



# Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account 2011/2012

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, 2011-12

The Government continues to build a strong partnership with recreational fishers by providing better opportunities for recreational fishing. Ensuring the growth of Victoria's world class fisheries is a high priority for the Government as fishing is a popular pastime for more than 720,000 Victorians and supports regional businesses ranging from hotels to bait and tackle stores.

The Government is also committed to ensuring Victorian recreational anglers have a say in how their licence fees are spent.

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.

During 2011/12, the Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group continued to provide sound advice on the expenditure of all RFL 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.

The eight-member Working Group, made up of recreational anglers from across the State, understand the needs of recreational fishers, and I look forward to continuing my relationship with the Working Group into the future.

I am pleased to advise that the hugely popular Small Grants Program continues to fund local fishing clubs and groups with a further 49 projects worth more than \$123,000 funded during 2011/12, following consultation with the Working Group.

In May 2012, I announced that over \$1.2 million will be allocated to 16 projects through the 2011/12 round of the Large Grants Program for anglers of all abilities. These projects include the creation of an estuary perch fishery in South West Victoria, building fishing platforms, improving access to key fishing locations, a rock fishing safety campaign, improving fish habitat and undertaking important research.

\$1,070,000 of RFL Trust Account revenue will also be allocated to co-fund the deployment of eight recreational fishing reefs in estuaries in regional areas and the construction of one large scale off-shore reef at Torquay.

A further \$779,500 will be used to co-fund the 'Building Northern Native Fisheries' project, which aims to improve angler access and significantly increase fish stocking in the Campaspe, Loddon and Gunbower Creek systems.

These projects are in addition to over \$330,000 that will be allocated to produce and distribute a wide variety of recreational fisheries communications products that help anglers better understand and voluntarily adopt good recreational fishing practices and comply with fishing rules.

During 2011/12, 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 2010/11 and 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.
- Expanded stocking of native fish and trout into Victorian rivers and impoundments;
- 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 2011/12.



**The Hon. Peter Walsh MLA**  
Minister for Agriculture and Food Security

26/8/12

# *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 2011/12 financial year is the eleventh 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 2011/12.

# Enforcement & Education

In 2011/12, Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Trust Account receipts contributed \$2,026,900 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 activities are divided into categories based on species, locations or other activities. The data shows the total number of contacts of Fisheries Officers with recreational fishers exceeding 59,000 and then shows the number of offenders, verbal warnings, official warnings, infringement notices, and briefs of evidence for the year.

**Table 1.**

Recreational	Officer contacts with recreational fishers	Number of offenders	Verbal warnings issued	Official warnings issued	Infringement notices issued	Briefs of evidence compiled
General advisory	3166					
Abalone (on water)	118	9	5	10	2	0
Abalone (on land)	1273	286	183	115	178	8
Abalone (Inter Tidal Zone)	473	177	53	121	233	2
Intertidal Port Phillip Bay	607	192	130	65	144	2
Intertidal Pippis	2232	193	136	29	83	2
Intertidal Red Shore Crab	258	56	32	30	30	0
Intertidal Other	167	47	29	16	18	0
Bass Yabbies	27	0	0	0	3	0
Rock Lobster (on water)	108	5	2	2	1	0
Rock Lobster (on land)	185	18	9	5	11	1
Ocean (on water)	880	17	12	6	3	0
Ocean (on land)	4466	280	170	90	100	3
Bay & Inlet - Port Phillip Bay (on water)	3287	209	67	70	126	2
Bay & Inlet - Port Phillip Bay (on land)	14771	763	385	209	414	9
Bay & Inlet - Western Port (on water)	820	25	18	13	27	2
Bay & Inlet - Western Port (on land)	1982	48	30	26	51	2
Bay & Inlet - Other (on water)	1462	71	38	16	31	0
Bay & Inlet - Other (on land)	4662	216	131	38	120	1
Scallops (On Water)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scallops (On Land)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Freshwater (on water)	5152	263	152	67	144	1
Freshwater (on land)	10972	841	376	197	414	5
Spiny Cray	191	20	8	7	6	1
Murray Cod	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fish stocking	94					
Angler Club meetings attended	79					
Shows, forums, clinics	1970					
<b>Totals</b>	<b>59402</b>	<b>3736</b>	<b>1966</b>	<b>1132</b>	<b>2139</b>	<b>41</b>

All of the Fisheries Officers in the State undertake duties related to the recreational fishing sector. Fisheries Officers interact with recreational fishers through:

