the operation of the three-tiered Recreational Fishing Grants Program which comprises:

1. A Small Grants Program - that is continually open to fund small projects up to \$5,000;
2. A Large Grants Program for projects from \$5,001 to \$100,000; and
3. A Commissioning Program for large priority projects, generally in excess of \$100,000.

I look forward to continuing my close working relationship with the Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group.

I am pleased to advise that the hugely popular Small Grants Program has now funded over 225 projects to local fishing clubs and community groups worth more than \$600,000 since its inception in 2010, including over \$117,000 to conduct 38 projects during 2014/15.

In August 2015, I announced that over \$1.0 million will be allocated to 17 new projects through the 2014/15 round of the Large Grants Program. These projects include new fishing platforms on the Wimmera, Glenelg and Aire Rivers, increased fish habitat in the Pyramid Creek and Lake Tchum, research centred around popular recreational species such as Murray cod, mulloway, yellowtail kingfish and pipis, and a project to develop young future leaders for the recreational fishing sector.

These projects are in addition to just over \$170,000 that will be allocated to one project via the Commissioning Grants Program. These funds will be used to fund a range of popular education and communication products that assist recreational anglers to understand and comply with fishing regulations.

During 2014/15, Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account funds were again committed or disbursed to fund:

- VRFish, to provide advice to the Victorian Government about the broad range of recreational fishers' views on the management of the State's fisheries resources;
- The Victorian Fishcare program;
- Funding approved through previous rounds of the Recreational Fishing Grants Program for access and facilities, education, information and training, and recreational fisheries-related research and fish habitat improvement projects.
- The deployment of thirteen Fisheries Officers;
- Recreational Fishing Licence sales commissions; and
- The costs and expenses incurred in the administration of the Recreational Fishing Licence, the Recreational Fishing Grants Program, and the Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group.

I have pleasure in providing to each House of Parliament this report on the receipts and disbursements from the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account for 2014/15.



Hon Jaala Pulford MP
Minister for Agriculture
21/09/15

Fisheries Act 1995

Pursuant to Section 151B(4) of the *Fisheries Act 1995*, the Minister (responsible for Victoria's fisheries) must cause a report on how amounts paid into the Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Trust Account were disbursed –

- (a) to be prepared by 1 October each year; and,
- (b) to be laid before each House of Parliament on or before the seventh sitting day of that House after the report has been prepared.

For the information of Honourable Members, the RFL Trust Account came into effect on 1 April 2001.

The 2014/15 financial year is the fourteenth full year of the RFL Trust Account's operation.

The Victorian Auditor-General has audited the receipts received, and disbursements made from the RFL Trust Account in 2014/15.

Enforcement & Education

In 2014/15, Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Trust Account receipts contributed \$2,002,094.71 to Fisheries Victoria's compliance budget.

RFL Trust Account receipts, when added to ongoing recurrent funding of fisheries compliance (education and enforcement) activities, contributes substantially to the delivery of recreational fisheries compliance services in Victorian coastal and inland locations.

Fisheries Officers have continued to have good contact with recreational fishers in the field during the last year. Table 1 summarises yearly totals for contacts in the recreational fishing sector. The work is divided into categories based on species, locations or other activities. Over 52,000 total contacts were made with recreational fishers by Fisheries Officers during the reporting period. Compliance contacts with Fisheries Officers totalled over 45,000, with Table 1 showing the number of offenders, verbal warnings, official warnings, infringement notices, and briefs of evidence for the year.

In addition, Fisheries Officers attended 92 angling club meetings, conducted 7,487 advisory contacts with recreational fishers, 108 contacts during fish stocking events and 257 contacts during recreational fishing related shows, forums and clinics.

Table 1.

Recreational	Officer contacts with recreational fishers	Number of offenders	Verbal warnings issued	Official warnings issued	Infringement notices issued	Briefs of evidence compiled
Abalone (intertidal zone)	607	298	136	151	221	5
Abalone (on land)	1300	254	76	132	185	12
Abalone (on water)	99	21	7	13	11	0
Bass yabbies	22	1	1	0	0	0
Bay & Inlet - other (on land)	5340	473	190	133	187	1
Bay & Inlet - other (on water)	1904	146	71	40	50	1
Bay & Inlet - Port Phillip (on land)	12543	1017	459	291	347	10
Bay & Inlet - Port Phillip (on water)	1405	116	42	40	42	0
Bay & Inlet - Western Port (on land)	1628	111	26	33	54	1
Bay & Inlet - Western Port (on water)	507	31	19	7	6	0
Freshwater (on land)	5778	542	173	184	200	6
Freshwater (on water)	2705	234	65	80	100	0
Intertidal other	351	148	73	54	31	0
Intertidal pipis	2384	186	145	23	27	2
Intertidal Port Phillip	575	268	166	83	119	3
Intertidal red shore crab	260	36	10	15	22	0
Murray cod	2049	49	18	18	23	0
Ocean (on land)	4385	403	175	136	122	2
Ocean (on water)	775	32	13	8	11	0
Rock lobster (on land)	368	35	11	17	14	1
Rock lobster (on water)	147	14	5	8	6	0
Scallops (on land)	18	0	0	0	0	0
Scallops (on water)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spiny Cray	199	22	5	13	10	0
Totals	45,349	4,437	1,886	1,479	1,788	44

All Fisheries Officers provide services to the recreational fishing sector and interact with recreational fishers through:

- contact with recreational fishers in the field;
- attending angling club meetings;
- attending recreational fishing-related shows, family fishing events, forums and clinics;
- attending fish stocking/liberation events;
- liaising with grant recipients regarding the successful completion of infrastructure type projects under the annual Recreational Fishing Grants Program (Large Grants);
- advising fisheries management on issues relating to recreational fishing;
- assisting Fisheries Management and Research Branch on matters relating to recreational fishing;
- responding to recreational fishing issues raised from the 13FISH Offence Reporting Line;
- producing recreational fishing-related media releases/distributing booklets, pamphlets;
- investigating recreational fishing-related offences and prosecuting where necessary;
- collecting intelligence related to recreational fishing offences;
- participating in recreational fishing-related educational activities with school groups and the broader recreational fishing community; and
- engaging with culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Fisheries Victoria in conjunction with the recreational fishing community strives to achieve high levels of voluntary compliance amongst recreational fishers. By working collaboratively and by continuing to promote responsible and ethical fishing, we are better positioned to ensure both fish for now and fish for the future.

