



Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account 2009/2010

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

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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, 2009-2010

During 2009/10 the Victorian Government implemented new consultation arrangements to assist in the future management of the community's fisheries resources, with a strong focus on providing a broader range of opportunities for engagement and greater transparency and accountability in decision-making for all parties.

The new consultative arrangements include clear processes to provide greater opportunities for recreational fishers to have a say in setting priorities for the expenditure of the Recreational Fishing Licence revenue, including:

- Opportunities for recreational fishers and DPI to engage through Regional Roundtable Forums to be held in each major region around Victoria on an annual basis;
- Opportunities for recreational fishers and DPI to engage on strategic-level matters through a State-wide Roundtable Forum to be held on a quarterly basis, with participation generally based on a group of fishers who collectively cover the broad range of fishing types and interests across Victoria; and
- Establishing a Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group, comprising a range of recreational fishers, to provide advice on the expenditure of all RFL revenue.

The eight-member Working Group includes anglers from across the State who *collectively* have knowledge of the marine and inland recreational fisheries, who understand the needs of recreational fishers.

The Working Group provided advice on the operation of the new three-tiered Recreational Fishing Grants Program which comprises:

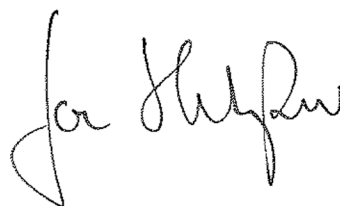
1. A Small Grants Program - that is continually open to fund small projects up to \$5,000;
2. A Large Grants Program for projects from \$5,001 to \$100,000; and
3. A Commissioning Program for large priority projects generally in excess of \$100,000.

In late 2009, Fisheries Victoria conducted an online survey of recreational fishing licence holders to seek information regarding ways to further improve recreational fishing in Victoria. More than 4,400 people participated in the survey, the results of which will be used to guide the advice to be provided by the Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group to Government on the expenditure of recreational fishing licence revenue and to help to inform Government consideration of future investments in improving opportunities for recreational fishing in Victoria.

During 2009/10, Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account funds were also 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;
- The 2008/09 and previous rounds of the Recreational Fishing Grants Program and the Commonwealth Recreational Fishing Community Grants Program (rounds 4 and 5), for access and facilities, education, information and training, and recreational fisheries-related research and fish habitat improvement projects.
- Expanded stocking of native and salmonid fish species into Victorian rivers and impoundments;
- Salaries and operating expenses of some Fisheries Victoria's Field Services staff;
- 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 2009/10.



Mr Joe Helper MP
Minister for Agriculture

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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 2009/10 financial year is the ninth 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 2009/10.

Field Services

In 2009/10, Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Trust Account receipts contributed \$1,061,693.16 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 high level contact with recreational fishers in the field during the last year and reports are that there has been good acceptance and compliance with the new Fisheries Regulations introduced in 2009. This will continue to be an area of high priority for Fisheries Victoria.

Participation by Fisheries Officers in major recreational fishing projects funded from the RFL Trust Account has also increased. The annual Recreational Fishing Grants Program and Family Friendly Fishing events - funded through the Go Fishing in Victoria initiative, have all contributed to the long-term education of recreational fishers. Fisheries Officers also significantly contribute to the education of recreational fishers.

An intelligence-led approach helps the prioritisation of action, and focusing resources on the greatest threats to Victoria's fisheries. Strategic risk assessments and other intelligence products and services help Fisheries Victoria plan the best response to each issue threatening the sustainability of our fisheries. This gives us greater power to identify measure, prevent and deter fisheries crime.