- contact with recreational fishers in the field;
- attending angling club meetings;
- attending recreational fishing-related shows, 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 DPI's Fisheries 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 crimes 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;
- attending family fishing events; and
- engaging with culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Fisheries Victoria in conjunction with the recreational fishing community strive 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 2011/12 financial year

Receipts 2011/12		\$
<b>Total receipts from RFL sales</b>		\$6,570,853.31
300,411 RFL's sold (as at 9 July 2012) including: 30,784 three-year licences, 144,169 one-year licences, 31,228 28-day licences and 94,230 two- day licences.		
<b>Interest - investments</b>	\$107,650.69	<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>
<b>Refunds: RFGP projects</b>	\$180,043.72	Project #A&F/08/09/06, 'Construct two fishing platforms and access pathways at Werribee River', \$126,157.50; Project #SG/09/10/54, 'Family Fishing Day', \$16.45; Project #SG/09/10/57, '2011 Whitehorse Spring Festival', \$5.64; Project #SG/73, 'VRFish attendance at MDBA Native Fish Strategy Forum', \$162.05; Project #A&F/08/09/04 'Un-met needs analysis', \$12,500.45; Project #SG/09/10/10, 'Catch a Carp Day' \$5,000; Project #SG/77, 'Ron Nelson Junior Memorial Fishing Clinic' \$166.36; Project #SG/09/10/65, 'Family Fishing Day', \$438.82; Project #SG/09/10/68, 'Come and Try Fly Fishing Casting', \$317.61; Project # SH&I/09/10/08 'Fish habitat improvement at Cobungra River', \$2,485.94; Project #COM/09/10/02 'Drought recovery fish stocking program' \$15,952; Project #SG/90 'Family Fishing Day' \$168.87; Project #SG/81 'Produce & distribute a brochure promoting recreational fishing opportunities within the Indigo Shire region' \$23.09; Project #SG/09/10/38 'Evaluation of the extent of the pipi stock in the Cape Liptrap Coastal Park' \$414.55; Fisheries Enforcement & Education Branch \$10,966.91; Fisheries Victoria's fish stocking program \$5,267.50.
<b>Total receipts for the year</b>	<b>\$6,858,547.74</b>	
Disbursements 2011/12		\$
<b>Recreational Fishing Grants Program and other projects</b>	\$3,183,607.71	Payments to 100 projects - see Note 2.
<b>Fisheries Enforcement &amp; Education Branch</b>	\$2,026,900.00	Includes unspent funding of \$10,966.91 that was returned to the RFL Trust Account.
<b>VRFish</b>	\$395,587.50	
<b>Community Information</b>		
Recreational Fishing Grants Program/Recreational Fishing Licence disbursement reporting related advertising & publicity.	\$70,580.72	

<b>Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) 6% sales commissions</b>		
Applicable to sales commissions incurred during 2010/11, paid in 2011/12 financial year.	\$261,826.37	
<b>Costs and expenses incurred in the administration of RFLs</b>		
Salaries and on-costs.	\$204,438.77	
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).	\$132,274.82	
Professional services other (Recreational Fishing Grants Program supplementary governance audit; Vic. Auditor-General Office audit of 2010/11 RFL Trust Account; Audit of RFL administration processes) and contract services.	\$72,840.20	
Agency labour hire	\$161,541.21	
Postal expenses, printing, stationery, courier, telephones, banking charges, office equipment and software maintenance, minor incidentals.	\$91,948.36	
<b>Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group</b>	\$22,793.71	
Sitting fees, sustenance, accommodation, airfares, vehicle hire, venue hire and personal expenses.		
GST paid	\$19,362.95	
<b>Total disbursements for the year</b>	<b>\$6,643,702.32</b>	
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow)</b>	<b>\$214,845.42</b>	
<b>Cash as at 1 July 2011</b>	<b>\$5,999,116.40</b>	
<b>Cash as at 30 June 2012</b>	<b>\$6,213,961.82</b>	Provision to fund previously approved Recreational Fishing Grant Program projects extending into 2012/13 and beyond as applicable and other items totalling \$4,329,961.94 - 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 2011/12