Financial Report

Report concerning how amounts paid into the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account were disbursed in 2014/15 financial year

Receipts 2014/15		\$
Total receipts from RFL sales		\$6,287,784.99
288,498 RFL's sold (as at 30 June 2015) including: 34,699 three-year licences, 122,692 one-year licences, 28,791 28-day licences and 102,316 two-day licences.		
Interest - investments	\$57,773.96	<i>Fisheries Act 1995, S. 151B(5) enables money standing to the credit of the Account to be invested in any manner in which funds may be invested under the Trustee Act 1958.</i>
Refunds: RFGP projects	\$ 67,515.82	Project # SG/191 Hook, Line & Sinker (May-June 2014) \$552.75. Project #SM/10/0046/2 'Core Funding to Fishcare Victoria Inc.' \$831.82. Project # SG/208 'Wangaratta Fly Fishing Club Come N Try Day' \$194.80. Project # 12/131 DEPI Fisheries Communication and Education Products Commissioning Grant: \$64,523.00 Project SG/220 Fishcare Southwest Come and Try Fishing family day \$131.77. Project SG/213 Southern Fly Fishers Aust Open Day \$51.50. Project SG/228 Donald Angling Club Come and Try Junior Fishing Event \$18.18. Project SG/169 Darebin Parklands Association 'Educating Responsible Future Recreational Anglers Day' \$44.32 Project SG00196: Fishcare Lake Yarrambat Community Education. \$1,155.42 Project SG00184: Undera Angling Club Family Fishing Day. \$12.26
GST Recoverable	\$176.23	
Total receipts for the year		\$6,413,251.00

Disbursements 2014/15		\$
Recreational Fishing Grants Program and other projects	\$2,245,023.43	Payments to 83 projects - see Note 2.
Fisheries Enforcement & Education Branch	\$2,002,094.71	
Fish Stocking The purchase and liberation of native and salmonid fish to stock into Victorian rivers.	\$857,657.27	
VRFish	\$424,977.80	
Fishcare Victoria Inc.	\$185,760.00	
Community Information Recreational Fishing Grants Program/Recreational Fishing Licence disbursement reporting related advertising & publicity.	\$21,975.56	
Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) 6% sales commissions Applicable to sales commissions incurred during 2013/14, paid in 2014/15 financial year.	\$213,759.25	
Costs and expenses incurred in the administration of RFLs		
Salaries and on-costs.	\$443,630.13	
Business, corporate & other levies (common domain access levy, OH&S levy, training & development levy, centre leader levy, CBD accommodation and workstation charge, computer internal lease costs).	\$284,361.68	
Professional and contract services.	\$158,621.60	
Agency labour hire.	\$108,333.76	
Postal expenses, parking, vehicle hire, accommodation, printing, stationery, telephones, banking charges, office equipment, software maintenance, external learning and IT assistance.	\$61,488.84	
Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group Sitting fees, sustenance, accommodation, vehicle hire, venue hire, and personal expenses.	\$6,979.04	
Snobs Creek Advisory Board Sitting fees, sustenance, accommodation, vehicle hire, venue hire and personal expenses.	\$62,000.00	
GST payable	\$989.40	
Total disbursements for the year	\$7,077,652.47	
Net cash inflow/(outflow)	(\$664,401.47)	
Cash as at 1 July 2014	\$5,528,655.01	
Cash as at 30 June 2015	\$4,864,253.54	Provision to fund previously approved Recreational Fishing Grant Program projects extending into 2015/16 and beyond as applicable and other items totalling \$4,386,575.62 - see Note 3. Cash balance includes \$2,500,000 which has been invested – see Note 4.

Amounts are net of applicable GST

Notes to the Financial Report

These notes form part of and should be read in conjunction with the financial report of the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account.

Note 1 - Statement of Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation.

This special purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the *Fisheries Act 1995*.

The report has been prepared on a cash basis to report on how levies and application fees received in respect of recreational fishing licences have been disbursed from the trust account.

Note 2 - Payments to Recreational Fishing Grants Program and other projects during 2014/15

Projects initially announced in 2007/08		
Large Grants Program		
Evaluate and validate the utility of Research Angler Diary programs as a cost-effective monitoring and stock assessment tool for the management of small recreational fisheries. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$270,000.	\$27,000.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Sub-Total	\$27,000.00	
Projects initially announced in 2008/09		
Large Grants Program		
Improve the sustainability of sand flathead stocks in Port Phillip Bay and across Victoria. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$300,000.	\$30,000.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Sub-Total	\$30,000.00	
Projects initially announced in 2009/10		
Commissioning Grants Program		
Develop a premier Murray cod fishery at Lake Eildon. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$800,000.	\$80,000.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Large Grants Program		
Increase fish habitat in the lower Loddon River, Macoma main channel to Kerang Weir and lower Pyramid Creek. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$150,100.	\$15,010.00	North Central Catchment Management Authority
Sub-Total	\$95,010.00	
Projects initially announced in 2010/11		
Large Grants Program		
Spawning sources, movement patterns, and nursery area replenishment of spawning populations of King George whiting in south-eastern Australia - closing the life history loop. 90% instalment of year two funding. Total project funding of \$126,000.	\$57,600.00	University of Melbourne
Establish a reliable supply of Catfish fingerlings to restore Victoria's catfish recreational fishery. 90% of year three funding. Total project funding of \$133,920.	\$43,560.00	Native Fish Australia
Sub-Total	\$101,160.00	
Projects initially announced in 2011/12		
Large Grants Program		
Define the spawning needs of calamari in Port Phillip Bay. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$199,078.	\$19,907.80	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Create a new Estuary perch recreational fishery in south-west Victoria. Balance of 10% funding. Total project funding of \$150,000 over three years.	\$15,000.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Establish a new Australian Bass recreational fishery in the Nicholson River. Balance of 10% funding. Total project funding of \$100,000 over three years.	\$10,000.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Assess the post-release survival of southern bluefin tuna from recreational fishing (Tasmania and Victoria). Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$69,460.	\$7,640.60	Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies - University of Tasmania
Improve recreational fisher access and facilities along the Goulburn River, Shepparton. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$25,000.	\$2,500.00	Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority
Produce & distribute a 'Victorian Fishing Trail' brochure for the seasoned recreational fisher. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$11,900.	\$1,190.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria

Produce and distribute a 'Kayak fishing in Victoria' educational brochure. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$10,095.	\$1,009.50	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Sub-Total	\$57,247.90	
Projects initially announced in 2012/13		
Large Grants Program		
Install 120 large wood structures in the Mitchell, Nicholson, Tambo and Snowy Rivers. 90% instalment of year three funding. Total project funding of \$300,000.	\$90,000.00	East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
Develop and implement a consistent method for assessing the sustainability of Murray cod in the Murray Darling Basin. 90% instalment of year two funding. Total project funding of \$150,000.	\$45,000.00	Greenfish Consulting Pty Ltd
Victorian 'Fishers for Fish Habitat' Program. 90% instalment of year three funding. Total project funding of \$114,000 over three years.	\$34,200.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Arthur Rylah Institute
Fishcare 'Fish Right' workshops – conduct 450 junior recreational fisher workshops across Victoria. 90% instalment of year three funding. Total project funding of \$113,500 over three years.	\$32,850.00	Fishcare Victoria Inc.
Monitor the Chinook salmon fish stocking program at lakes Purrumbete and Bullen Merri. 90% instalment of year three funding. Total funding of \$115,667 over three years.	\$31,608.00	Lake Purrumbete Angling Club Inc.
Growing the success of Macquarie Perch breeding for future stocking into Victorian waterways. 90% instalment of year two funding. Total project funding of \$58,510 over two years.	\$13,500.00	Monash University
Broken River Weir (Broken River) Fish Migration Initiative (Feasibility and Design phase). Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$45,000.	\$4,500.00	Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority
Sub-Total	\$251,658.00	
Projects initially announced in 2013/14		
Commissioning Grants Program		
Better Recreational Fishing Through Informed Fish Stocking (stocking an additional 1,110,000 fish over 3 years, fish surveys, development of an on-line fish stocking search engine, and captive breeding of Macquarie perch). 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of \$990,600.00 over three years.	\$290,700.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Wild Trout Fisheries Management Program (investigate the likely cause(s) of the decline in wild trout fishing in Victoria and, where possible, improve wild trout fishing through informed fisheries management interventions). 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of \$560,000.00 over three years.	\$229,500.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
2014/15 Communication and Compliance Products (production of a series of communication products and measuring devices to provide recreational fishers with up-to-date information on Fisheries regulations). 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of \$230,981.61 over one year.	\$207,883.45	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Sub-Total	\$728,083.45	
Large Grants Program		
Understanding the economic contribution of recreational fishing to the State of Victoria (Ernst & Young). 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of \$100,000.00 over one year.	\$90,000.00	VRFish
Mitta Mitta River Habitat Rehabilitation Project- Eskdale to high water mark of Lake Hume. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of \$266,981.82 over three years.	\$81,114.55	North East Catchment Management Authority
Improving Recreational Fishing Access at Konongwootong Reservoir. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of \$231,818.18 over three years.	\$73,636.36	Wannon Water Corporation
Assessing the benefits of instream habitat works for fish populations in the Goulburn catchment. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of \$76,000.00 over one year.	\$68,400.00	Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority
Renewed Fish Habitat for both Native & Trout Fishing in King River NE Victoria. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of \$190,226.82 over three years.	\$64,245.68	King Valley Tourism Association