Financial Report

Report concerning how amounts paid into the
Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account were
disbursed in 2009-2010 financial year

Receipts 2009/10	\$	
Total receipts from RFL sales	6,030,043.68	
270,795 RFL's sold (as at 16 July 2010) including: 28,610 three-year licences, 139,431 one-year licences, 26,077 28-day licences and 76,677 two-day licences.		
Interest - investments	90,513.70	<i>Fisheries Act 1995, S. 151B(4) 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	22,077.14	Project # EI&T/07/08/19, 'Fishing for Success', \$358.35; Project # A&F/07/08/13, 'Construction of access stairs at Sturt Point, Wye River' - \$1,798.09. Project #SE/28 'Introduction to fly fishing', \$451.23. Project SE/29 'Come and try fishing casting', \$1.67; Project #R5143 'Improve angler access at Eildon Pondage through supply and installation of two floating fishing pontoons, \$658.86; Project # S&HI/06/07/04 'Riparian environment repair for the Howqua River' - \$4,045.85; Project # 11/05/06EI&T 'Fish Length Ruler', \$14,763.09.
GST Recoverable	7,146.72	
Total receipts for the year	6,149,781.24	

Disbursements 2009/10	\$	
Recreational Fishing Grants Program and other projects	1,891,342.24	Payments to 78 projects - see Note 2.
Fisheries Field Services (state wide)	1,061,693.16	
VRFish	377,119.59	
Fishcare	7,500.00	
Community Information		
Recreational Fishing Grants Program/Recreational Fishing Licence/disbursement reporting related advertising & publicity.	46,343.08	
Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) 6% sales commissions		
Applicable to sales commissions incurred during 2008/09, paid in 2009/10 financial year.	256,273.32	
Costs and expenses incurred in the administration of RFLs		
Salaries and on-costs.	270,267.78	
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).	212,328.35	
Professional services other (Recreational Fishing Grants Program governance audit; VRFish governance audit; Victorian Auditor-General's Office audit of 2008/09 RFL Trust Account; Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group membership expressions of interest process; Fisheries Integrated Licensing System enhancements for RFL; on-line survey of licensed recreational fishers).	110,563.87	
Agency labour hire	109,919.82	
Postal expenses, printing, stationary, courier, telephones, banking charges, office equipment and software maintenance, seminar & conference attendance fees, recruitment advertising and contract services.	93,564.22	
Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group	29,138.07	
Sitting fees, sustenance, accommodation, airfares, vehicle hire, venue hire and personal expenses (six meetings).		
GST payable	19,427.30	
Total disbursements for the year	4,485,480.80	
Net cash inflow/(outflow)	1,664,300.44	
Cash as at 1 July 2009	3,404,721.70	
Cash as at 30 June 2010	5,069,022.14	Provision to fund 2009/10's approved Recreational Fishing Grant Program projects, and other items - see Note 3 and 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 2009/10

Projects initially announced in 2005/06	Grant Amount	Grant recipient
Study to determine angler-use patterns for Murray cod in Victorian waters including angler demographics, the recreational catch and take, and angler satisfaction; 3 rd and final year of funding. Total project funding of \$111,500.	\$19,500.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Snobs Creek
Sub-Total	\$19,500.00	
Projects initially announced in 2006/07		
Expanded stocking trial for Kerang Lakes, using dart-tagged yearling Murray cod and chemically marked fingerling golden perch from a previously funded stocking trial, stock assessments and analysis of fish samples will be conducted. A communication strategy to increase angler participation and feed back will also be developed; payment of the 2 nd and 3 rd year (final) of funding. Total project funding of \$212,790.	\$114,790.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Snobs Creek
Angler access and facilities improvements; install signage and construct fishing platforms at various locations in Central North Gippsland; 2 nd and final year of funding. Total project funding of \$61,832.	\$36,356.00	Southern Rural Water
Fishcare 'Fish Right' workshops – conduct 300 junior angler workshops (and evaluate outcomes) across Victoria; 3 rd and final year of funding. Total project funding of \$99,000.	\$33,000.00	Fishcare East Gippsland Inc.
Lake Wartook (transferred from Lake Wendouree due to dry conditions) trial release and monitoring of stocked rainbow trout (of Tasmanian and NSW strains) to compare growth rate, survival and return to the angler compared to the existing strain of fish stocked by Fisheries Victoria; to determine if existing brood stock management practices should be altered to provide the best outcome to the angler; 3 rd and final year of funding. Total project funding of \$81,000.	\$20,000.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Snobs Creek
Sub-Total	\$204,146.00	
Projects initially announced in 2007/08		
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 in Victoria; 1 st and 2 nd year of funding. Total project funding of \$270,000.	\$180,000.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Queenscliff
Determine the extent of summer trout habitat in Lake Hume and Lake Dartmouth.	\$64,500.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Snobs Creek
Implement integrated approaches to the monitoring and assessment of recreational estuarine fisheries (through angler diary research program) for Anderson Inlet, Mallacoota Inlet, Lake Tyers, Glenelg and Hopkins Rivers, and North East Victoria.	\$44,000.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Queenscliff
Conduct an economic study of recreational fishing in Victoria; 2 nd and final year of funding. Total project funding of \$100,000.	\$40,000.00	VRFish
Implement fishery research component of Lake Tyers Fisheries Reserve Management Plan.	\$30,000.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Queenscliff
Flathead Fred's Kids' Fun Fishing Shows - conduct 'fun fishing shows' to educate children and adults in correct, safe, and sustainable recreational fishing practice; 2 nd year of funding. Total project funding of \$12,000.	\$3,636.37	Frederick Bayes
Sub-Total	\$362,136.37	
Projects initially announced in 2008/09		
Establishment grant and base level funding; 2 nd year of funding. Total funding of \$340,000.	\$146,820.76	Fishcare East Gippsland Inc.
Sub-Total	\$146,820.76	