<b>Projects initially announced in 2008/09</b>		
Establishment grant and base level funding. Part payment of 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> (final) year of grant funding. Total project funding of \$404,058.58.	\$117,598.42	Fishcare East Gippsland Inc.
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$117,598.42</b>	
<b>Projects initially announced in 2009/10</b>		
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 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$137,500.	\$13,750.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Install a fishing platform, access paths and solar lighting Sydenham Inlet, Bemm River. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$84,560.	\$8,390.91	Bemm River Angling Club Inc.
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$22,140.91</b>	
<b>Large Grants Program</b>		
Construct a fishing platform on Mitchell River downstream of Wy Yung bridge, Bairnsdale. 2 <sup>nd</sup> and final instalment of funding. Total project funding of \$44,858.	\$19,784.18	East Gippsland Shire Council
Reconstruct the Fisheries Jetty at Mallacoota into a purpose-built fishing pontoon; 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$80,090.47	\$8,842.73	FutureFish Foundation Projects Pty Ltd
Construct a fishing platform, and install signage, upstream of the Tannery Road bridge, Tarra River, Tarraville. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$23,400.	\$2,340.00	West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$30,966.91</b>	
<b>Projects initially announced in 2010/11</b>		
<b>Commissioning Grants Program</b>		
Develop a premier Murray cod fishery at Lake Eildon. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$800,000 over three years.	\$230,400.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Produce and distribute a number of recreational fishing related education products such as the recreational fishing guide, fish length ruler stickers, etc. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of funding. Total project funding of \$255,520.	\$229,968.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
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. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of year one funding. Total project funding of \$492,000 over two years.	\$216,000.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Queenscliff
Recovering waters fish stocking program. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$536,425.82 over two years.	\$71,680.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Install near-shore fish habitat improvement structure at three locations in Port Phillip Bay. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$400,000 over three years.	\$54,000.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Queenscliff
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$802,048.00</b>	
<b>Large Grants Program</b>		
Quantify the catch of southern blue fin tuna taken by the recreational sector in south west Victoria. 2 <sup>nd</sup> and final year of funding. Total project funding of \$212,100 over two years.	\$125,690.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Queenscliff
Improve the sustainability of sand flathead stocks in Port Phillip Bay and across Victoria. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$300,000 over three years.	\$90,000.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Queenscliff
Construct two fishing platforms and improve angler access at Devilbend Natural Features Reserve. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of year one funding. Total project funding of \$200,000 over two years.	\$90,000.00	Parks Victoria

'Fishers tracking fishes' - anglers 'tuning' in to understand why Port Phillip Bay is so important to snapper. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of year one funding. Total project funding of \$181,386 over two years.	\$81,691.20	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Queenscliff
Gippsland Lakes Tributaries Fish Habitat Improvement. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$215,781 over three years.	\$64,734.30	East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
Conduct an Eastern King Prawn stocking project for Victoria at Lake Tyers. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$232,947 over three years.	\$63,262.64	University of New South Wales
Increase fish habitat in the lower Loddon River, Macoma main channel to Kerang Weir and lower Pyramid Creek. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$150,100 over two years.	\$62,010.00	North Central Catchment Management Authority
Innovative ways to ensure the future sustainability of the recreational fishery for shortfin makos in Victoria. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of year one funding. Total project funding of \$187,900 over two years.	\$58,909.50	South Australian Research Development Institute
Construct a fishing platform and improve angler access to Aire River. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$60,000 over two years.	\$55,500.00	Parks Victoria
Improve angler access to the Werribee River, adjacent to the Werribee Park Golf Club & K Road cliffs. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of year one funding. Total project funding of \$68,000 over one year.	\$54,720.00	Parks Victoria
Spawning sources, movement patterns, and nursery area replenishment of spawning populations of King George whiting in south-eastern Australia - closing the life history loop. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of year one funding. Total project funding of \$186,000 over three years.	\$54,000.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Queenscliff
Establish a reliable supply of Catfish fingerlings to restore Victoria's catfish recreational fishery. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of year one funding. Total project funding of \$133,920 over three years.	\$47,268.00	Native Fish Australia (Wimmera) Inc.
Create safe all-weather access for recreational fishing at Taylors Lake, Horsham. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$105,667 over two years.	\$40,053.60	Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water
Construct a fishing platform at Yambuk Lake. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of year one funding. Total project funding of \$32,408.	\$29,167.20	Moyne Shire Council
Fishcare 'Fish Right' workshops – conduct 300 junior angler workshops (and evaluate outcomes) across Victoria. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$90,000 over three years.	\$27,000.00	Fishcare Victoria Inc.
Integrate recreational fishing into Victorian Educational Curriculum. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$42,000 over two years.	\$18,000.00	Belmont High School
Enhance in-stream fish habitat for Nariel Creek through the installation of rocks, logs & root balls. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$60,000 over three years.	\$18,000.00	Corryong Angling Club Inc.
Install a further 40 'Seal the loop' fishing line disposal bins around Victoria. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of year one funding. Total project funding of \$34,000 over two years.	\$15,300.00	Zoos Victoria
Upgrade Flinders jetty to include a designated fishing platform with fishing stations, rod holders & seating. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$100,000.	\$10,000.00	Parks Victoria
State-wide angler diary program; monitoring fish stocks targeted by recreational anglers across Victoria. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$99,330.	\$9,933.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Queenscliff
Improve the reliability of fish production and stocking of Chinook salmon. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$65,000 over three years.	\$9,000.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Conduct a Risk Assessment of Lake Colac to determine if selected species can be stocked.	\$8,800.00	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.
Construct five fishing platforms at Cobden Lake. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$62,150.	\$6,215.00	Progressing Cobden Inc.
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$1,039,254.44</b>	