Fitzroy River Recreational Fishing Access Project, including the construction of an all abilities access fishing platform. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of \$60,460.80 over one year.	\$54,414.72	Fitzroy River Public Purposes Reserve
Putting Locals First - Construct two all abilities access fishing platforms at Spring Creek. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of \$54,545.45 over one year.	\$49,090.91	Surfcoast Shire
Fecundity and egg quality of dusky flathead (<i>Platycephalidae fuscus</i>) in East Gippsland, Victoria. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of \$49,638.75 over one year.	\$44,674.88	Charles Sturt University
Construct two all ability access fishing platforms and install two in-stream log structures in the Tarra River Estuary, Tarraville. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of \$39,440.00 over one year.	\$35,496.00	West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
Improving access to and evaluating the effectiveness of a Merri River Estuary Fish Habitat Hotspot. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of \$80,181.82 over three years.	\$34,036.36	Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority
Upper Ovens River In-stream Habitat Restoration Project, Harriettville. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of \$35,222.50 over one year.	\$31,700.25	Harriettville Community Forum Inc.
Native Fish Habitat Enhancement in the Lower Broken Creek between Numurkah and Nathalia. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of \$68,727.27 over two years.	\$30,927.27	Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority
Construct angler access stairs at Boggaley Creek, 13 km from Lorne. 90% instalment of year one funding plus balance of funding. Total project funding of \$30,720.58.	\$30,720.58	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.
Evaluating the status of the Murray crayfish recreational fishery in Victoria'. The project will focus on waterways of northern Victoria where Murray crayfish are known to occur, including the Mitta Mitta, Kiewa, Ovens and Goulburn rivers. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of \$65,818.18 over three years.	\$29,209.09	Nature Glenelg Trust
Upper Coliban Recreation Area Foreshore Access Track. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of \$28,982.27 over one year.	\$26,329.50	Coliban Region Water Corporation
Construct an all abilities fishing platform and increase fish habitat in the Tarwin River estuary/Andersons Inlet at Tarwin Lower. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of \$34,150.00 over two years.	\$23,355.00	West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
Gellibrand River Blackfish Population Assessment. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of \$22,147.27 over one year.	\$19,932.55	Corangamite Catchment Management Authority
Install a further 90 Seal the loop' fishing line disposal bins around Victoria. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of \$60,000.00 over three years.	\$18,000.00	Zoological Parks And Gardens Board
Install a solar light above the Swan Bay boat ramp. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of \$11,677.00 over one year plus additional \$1,780.00 for approved project variation.	\$13,457.00	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.
Install a solar light above the Clifton Springs boat ramp. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of \$11,677.00 over one year.	\$10,509.30	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.
Quantifying the recreational catch and effort from the Corio Bay region of Port Phillip Bay. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$80,000.	\$8,000.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Sub-Total	\$837,250.00	
Small Grants Program		
Family Come and Try Fishing Day	\$5,500.00	Nathalia Angling Club
Community Fishing Festival	\$5,020.00	Yarra Valley Fly Fishers
Determining population structures of mulloway in Western Victoria	\$5,000.00	Nature Glenelg Trust
Fishing in Greater Shepparton	\$5,000.00	City of Greater Shepparton
It's 'Fishing Country' brochure project	\$5,000.00	Moiria Shire Council
Sustainable Fishing Exhibit	\$5,000.00	Warrnambool Offshore & Light Game Fishing Club
Maximising quality and reducing incidental mortality of tuna workshops	\$4,992.50	Panaquatic Health Solutions
Homeless Community Fishing Program	\$4,954.55	The Salvation Army

Maximising quality and reducing incidental mortality of tuna – extension	\$4,925.00	Panaquatic Health Solutions
Green Tackle Guide	\$4,818.18	Fishcare Victoria Inc.
Thresher shark, best practice catch, handling and release	\$4,545.45	VRFish
Young Future Leaders at National Recreational Fishing Conference	\$4,545.45	VRFish
Southern Fly Fishers Open Day	\$4,495.00	Southern Fly Fishers
Junior Fishing Experience	\$4,000.00	Port Franklin Tennis Club
Estuary perch Weigh Your Catch rulers	\$3,909.09	Fishcare Victoria Inc.
Mates Day on the Bay	\$3,772.73	Futurefish Foundation
Schools Fishing Program	\$3,454.55	Colac Otway Shire
Hook Line & Sinker Fishathon	\$3,172.23	City of Wodonga
Light over fish cleaning table Limeburners Boat Ramp	\$3,154.55	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.
Lake Meran Family Fishing Fun Day	\$3,050.00	Lake Meran Public Purposes Committee
Family Fishing Day	\$2,980.00	Underra Angling Club
Catch a Carp Day March 2015	\$2,948.62	Riverside Golf Club
Come & Try Fishing Day	\$2,933.00	Wangaratta Fly Fishing Club
Live native fish display at 4x4 Fishing and Boating Expo	\$2,575.00	Native Fish Australia Inc.
Conduct a fishing stand at Agricultural Show	\$2,500.00	Yarram Agricultural Society
Light over fish cleaning table at Clifton Springs	\$1,954.55	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.
Boating and fishing safety course	\$2,010.00	Venus Bay Angling Club
The Ron Nelson Memorial Junior fishing Clinic 2014	\$1,618.18	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.
Come and Try Fishing Day	\$1,572.00	Port Welshpool Working Group Inc.
Come Try Fishing Day	\$1,477.27	Bogong Outdoor Education Centre
NE Rivers access works information pamphlet	\$1,125.00	Australian Trout Foundation Inc.
Kids Fishing Day	\$1,008.00	Ballarat District Anglers Association
Know Your Limits signage	\$913.00	Lake Purrumbete Angling Club
Fishcare Fun Day	\$900.00	Bemm River Angling Club
Footings for weigh gantry at Apollo Bay	\$818.18	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.
Come and Try Junior Fishing Event	\$632.00	Donald Angling Club
Junior Angler Workshop	\$540.00	Twin Rivers Business & Tourism Association
Come and Try Fishing Weekend	\$400.00	Dunlop Bayswater Angling Club
Come and Try Fishing Family Day	\$400.00	Fishcare South West Inc.
Sub-Total	\$117,614.08	
Disbursements net of GST	\$2,245,023.43	

Note 3 - proposal to fund 2014/15's approved Recreational Fishing Grant Program projects, and other items in 2015/16 and beyond as applicable

Proposal to fund previously approved Recreational Fishing Grants Program projects extending into 2014/15 financial year and beyond as applicable, and other items