Projects announced in 2009/10		
Hastings jetty recreational fishing upgrade; 1 st instalment of 90% of funding. Total project funding of \$205,991.04.	\$185,391.94	Parks Victoria
The purchase and liberation of native and salmonid fish to stock into Victorian rivers and impoundments; 1 st instalment of 90% of funding. Total project funding of \$200,000.	\$180,000.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Construct two fishing platforms and access pathways from K road car park to approximately 600m downstream of eastern side of Werribee River; 1 st instalment of 90% of funding. Total project funding of \$140,175.	\$126,157.50	VRFish
Conduct an analysis of Victorian coastal and estuarine fishing facilities outside of Port Phillip bay and Western Port to determine angler usage levels and un-met infrastructure needs; 1 st payment. Total project funding of \$137,500.	\$123,750.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Mitchell and Tambo Rivers fish habitat improvement through in stream structures, and structural habitat in the Gippsland Lakes trial; 1 st instalment of 90% of funding. Total project funding of \$85,000.	\$76,500.00	East Gippsland CMA
Reconstruct the Fisheries Jetty at Mallacoota into a purpose-built fishing pontoon; 1 st instalment of funding. Total project funding of \$80,090.47.	\$70,881.43	FutureFish Foundation Projects Pty Ltd
Enhance fish habitat and the value of the Ovens River (upstream of Bright) as a recreational fishing destination; 1 st instalment of 90% of funding. Total project funding of \$69,000.	\$62,100.00	North East CMA
Research angler diary program for Anderson Inlet, Mallacoota Inlet, Lake Tyers and waters of the North East, West Gippsland, Corangamite and Glenelg-Hopkins Catchment Management Authorities; 1 st instalment of 90% of funding. Total project funding of \$68,000.	\$61,200.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Queenscliff
Fishing platform extension (14 metres), solar lighting and signage installation at Griffin Gully, Corio bay; 1 st instalment of 90% of funding. Total project funding of \$56,269.50.	\$50,642.55	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.
Enhance in-stream fish habitat for Mid Goulburn River, upstream and downstream of Seymour; 1 st instalment of 90% of funding. Total project funding of \$50,000.	\$45,000.00	Goulburn Broken CMA
Printing of 17,500 'Weigh your catch' snapper fish sticker rulers.	\$20,120.00	Fishcare Southwest Inc.
Install solar light and signage at Grammar School lagoon jetty; 1 st instalment of 90% of funding. Total project funding of \$9,897.	\$8,907.30	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.
Stock exclusion fencing improving fish habitat and increasing angler access.	\$5,000.00	Deddick Valley Landcare Group
Conduct a 'Family Fishing Expo 2010' for the local community.	\$5,000.00	Shire of Melton
Conduct an economic study of recreational fishing for Murray cod.	\$5,000.00	VRFish
Conduct an 'Australian Casting Championships' event to promote fly casting.	\$3,127.27	Australian Casting Federation
Conduct a 'Schools fishing Day' to promote sustainable recreational fishing practices to junior anglers.	\$1,834.00	Nicholson Angling Club
Design and print a 'Laminated Fish Set' to promote responsible fishing practices at school workshops and community festivals.	\$1,560.00	Fishcare Mornington Peninsula and Westernport Inc.
Design and install 'Diver Below' - dive awareness signage at 10 priority boat launching areas around Port Phillip bay; 1 st payment. Total project funding of \$749.00.	\$674.10	VRFish
Educational resources for Fishcare 'Get Hooked its Fun to Fish' program.	\$586.14	Fishcare Central Highlands Inc.
Sub-Total	\$1,033,432.23	