<b>Projects announced in 2011/12</b>		
The purchase and liberation of native and salmonid fish to stock into Victorian rivers and impoundments.	\$200,000.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$200,000.00</b>	
<b>Commissioning Grants Program</b>		
Buil northern native fisheries, great fishing on the Campaspe, Loddon & Gunbower systems. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of year one funding. Total project funding of \$779,500 over three years.	\$167,850.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Plan, deploy and evaluate off-shore and estuarine recreational fishing reefs. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of year one funding. Total project funding of \$1,070,000 over four years.	\$139,500.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$307,350.00</b>	
<b>Large Grants Program</b>		
Rock Fishing Safety Campaign: Don't Put Your Life on the Line; a State wide media campaign. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of year one funding. Total funding of \$300,000 over three years.	\$90,000.00	Life Saving Victoria Pty Ltd
Defining the spawning needs of calamari in Port Phillip Bay. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of year one funding. Total project funding of \$199,078 over two years.	\$89,579.70	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Queenscliff
Assessing post-release survival of southern bluefin tuna from recreational fishing (Tasmania and Victoria). 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of year one funding. Total project funding of \$69,460.	\$62,514.00	University of Tasmania
Establish a new Bass recreational fishery in the Nicholson River. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of year one funding. Total project funding of \$100,000 over three years.	\$45,000.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Install recreational fishing reefs in the Kerang Lakes. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of year one funding. Total project funding of \$162,500 over three years.	\$45,000.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Create a new Estuary perch recreational fishery in south-west Victoria. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of year one funding. Total project funding of \$150,000 over three years.	\$45,000.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Construct access stairs at Skenes creek for improved and safer angler access. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of funding. Total project funding of \$35,150.	\$31,635.00	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.
Victorian FADS: Creating a New Exciting Offshore Fishery: Stage 1 Feasibility Assessment & Concept Design. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of funding. Total project funding of \$32,400.	\$29,160.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Queenscliff
Improve angler access and construct a fishing platform at Merrimans Creek 'The Island'. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of funding. Total project funding of \$24,080.	\$21,672.00	West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
Construct a fishing platform on the Kennett River. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of funding. Total project funding of \$23,977.	\$21,579.30	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.
Construct a fishing platform on Gunbower Creek, Cohuna. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of funding. Total project funding of \$23,098.	\$20,788.20	Cohuna Neighbourhood House
Produce a documentary on the importance of fishing to Victoria's different cultures. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of funding. Total project funding of \$20,000.	\$18,000.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Produce & distribute a 'Victorian Fishing Trail' brochure for the seasoned angler. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of funding. Total project funding of \$11,900.	\$10,710.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Produce & distribute a 'Kayak fishing in Victoria' educational brochure. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of funding. Total project funding of \$10,095.	\$9,085.50	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$539,723.70</b>	
<b>Small Grants Program</b>		
Produce and distribute a 'Water Safety Training' DVD that includes techniques to successfully swim in waders and fully clothed.	\$5,000.00	Ballarat Fly Fishers Club Inc.