Project No.	DEPI Region	Project category	Proponent	Project site	Type of waters	Project duration	Proposal	Funding	Other contributions/comments
13/14/00006	State-wide	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	Estuarine & Marine	2yr	Marine and estuarine finfish recreational fisheries monitoring and assessment	\$729,000.00	
13/14/00005	State-wide	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	Inland	3yr	Better Recreational Fishing Through Informed Fish Stocking (stocking an additional 1,110,000 fish over 3 years, fish surveys, development of an on-line fish stocking search engine, and captive breeding of Macquarie perch). 2nd and 3rd year of funding. Total project funding of \$990,600.	\$699,900.00	
13/14/00007	Northern	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Northern	Inland	3yr	Wild Trout Fisheries Management Program (investigate the likely cause(s) of the decline in wild trout fishing in Victoria and, where possible, improve wild trout fishing through informed fisheries management interventions). 2nd and 3rd year of funding. Total project funding of \$560,000.	\$330,500.00	
13/14/54	Northern	Sustainability & Habitat Improvement	North East Catchment Management Authority	Northern	Inland	3yr	Mitta Mitta River Habitat Rehabilitation Project-Eskdale to high water mark of Lake Hume. 2nd and 3rd year of funding. Total project funding of \$266,981.82.	\$185,867.27	Financial: \$325,000 from MDBA for fish surveys, bank stabilisation works, fence and revegetation works. In-kind: NECMA project management.
14/15/00010	State-wide	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	State-wide	1yr	2015/16 Communication and Compliance Products (production of a series of communication products and measuring devices to provide recreational fishers with up-to-date information on Fisheries regulations).	\$171,347.19	

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COM/10/11/03	State-wide	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	Estuarine & Marine	4yr	Plan, deploy and evaluate off-shore and estuarine recreational fishing reefs. 4 th and final year of funding. Total project funding of \$1,070,000.	\$159,200.00	Fisheries Victoria \$900,000.
13/14/27	Northern	Access & Facilities	Wannon Region Water Corporation	Northern	Inland	3yr	Improving Recreational Fishing Access at Konongwootong Reservoir. 2nd and 3rd year of funding. Total project funding of \$231,818.18.	\$158,181.82	Financial: Wannon Water \$301,500 in safety upgrades and a cultural heritage project as part of the Master Plan. In-kind: Project management.
14/15/34	Port Phillip & Western Port	Research	DEDJTR Fisheries Victoria	Port Phillip & Western Port	Marine	2yr	Increasing knowledge of Victoria's growing recreational yellowtail kingfish fishery.	\$147,907.50	Fisheries Victoria: \$20,000 financial, \$83,000 in-kind.
13/14/61	Northern	Sustainability & Habitat Improvement	King Valley Tourism Association	Northern	Inland	3yr	Renewed Fish Habitat for both Native & Trout Fishing in King River NE Victoria. 2nd and 3rd year of funding. Total project funding of \$190,226.82	\$125,981.14	In-kind: NECMA project management.
12/13/23	State-wide	Research	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	Marine	3yr	Development of approaches to monitor and manage recreational catch of 'western stock' snapper to meet sustainability and recreational fishery objectives. 3 rd & final year of funding. Total project funding of \$263,206.	\$100,533.70	FRDC \$350,000, Fisheries Victoria \$25,000.
14/15/33	Northern	Research	DEDJTR Fisheries Victoria	Northern	Inland	3yr	Implementing better practice Murray cod fishery management.	\$100,000.00	In-kind. Volunteer recreational anglers: \$57,600.
14/15/06	South West	Research	Nature Glenelg Trust	South West	Estuarine	3yr	Understanding the stock structures, biology and population status of mulloway in Victoria.	\$78,545.45	In-kind: Recreational fishers: \$37,000 for the collection of samples. SARDI-PIRSA, Murdoch University and Fish Ageing Services Pty Ltd - \$15,000. Nature Glenelg Trust: \$10,000.

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COM/10/11/04	Northern	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Northern Victoria	Inland	3yr	Building northern native fisheries, great fishing on the Campaspe, Loddon & Gunbower systems. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$779,500.	\$77,950.00	Fisheries Victoria \$260,000.
14/15/13	Northern	Access & Facilities	Horsham Rural City Council	Horsham	Inland	1yr	Horsham - Angling For Abilities Project.	\$72,109.09	Co-funding from Fisheries Victoria: the Recreational Fishing Initiative - \$79320. Horsham Rural City Council: In-kind - \$14,600.
14/15/19	Gippsland	Access & Facilities	East Gippsland Shire Council	Lake Tyers	Estuarine	1yr	Lake Tyers Beach Accessible Fishing Landing (northern end of Lakeside Drive).	\$65,218.18	East Gippsland Shire. Financial \$10,000.00. In-kind project management estimated at \$7,100.
14/15/40	Gippsland	Research	University of Melbourne	Venus Bay	Marine	3yr	Assessing the sustainability of Venus Bay's recreational and commercial pipi harvest.	\$65,059.09	Financial: \$8,600. In-kind: \$89,105.
14/15/11	Northern	Sustainability & Habitat Improvement	North Central Catchment Management Authority	Pyramid Creek	Inland	1yr	Increasing Fish Habitat in the Pyramid Creek.	\$61,342.73	North Central CMA. Financial: \$112,000 contribution to Native Fish Recovery Plan. In-kind: \$12,860.
14/15/12	Gippsland	Research	West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority	Tarwin River	Inland	2yr	River Blackfish Translocation Pilot Study.	\$60,150.91	WGCMA. Financial. \$72,000 towards habitat improvement (2014-2016). In-kind: Leongatha Angling Club volunteers. \$3,000. WGCMA project management. \$6,000.
12/13/17	Northern	Research	Greenfish Consulting Pty Ltd	Murray Darling Basin	Inland	3yr	Develop and implement a consistent method for assessing the sustainability of Murray cod in the Murray Darling Basin. 3 rd year of funding. Total project funding of \$150,000.	\$60,000.00	FRDC \$375,000, Native Fish Strategy \$23,900, Fisheries Victoria \$36,000, PIRSA Fisheries \$30,000.