Small Events Recreational Fishing Grants Program		
Conduct a 'Kids Come 'n' Try Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for families.	\$1,600.00	15 Mile Creek Camp
Conduct a 'Surfcoast Junior Bream Fishing Classic' event to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior anglers.	\$1,600.00	Anglesea Aireys Inlet Angling Club
Conduct a 'Ron Nelson Memorial Junior Clinic' event educating junior anglers on correct fishing methods and responsible fishing practices.	\$1,600.00	Association of Geelong and District Angling Clubs Inc.
Conduct an 'Educational Fishing Charter' to educate junior anglers on sustainable recreational fishing methods.	\$1,600.00	Belmont High School
Conduct a 'Boat Fishing Skills Day' to educate anglers on best practice sustainable recreational boat fishing techniques.	\$1,600.00	Care Connect
Conduct a 'Kids Come 'n' Try Fishing Day' to introduce students to recreational fishing.	\$1,600.00	Colac Anglers Club Inc.
Conduct 12 'Recreational Fishing Workshops' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fly fishing practices for anglers.	\$1,600.00	Colac Otway Shire
Conduct 'Dargo Carp-a-Thon' event.	\$1,600.00	Dargo Land Care Group
Conduct a 'Catch a Carp' day to promote responsible fishing practices.	\$1,600.00	Fishcare East Gippsland inc.
Conduct an 'Introduction to Fishing' workshop to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for the local community.	\$1,600.00	Fitness Arena
Conduct a 'Mates on the Bay' recreational fishing day for people with disabilities.	\$1,600.00	FutureFish Foundation Projects Pty Ltd
Conduct a 'Kids Come 'n' Try Fishing' event to introduce children to recreational fishing.	\$1,600.00	FutureFish Foundation Projects Pty Ltd
Conduct a 'Come and Try Fishing Casting Day' event to introduce people to the art of fishing.	\$1,600.00	Greenwells Angling Club
Conduct a 'Fishing sustainably and safely in our local community' event to promote sustainable and safe fishing practices.	\$1,600.00	Marcellin Catholic College
Conduct a 'Learn to Fish' event to introduce children to recreational fishing.	\$1,600.00	Natured Kids
Conduct an 'Open Community Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fly fishing practices for anglers.	\$1,600.00	Southern Fly Fishers Inc.
Conduct a 'Junior Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior anglers.	\$1,600.00	Waranga Boat Club
Conduct an 'Introduction to fishing' workshop.	\$1,600.00	Yarra Valley Fly Fishers Inc.
Conduct a 'Family Fishing Expo' for local community.	\$1,591.55	Shire of Melton
Conduct six 'Get Hooked, Get Started, Get Fishing' fish clinic events to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices.	\$1,584.00	Anderson Inlet Angling Club Inverloch Inc.
Conduct a 'Seniors Come 'n' Try Fishing Day' for senior citizens.	\$1,575.00	Surfcoast Fishing & Outdoor Club
Conduct a 2010 'Kids Come n Try Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior anglers.	\$1,568.18	Northern Suburbs Fly Fishing Club
Conduct a 2009 'Kids Come N Try Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior anglers.	\$1,515.00	Northern Suburbs Fly Fishing Club
Conduct an 'Introduction to Fishing' workshop to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for the local community.	\$1,454.55	Garfield Angling Club
Conduct an 'Under 16 Family Fishing Day' at St Kilda Festival 2010 to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior anglers.	\$1,431.82	Elwood Angling Club
Conduct a 'Family Surf Fishing Tuition Day' to educate families on responsible surf fishing techniques.	\$1,405.00	Oakdale Angling Club