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R/10/11/03	Port Phillip	Research	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Port Phillip Bay	Marine	3yr	'Fishers tracking fish' - recreational fishers 'tuning' in to understand why Port Phillip Bay is so important to snapper. Balance of funding. Total project funding of \$221,386.	\$58,138.60	In-kind contributions: Equipment use/maintenance and angler time \$197,500.
14/15/27	State-wide	Education, Information and Training	DEDJTR Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	State-wide	3yr	Cool Tools to Learn the Rules.	\$50,000.00	Fisheries Victoria. In-kind \$90,000.
COM/10/11/02	State-wide	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	State-wide	2yr	Research angler diary program for Anderson Inlet, Mallacoota Inlet, Lake Tyers, Glenelg River estuary, Hopkins River estuary, North East, Corangamite, Port Phillip Bay, East Gippsland, Port Phillip & Western Port, West Gippsland & Wimmera waters. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$492,000.	\$49,200.00	
14/15/25	Northern	Access & Facilities	Hindmarsh Shire Council	Dimboola	Inland	1yr	Recreational Fishing Pontoon, Wimmera River, Dimboola Recreation Reserve.	\$47,828.18	Financial: Hindmarsh Shire Council - \$10,000. In-kind: Dimboola Town Committee - \$3,200.
13/14/56	South West	Access & Facilities	Glenelg - Hopkins Catchment Management Authority	South West	Estuarine	3yr	Improving access to and evaluating the effectiveness of a Merri River Estuary Fish Habitat Hotspot. 2nd and 3rd year of funding. Total project funding of \$80,181.82.	\$46,145.46	Financial: Co-investment of at least \$33 k per annum from 2014-17 from DEPI to create instream fish habitat. In-kind: DEPI \$80,000 for six recreational fishing events, the development of a promotional DVD, habitat condition monitoring and mapping of habitat condition. WCC \$10,500 project management. Community Volunteers \$4,000 for assistance with revegetation. Fishcare \$500 for a FishRight clinic.

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14/15/17	South West	Access & Facilities	Association Of Geelong And District Angling Clubs Inc.	Aire River	Estuarine	1yr	All Abilities Fishing Platform on the Aire River.	\$42,615.91	Co-funding from Fisheries Victoria: the Recreational Fishing Initiative - \$47,377.50. In-kind: Association Of Geelong and District Angling Clubs \$2,000.00
14/15/48	Northern	Access & Facilities	Hindmarsh Shire Council	Jeparit	Inland	1yr	Recreational Fishing Pontoon, Wimmera River, Jeparit.	\$42,609.09	Jeparit Angling Club. Financial \$3,000. In-kind \$2,800.
13/14/25	State-wide	Education, Information & Training	Zoological Parks And Gardens Board	State-wide	State-wide	3yr	Install a further 90 Seal the loop' fishing line disposal bins around Victoria. 2nd and 3rd year of funding. Total project funding of \$60,000.	\$42,000.00	In-kind: Interpretive displays, presentations and an onsite education program at Melbourne Zoo to accompany the initiative. Communication and media support.
COM/09/10/03	Port Phillip	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Port Phillip Bay	Marine	3yr	Install near-shore fish habitat improvement structure at three locations in Port Phillip Bay. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$400,000.	\$40,000.00	
13/14/40	Northern	Sustainability & Habitat Improvement	Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority	Northern	Inland	2yr	Native Fish Habitat Enhancement in the Lower Broken Creek between Numurkah and Nathalia. 2nd and final year of funding. Total project funding of \$68,727.27.	\$37,800.00	Financial: GBCMA \$96,500 for habitat mapping and electrofishing survey. In-kind: Landholders \$30,000 for bank works. GBCMA \$10,000 for project management.

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13/14/47	Northern	Research	The Trustee for Nature Glenelg Trust	Northern	Inland	3yr	Evaluating the status of the Murray crayfish recreational fishery in Victoria'. The project will focus on waterways of northern Victoria where Murray crayfish are known to occur, including the Mitta Mitta, Kiewa, Ovens and Goulburn rivers. 2nd and 3rd year of funding. Total project funding of \$65,818.18.	\$36,609.09	Financial: DEPI \$30,000 to continue targeted sampling of populations in the Murray River and surrounding areas (Victoria). Compliments a similar study being funded by NSW RFL Trust Account (\$190,000). In-kind: Nature Glenelg Trust and NSW Fisheries (\$15,000) in terms of gear usage (nets, field kits, water quality meters) and field assistance.
12/1309	Gippsland	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority	East Gippsland	Inland	3yr	Install 120 large wood structures in the Mitchell, Nicholson, Tambo and Snowy Rivers. Final 10% balance of payment. Total project funding of \$300,000.	\$30,000.00	This project will compliment a larger scale river restoration program funded by the Victorian Government.
L11/12/07	State-wide	Education, Information & Training	Life Saving Victoria Ltd	Victorian coastal waters	Marine	3yr	Rock Fishing Safety Campaign: Don't Put Your Life on the Line; a State-wide media campaign. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$300,000.	\$30,000.00	Life Saving Victoria Ltd will contribute \$124,300.
L11/12/03	Northern	Sustainability & Habitat Improvement	North East Catchment Management Authority	Ovens River, Wangaratta	Inland	3yr	Fish habitat enhancement of the Ovens River (Wangaratta region). 3 rd & final year of funding. Total project funding of \$75,000.	\$30,000.00	North East CMA will contribute \$55,000 to install a rock ramp fish way and remove exotic trees.
14/15/15	South West	Access & Facilities	Association Of Geelong And District Angling Clubs Inc.	Princetown	Estuarine	1yr	Fishing Platform on the Gellibrand River at Princetown.	\$27,921.65	Co-funding from Fisheries Victoria: the Recreational Fishing Initiative - \$32,434.45. In-kind: Association Of Geelong and District Angling Clubs \$1,500.00
14/15/41	Northern	Research	Bendigo & District Fly Fishers Inc.	Harcourt	Inland	1yr	Rebuilding the trout fishery at Barkers Creek (Harcourt) Reservoir.	\$24,946.00	In-kind: Fisheries Victoria - \$3,000. Bendigo and District Fly Fishers Club - \$3,000. ARI - \$2,350.

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R/09/10/01	Gippsland	Research	University of New South Wales	Lake Tyers	Estuary	3yr	Conduct an Eastern king prawn stocking project for Victoria at Lake Tyers. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$232,947.	\$23,294.45	University of New South Wales \$17,950.
13/14/00004	State-wide	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	State-wide	1yr	2014/15 Communication and Compliance Products (production of a series of communication products and measuring devices to provide recreational fishers with up-to-date information on Fisheries regulations). Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$230,981.61.	\$23,098.16	
14/15/16	South West	Access & Facilities	Association Of Geelong And District Angling Clubs Inc.	Princetown	Estuarine	1yr	Fishing Platform at the junction of the Gellibrand River and Latrobe Creek at Princetown.	\$21,414.31	Co-funding from Fisheries Victoria: the Recreational Fishing Initiative - \$25,276.38. In-kind: Association Of Geelong and District Angling Clubs \$1,500.00
14/15/23	State-wide	Education, Information and Training	VRFish	State-wide	State-wide	1yr	Young Future Leaders - Recreational Fisher Development Program 2015.	\$20,681.82	Commonwealth financial co-contribution - \$22,750. In-kind Fisheries Victoria/VRFish \$7,750.
14/15/04	Northern	Sustainability & Habitat Improvement	Birchip and District Angling Club	Tchum Lake	Inland	1yr	Tchum Lake- Resnagging Project.	\$18,000.00	Not specified.
L/11/12/04	Northern	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Kerang Lakes	Inland	3yr	Install recreational fishing reefs in the Kerang Lakes. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$162,500.	\$16,250.00	In-kind contribution: Goulburn Murray Water will provide \$102,000 in equipment use, risk assessment and signage.
S&HI/10/11/05	Northern	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	Native Fish Australia	Northern Victorian waters	Inland	3yr	Establish a reliable supply of catfish fingerlings to restore Victoria's catfish recreational fishery. Balance of 10% funding. Total project funding of \$133,920.	\$13,392.00	In-kind labour contribution of \$83,500 from the Department of Environment and Primary Industries and Native Fish Australia.

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R/10/11/06	State-wide	Research	South Australian Research Development Institute	Victorian coastal waters	Marine	2yr	Innovative ways to ensure the future sustainability of the recreational fishery for shortfin makos in Victoria. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$130,910.	\$13,091.00	In-kind contribution: Equipment & satellite tagging of sharks \$4,000, Labour \$20,682.
R/10/11/02	State-wide	Research	University of Melbourne	Victorian coastal waters	Marine	2yr	Spawning sources, movement patterns, and nursery area replenishment of spawning populations of King George whiting in south-eastern Australia - closing the life history loop. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$126,000.	\$12,600.00	FRDC \$343,000. In-kind contributions: Labour \$92,200 (DEPI, SARDI and recreational fishers).
12/135	South West	Research	Lake Purrumbete Angling Club Inc.	Lake Purrumbete and Bullen Merri	Inland	3yr	Monitor the Chinook salmon fish stocking program at lakes Purrumbete and Bullen Merri. Balance of 10% funding. Total funding of \$115,667.	\$11,566.70	
12/1304	State-wide	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Arthur Rylah Institute	State-wide	State-wide	3yr	Victorian 'Fishers for Fish Habitat' Program. Balance of 10% funding. Total project funding of \$114,000.	\$11,400.00	Murray Darling Basin Authority \$5,000. In-kind contributions: Labour \$52,500 (DEPI and recreational fishers).
12/132	State-wide	Education, Information & Training	Fishcare Victoria Inc.	State-wide	State-wide	3yr	Fishcare 'Fish Right' workshops – conduct 450 junior recreational fisher workshops across Victoria. Balance of 10% funding. . Total project funding of \$113,500.	\$11,350.00	In-kind contribution: Volunteer labour 925 hrs @\$25 p/h =\$23,150.

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13/14/24	Gippsland	Access & Facilities	West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority	Gippsland	Estuarine	2yr	Construct an all abilities fishing platform and increase fish habitat in the Tarwin River estuary/Andersons Inlet at Tarwin Lower. 2 nd Year payment and balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$34,150.00.	\$10,795.00	Financial: WGCMA for tree planting (\$2,400), labour costs for installing signage (\$200.00), and a further \$15,000 towards the control of spartina in Andersons Inlet. Caring for our Country project; Helping Victorian recreational fishers take action to improve fish habitat (Aug 2013-June 2016). On-ground works contribution: \$100,000.00 across 3 years throughout Victoria.
13/14/14	State-wide	Research	VRFish	State-wide	State-wide	1yr	Understanding the economic contribution of recreational fishing to the State of Victoria (Ernst & Young). Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$100,000.00.	\$10,000.00	VRFish \$750 in labour.
13/14/4	Northern	Research	Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority	Northern	Inland	1yr	Assessing the benefits of instream habitat works for fish populations in the Goulburn catchment. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$76,000.00	\$7,600.00	Financial: GBCMA \$21,500 financial for materials and project management In-kind: GBCMA \$20,000 in-kind for riparian works, fencing, revegetation and install stiles.
13/14/16	South West	Access & Facilities	Fitzroy River Public Purposes Reserve	South West	Estuarine	1yr	Fitzroy River Recreational Fishing Access Project, including the construction of an all abilities access fishing platform. Balance of funding. Total project funding of \$60,460.80	\$6,046.08	
12/1337	State-wide	Research	Monash University	State-wide	Inland	2yr	Growing the success of Macquarie perch breeding for future stocking into Victorian waterways. Balance of 10% funding. Total project funding of \$58,510.	\$5,851.00	Monash University \$129,500