Conduct a 'Fishing Club Promotion Event' to attract new people to the sport of fishing.	\$1,237.00	Numurkah Fishing Club
Conduct a 'Cultural Fishing Day' event to promote indigenous fishing practices.	\$1,214.50	Brophy Youth Services
Conduct a 'Hopkins River Kids Fishing Day' to educate junior anglers on sustainable recreational fishing methods.	\$1,155.00	Warnambool & District Anglers Club
Conduct a 'Big Catch Fishing Bay Tour' event to promote responsible fishing practices.	\$1,100.00	Gateway Social Support Options
Conduct an 'Introduction to fishing' workshop at the Whitehorse Festival 2009.	\$1,100.00	Laburnum Angling Club
Conduct a 'Community Junior Fishing Day' to educate junior anglers on sustainable recreational fishing methods.	\$1,025.00	Corinella Boating & Angling Club
Conduct a 'Junior Angler Development & Club Promotion Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior anglers.	\$1,020.00	Cobden Angling Club
Conduct a 'Family Surf Fishing Day' for the local community.	\$965.00	Oakdale Angling Club
Conduct a 'Kids Come 'n' Try Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior anglers.	\$935.00	Fawkner Merlynston Angling Club Inc.
Conduct a 'Family Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for anglers.	\$875.00	Longwarry Angling Club
Conduct a 'Family Fishing Education Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for anglers.	\$725.00	Koroit & District Angling Club
Conduct an 'Introduction to Fishing' workshop at Whitehorse Festival 2010.	\$612.73	Laburnum Angling Club
Conduct a 'Kids Fishing Education Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior anglers.	\$453.00	Ballarat District Anglers Association
Conduct a 'School Fishing Day' event educating junior anglers on correct fishing methods and responsible fishing practices.	\$325.00	Nicholson Angling Club
Sub-Total	\$53,667.33	
Commonwealth Government's Recreational Fishing Community Grants Program (Round 5) co-funded projects		
Eildon Recreational Fishing Precinct: Access Improvements and Fish Habitat Enhancement Program; 2 nd and final payment. Total project funding of \$127,272.73.	\$25,454.54	Goulburn Broken CMA
Install 16 in-stream structures in lower Mitchell and Nicholson rivers and deliver community awareness program; 2 nd and final payment. Total project funding of \$104,000.	\$20,800.00	East Gippsland CMA
Install nine webcams at locations including: Limeburners, Clifton Springs, Ocean Grove, St. Leonards, Stoney Point, Altona, Sorrento, Torquay and Apollo Bay; 2 nd and final payment. Total project funding of \$89,750.	\$16,318.19	Association of Geelong and District Angling Clubs Inc.
Install two floating fishing pontoons at Eildon Pondage, Eildon; 2 nd and final payment. Total project funding of \$28,830.	\$5,241.82	VRFish
Sub-Total	\$67,814.55	
Commonwealth Government's Recreational Fishing Community Grants Program (Round 4) co-funded projects		
Conduct Kid's Come 'n' Try Fishing Program; 2 nd and final payment. Total project funding of \$27,528.88.	\$2,450.00	FutureFish Foundation Projects Pty Ltd
Construct Campaspe River Accessible Fishing Platform; 2 nd and final payment. Total project funding of \$13,750.	\$1,375.00	Shire of Campaspe
Sub-Total	\$3,825.00	
Disbursements net of GST	\$1,891,342.24	

Note 3 - proposal to fund 2009/10's approved Recreational Fishing Grant Program projects, and other items in 2010/11 and beyond as applicable

Proposal to fund previously approved Recreational Fishing Grants Program projects extending into 2010/11 financial year and beyond as applicable, and other items