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13/14/29	South West	Access & Facilities	Surfcoast Shire	South West	Estuarine	1yr	Putting Locals First - Construct two all abilities access fishing platforms at Spring Creek. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$54,545.45.	\$5,454.55	Financial: Surf Coast Council \$10,000 towards platform construction and \$7,000 for Cultural Heritage Management Studies. In-kind: \$1500 volunteer labour from Landcare and local angling clubs.
13/14/52	Gippsland	Research	Charles Sturt University	Gippsland	Estuarine	1yr	Fecundity and egg quality of dusky flathead (<i>Platycephalidae fuscus</i>) in East Gippsland, Victoria. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$49,638.75.	\$4,963.87	In-kind: Two Charles Sturt University researchers and one honours student will manage/administer the project \$16,800.
13/14/49	Gippsland	Access & Facilities	West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority	Gippsland	Estuarine	1yr	Construct two all ability access fishing platforms and install two in-stream log structures in the Tarra River estuary, Tarraville. Balance of 10% funding. Total project funding of \$39,440.00.	\$3,944.00	Financial: WGCMA \$200. Caring for our Country project - On-ground works contribution: \$100,000.00. In-kind: WGCMA \$5,500 for project management. DEPI \$80,000 for angler engagement activities and habitat monitoring is \$80,000. The RFL Victorian Fishers for Habitat project \$15,000.
12/13/11	State-wide	Education, Information and Training	VRFish	State-wide	Marine	1yr	Conduct a communications campaign to reduce released snapper mortality in Victoria. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$38,800.	\$3,880.00	
13/14/55	Northern	Sustainability & Habitat Improvement	Harrietville Community Forum Inc.	Northern	Inland	1yr	Upper Ovens River In-stream Habitat Restoration Project, Harrietville. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$35,222.50.	\$3,522.25	Harrietville Community Forum and Alpine Fly Fishers \$1,100 in volunteer labour.

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13/14/34	Northern	Access & Facilities	Coliban Region Water Corporation	Northern	Inland	1yr	Upper Coliban Recreation Area Foreshore Access Track. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$28,982.27.	\$2,898.23	Coliban Region Water Corporation to install new, steel bench seats along the track, and labour and equipment required for sign installation.
13/14/41	South West	Research	Corangamite Catchment Management Authority	South West	Inland	1yr	Gellibrand River Blackfish Population Assessment. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$22,147.27.	\$2,214.73	Corangamite CMA \$10,000 for project management.
12/1335	Port Phillip	Education, Information and Training	City of Melbourne	Docklands	Estuary	1yr	Develop the Docklands Recreational Fishing Strategy. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$22,000.	\$2,200.00	
13/14/35	Port Phillip & Western Port	Access & Facilities	Association Of Geelong And District Angling Clubs Inc.	Port Phillip & Western Port	Marine	1yr	Install a solar light above the Clifton Springs boat ramp. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$11,677.00.	\$1,167.70	AG&DAC \$500 in volunteer labour.
							Sub-total	\$4,351,283.90	

Other items

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Not applicable	State-wide	Not applicable	Fishcare Victoria Inc.	State-wide	State-wide	1yr	2014/15 Core funding. Total project funding of \$206,400.	\$20,640.00	Nil financial contributions.
							Sub-total	\$20,640.00	
							Sub-total	\$4,371,923.90	

Proposal to fund RFL sales commission not claimed

	Proposal	Funding	
		\$14,651.72	Excludes RFL sales commission receipts not submitted by licence sellers.
	Sub-total	\$14,651.72	
	Sub-total	4,386,575.62	

Proposal to fund 2014/15's approved Recreational Fishing Grants Program projects and emerging recreational fisheries issues in 2015/16

	Proposal	Funding	
		\$477,677.92	
	Total	\$4,864,253.54	
	Balance remaining	\$0.00	

Note 4 - Cash assets

Cash as at 30 June 2015 of \$4,864,253.54 shown in the financial statement includes \$2,500,000 which has been invested pursuant to Section 151B(5) *Fisheries Act 1995*.

Statutory Certification

I certify the attached Financial Report for the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account has been prepared in accordance with the *Fisheries Act 1995*.

I further state that, in my opinion, the information set out in the Receipts & Disbursements Report and notes to the financial report, presents fairly the financial transactions during the year ended 30 June 2015.

I am not aware of any circumstance which would render any particulars included in the financial report to be misleading or inaccurate.



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Fisheries Victoria

09/09/15

Independent Audit Report from Auditor-General

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Secretary, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport, and Resources

The Financial Report

The accompanying financial report for the year ended 30 June 2015, being a special purpose financial report of the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account, which comprises the receipts and disbursements report, a statement of accounting policies, other explanatory information and the statutory certification has been audited.

The Secretary's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Secretary of the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport, and Resources is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the requirements of the *Fisheries Act 1995*, and for such internal control as the Secretary determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The Secretary has determined that the financial report is appropriate to the needs of the Minister for Agriculture.

Auditor's Responsibility

As required by the *Audit Act 1994*, my responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on the audit, which has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require compliance with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and that the audit be planned and performed to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The audit procedures selected depend on judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, consideration is given to the internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Secretary, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Auditing in the Public Interest

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

Independence

The Auditor-General's independence is established by the *Constitution Act 1975*. The Auditor-General is not subject to direction by any person about the way in which his powers and responsibilities are to be exercised. In conducting the audit, the Auditor-General, his staff and delegates complied with all applicable independence requirements of the Australian accounting profession.

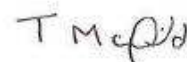
Opinion

In my opinion, the special purpose financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts into and disbursements from the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account for the year ended 30 June 2015 in accordance with the *Fisheries Act 1995*.

Basis of Preparation

Without modification to the opinion expressed above, attention is drawn to the following matter. As indicated in note 1 to the financial statements, the financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Secretary's financial reporting obligations under the *Fisheries Act 1995*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

MELBOURNE
9 September 2015



for John Doyle
Auditor-General

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