Project No.	DPI Region	Project category	Proponent	Project site	Type of waters	Project duration	Proposal	Funding	Other contributions/comments
R/07/08/15	State-wide	Education, Information and Training	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Queenscliff	Anderson Inlet, Mallacoota Inlet and the Glenelg and Hopkins rivers	Estuarine	3 yrs.	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 in Victoria; 3 rd and final year of funding. Total project funding of \$270,000.	\$90,000.00	Financial contributions: Fisheries Victoria \$270,000; Fisheries Research and Development Corporation \$270,000. In-kind contributions: approx. 1,800 hrs (\$27,000) based on 360 five hour fishing trips by 12 anglers. Fisheries Victoria plan to contribute policy development work associated with the management of small-scale recreational fisheries over a 3 year period (\$140,000). Department of Sustainability and Environment will supply acoustic profiling and/or electro-fishing for 20 days per year over three year period (\$60,000).
A&F/08/09/01	Gippsland	Access and Facilities	East Gippsland Shire Council	Mitchell River	Inland	1 yr.	Construct a fishing platform on Mitchell River downstream of Wy Yung bridge, Bairnsdale.	\$27,880.00	East Gippsland Shire project management and reporting.
A&F/07/08/14	South West	Access and Facilities	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.	Picnic Point, Wye River	Marine	1 yr.	Construct access stairs at Picnic Point, Wye River. Construct stairs for improved and safer angler access. Includes provision of angel ring.	\$27,795.10	Nil financial contributions. In-kind contributions: Volunteer labour 70 hrs @ \$25/hr = \$1,750.

Project No.	DPI Region	Project category	Proponent	Project site	Type of waters	Project duration	Proposal	Funding	Other contributions/comments
FB/03/0515	Northern	Education, Information and Training	Fisheries Victoria (Northern)	Northern	Inland	3 yrs.	Continue roll-out of developed standardised signage across the remainder of northern region to identify pedestrian, vehicle and boat access angling locations; 3 rd and final year of funding. Total project funding of \$66,000.	\$22,000.00	Nil financial contributions.
A&F/08/09/16	Western Port	Access and Facilities	Parks Victoria	Hastings	Marine	1 yr.	Hastings jetty recreational fishing upgrade; 2 nd and final payment. Total project funding of \$205,991.04.	\$20,599.10	Marine Safety Victoria \$295,000 & Parks Victoria \$305,000.
FS/08/09/01	State-wide	Fish stocking	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	Inland	1 yr.	The purchase and liberation of native and salmonid fish to stock into Victorian rivers and impoundments; 2 nd and final payment. Total project funding of \$200,000.	\$20,000.00	Nil financial contributions.
A&F/08/09/06	Port Phillip	Access and Facilities	VRFish	Werribee	Inland	1 yr.	Construct two fishing platforms and access pathways from K Road car park to approximately 600m downstream of eastern side of Werribee River; 2 nd and final payment. Total project funding of \$140,175.00.	\$14,017.50	VRFish \$3,000; Fisheries Victoria \$11,800.
A&F/08/09/04	State-wide	Access and Facilities	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	State-wide	1yr.	Conduct an analysis of Victorian coastal and estuarine fishing facilities outside of Port Phillip bay and Western Port to determine angler usage levels and un-met infrastructure needs; 2 nd and final payment. Total project funding of \$137,500.	\$13,750.00	Nil financial contributions.
EI&T/07/08/01	State-wide	Education, Information and Training	VRFish	State-wide	State-wide	3 yrs.	Publish a Recreational Fishing Code of Conduct in the Victorian Recreational Fishing Guide (in three editions); 2 nd and 3 rd year of funding of \$5,040 per year.	\$10,080.00	Nil financial contributions.
S&HI/08/09/01	Gippsland	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	East Gippsland CMA	Mitchell & Tambo Rivers and Gippsland Lakes	Inland	1 yr.	Mitchell and Tambo Rivers fish habitat improvement through in-stream structures, and structural habitat in the Gippsland Lakes trial; 2 nd instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$85,000.	\$8,500.00	East Gippsland CMA \$200,000.
A&F/08/09/17	Gippsland	Access and Facilities	FutureFish Foundation Projects Pty Ltd	Mallacoota Inlet	Estuarine	1 yr.	Reconstruct the Fisheries Jetty at Mallacoota into a purpose-built fishing pontoon; 2 nd instalment for balance of funding. Total project funding of \$80,090.47	\$9,209.04	Fisheries Victoria \$12,000.

Project No.	DPI Region	Project category	Proponent	Project site	Type of waters	Project duration	Proposal	Funding	Other contributions/comments
S&HI/08/09/02	North East	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	North East Catchment Management Authority	Ovens River	Inland	1 yr.	Enhance fish habitat and value of the Ovens River (upstream of Bright) as a recreational fishing destination; 2 nd instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$69,000.	\$6,900.00	Upper Ovens Landcare Group \$74,000; North East CMA \$10,000. In-kind contributions Volunteer labour 30 hrs @ \$25/hr = \$750.
R/08/09/06	State-wide	Research	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Queenscliff	State-wide	State-wide	1 yr.	Research angler diary program for Anderson Inlet, Mallacoota Inlet, Lake Tyers and waters of the North East, West Gippsland, Corangamite and Glenelg-Hopkins Catchment Management Authorities; 2 nd instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$68,000.	\$6,800.00	Fisheries Victoria \$33,000. In-kind contributions Volunteer labour 2,000 hrs @ \$25/hr = \$50,000.
A&F/08/09/11	Port Phillip	Access & Facilities	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.	Griffin Gully, Corio Bay	Marine	1yr.	Fishing platform extension (14 metres), solar lighting and signage installation at Griffin Gully, Corio bay; 2 nd instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$56,269.50.	\$5,626.95	City of Greater Geelong \$15,000. In-kind contributions: Volunteer labour 30 hrs @ \$25/hr = \$750.
S&HI/08/09/03	Northern	Sustainability & Habitat Improvement	Goulburn Broken CMA	Mid Goulburn River	Inland	1 yr.	Enhance in-stream fish habitat for Mid Goulburn River, upstream and downstream of Seymour; 2 nd instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$50,000.	\$5,000.00	Goulburn Broken CMA \$20,000.
SG/09/10/10	Northern	Small Grant	Mallee Catchment Management Authority	Mildura	Inland	1 yr.	To conduct a 'Catch a carp day' event.	\$5,000.00	Mallee Catchment Management Authority \$13,830.
SG/09/10/15	State-wide	Small Grant	Southern Freedivers Inc.	State-wide	State-wide	1 yr.	Publish an educational campaign in the Victorian Recreational Fishing Guide to educate vessel operators on the use of dive flags by spear fishers.	\$5,000.00	Southern Freedivers Inc. \$500. In-kind contributions: Volunteer labour 30 hrs @ \$25/hr = \$750.
SG/09/10/09	State-wide	Small Grant	Southern Freedivers Inc.	State-wide	State-wide	1 yr.	Produce and distribute a 'Spear Safe' DVD.	\$5,000.00	In-kind contributions: Volunteer labour 300 hrs @ \$25/hr = \$7,500.

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SG/09/10/11	South West	Small Grant	Welshpool & District Advisory Group	Welshpool	Marine	1 yr.	Conduct a 'Prom Coast Summer Festival' event.	\$4,500.00	Welshpool & District Advisory Group \$250. In-kind contributions: Volunteer labour 40 hrs @ \$25/hr = \$1,000.
EI&T07/08/04	State-wide	Education, Information and Training	Frederick (Flathead Fred) Bayes	State-wide	State-wide	3 yrs.	'Flathead Fred's Kids' Fun Fishing Shows; 3 rd & final year funding. Total funding of \$12,000.	\$4,000.00	Nil financial contributions.
SG/09/10/13	South West	Small Grant	Allansford Angling Club	Jubilee Park	Inland	1 yr.	To install safety rails on the back of fishing platforms on the Hopkins River, Warrnambool.	\$2,653.00	In-kind contributions: Volunteer labour 19 hrs @ \$25/hr = \$475.
SG/09/10/12	Gippsland	Small Grant	Twin Rivers Business & Tourism Association Inc.	Twin Rivers	Inland	1 yr.	Produce and distribute a brochure promoting catch and release recreational fishing techniques.	\$1,726.36	Nil financial contributions.
SG/09/10/12	Gippsland	Small Grant	Bemm River Angling Club Inc.	Luderick Park	Inland	1 yr.	Conduct a 'Recreational Fishing Fun Day' to promote recreational fishing as a fun and exciting sport.	\$1,475.00	Bemm River Angling Club Inc. \$200. In-kind contributions: Volunteer labour 16 hrs @ \$25p/hr = \$400.
A&F/08/09/12	Port Phillip	Access and Facilities	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.	Grammar School Lagoon	Marine	1 yr.	Install a solar light and signage at Grammar School lagoon jetty; 2 nd instalment of 10% balance of funding . Total project funding of \$9,897.00.	\$989.70	In-kind contributions: Volunteer labour 20 hrs @ \$25/hr = \$500.
EI&T08/09/04	Port Phillip	Education, Information and Training	VRFish	Port Phillip Bay	Marine	1 yr.	Design and install 'Diver Below' - dive awareness signage at 10 priority boat launching areas around Port Phillip bay; 2 nd instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$749.00.	\$74.90	VRFish \$600. In-kind contributions \$1,000.
Sub-total								\$318,576.65	

Other items

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IR/04/0171	State-wide	Not applicable	Fishcare East Gippsland Inc.	State-wide	State-wide	3 yrs.	Establishment grant and base level funding; 3 rd and final year of funding. Total project funding of up to \$340,000.	\$101,179.24	Nil financial contributions.
SE44	North	Small Event	Chiltern Black Dog Fishing Club	Lake Anderson	Inland	1 yr.	Conduct a 'Kids come 'n' try' fishing day.	\$1,600.00	Chiltern Black Dog Fishing Club \$200. In-kind contributions: Volunteer labour 60 hrs @ \$25/hr = \$1,500.
SE28	Port Phillip	Small Event	Greensborough Angling Club	Kalparrin Gardens	Inland	1 yr.	Conduct a 'Catch a Carp' Day to promote responsible fishing practices.	\$875.00	In-kind contributions: Volunteer labour 50 hrs @ \$25/hr = \$1,250.
Sub-total								\$103,654.24	

Proposal to fund RFL sales commission not claimed

Proposal	Funding
	\$12,585.90 Excludes RFL sales commission receipts not submitted by licence sellers.
Sub-total	\$12,585.90
Sub-total	\$434,816.79

Proposal to fund 2009/10's approved Recreational Fishing Grants Program projects and emerging recreational fisheries issues in 2010/11

Proposal	Funding
	\$4,634,205.35
Total	\$5,069,022.14
Balance remaining	\$0.00

Note 4 - Cash assets

Cash as at 30 June 2010 of **\$5,069,022.14** shown in the financial statement includes \$2,500,000 which has been invested pursuant to Section 151B(4)(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 2010.

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



Robert Krix
Manager – Statutory Consultation
Fisheries Victoria

27 / 8 / 2010

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account

To the Members of Parliament, the Minister for Agriculture and the Secretary of the Department of Primary Industries

The Special Purpose Financial Report

The accompanying special purpose financial report for the year ended 30 June 2010 for the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account which comprises the receipts and disbursements report, a statement of accounting policies and other explanatory notes to and forming part of the financial report, and the statutory certification has been audited.

The Secretary's Responsibility for the Special Purpose Financial Report

The special purpose financial report has been prepared for the Minister for Agriculture in accordance with the *Fisheries Act 1995*.

The Secretary of the Department of Primary Industries is responsible for the preparation of the special purpose financial report and has determined that the report is appropriate to the needs of the Minister for Agriculture as required by the *Fisheries Act 1995*.

The Secretary's responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the special purpose financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

As required by the *Audit Act 1994*, an independent audit has been carried out in order to express an opinion on the special purpose financial report. The audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Standards require compliance with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and that the audit be planned and performed to obtain reasonable assurance whether the special purpose financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the special purpose financial report. The audit procedures selected depend on judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the special purpose 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 special purpose 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.

Any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on my report or on the special purpose financial report to any person other than the Minister for Agriculture and the Secretary of the Department of Primary Industries, or for any purpose other than for which it was prepared, is disclaimed.

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

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
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. The Auditor-General, his staff and delegates comply with all applicable independence requirements of the Australian accounting profession.

Auditor's 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 2010 in accordance with the *Fisheries Act 1995*.

MELBOURNE
2 September 2010

for 
D D R Pearson
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