Produce and distribute a brochure that promotes recreational fishing opportunities within Baw Baw Shire.	\$5,000.00	Baw Baw Shire Council
Conduct a 'Water Safety Education Day' to promote recreational fishing to the multicultural community.	\$5,000.00	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Produce and distribute a brochure that promotes recreational fishing opportunities within Indigo Shire.	\$5,000.00	Indigo Shire Council
Conduct the '2011 Family Fishing Expo' to promote recreational fishing to the local community.	\$5,000.00	Melton Shire Council
Conduct a 'Family Fishing Day' to promote recreational fishing amongst the local community.	\$4,850.50	Laburnum Angling Club Inc.
Conduct an 'Open Day' to promote fly fishing to the local community.	\$4,720.00	Southern Fly Fishers Australia Inc.
Conduct a 'Recreational Fishing Expo' to promote recreational fishing to the local community.	\$4,600.00	St.Arnaud Angling Club Inc.
Conduct the '2012 Lakes Entrance Fishing Convention' to promote recreational fishing to the local community.	\$4,570.83	Lakes Sports & Community Club Inc.
Install recreational fishing signage at popular waterways within Baw Baw Shire.	\$4,540.00	Baw Baw Shire Council
Conduct three 'Devilbend Angler Open Days' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices at Devilbend Reservoir.	\$4,481.82	FutureFish Foundation Ltd
Conduct a 'Community Carp Fishing Day' to promote responsible fishing practices.	\$4,002.05	Sale Angling & Sportsfishing Club
Conduct the 'Bass Coast Recreational Fishing Expo' to promote responsible recreational fishing to the local community, including newly arrived migrants.	\$3,850.00	Gippsland Multicultural Services Inc.
Conduct a 'Community Fishing Festival' to promote recreational fishing.	\$3,691.99	Yarra Valley Fly Fishers Inc.
Conduct six 'Fishing for Diversity' events to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for the local community.	\$3,300.00	Barwon Coast Committee of Management
Conduct a 'Waterways Junior Fishing Clinic' educating junior anglers on correct fishing methods and responsible fishing practices.	\$3,180.00	Brighton Central Angling Club Inc.
Conduct the '2011 Ron Nelson Memorial Junior Clinic' event educating junior anglers on correct fishing methods and responsible fishing practices.	\$3,180.00	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.
Conduct the 'Indented Head Boat and Fishing Expo' to promote responsible recreational fishing practices for the local community.	\$3,050.00	Indented Head Boat Club Inc.
Conduct a 'Learn to Fish' day to promote safe and responsible fishing practices to the local community.	\$2,850.00	Ararat Golden Gateway Festival Inc.
Conduct an 'Alf Willder Memorial Junior Fishing Experience' educating junior anglers on correct fishing methods and responsible fishing practices.	\$2,850.00	Port Franklin Tennis & Sports Club Inc.
Conduct a 'Kids Come and Try Fly Fishing Casting Day' to promote fly fishing.	\$2,555.00	Greenwells Fly Fishing Club Inc.
Conduct an 'Introduction to Recreational Fishing Day' to promote responsible recreational fishing practices for the local community.	\$2,551.50	Wyndham Community & Education Centre Inc.
Conduct a 'Family Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for the local community.	\$2,200.00	Euroa Arboretum Inc.
Conduct a 'Kids Come and Try Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior anglers.	\$2,000.00	Port Franklin Tennis & Sports Club Inc.
Conduct a 'Sustainable fishing with a family member or friend is fun' event to promote recreational fishing to the local community.	\$2,000.00	Southern Peninsula Angling Club Inc.
Conduct 10 recreational fishing workshops to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior anglers.	\$1,930.00	Colac Otway Shire

Produce and distribute a brochure promoting responsible game fishing practices.	\$1,857.64	Game Fishing Association of Victoria Inc.
Install angler access stiles at various locations in northern Victoria to improve angler access.	\$1,810.00	Corryong Angling Club Inc.
Conduct a 'School fishing day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior anglers.	\$1,670.00	Nicholson Angling Club Inc.
Conduct a 'Family Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for the local community.	\$1,602.73	Lake Tyers Beach Angling Club Inc.
Promote recreational fishing to the local community at the 2012 Whitehorse Spring Festival.	\$1,600.55	Laburnum Angling Club Inc.
Conduct a 'Kids Come and Try Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior anglers.	\$1,600.00	Bogong Outdoor Education Centre Inc.
Conduct a 'Kids going fishing event' for 120 school children to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior anglers.	\$1,480.00	Colac Otway Shire
Conduct a 'Family Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for the local community.	\$1,430.00	Picola United Netball & Football Club Inc.
Conduct a 'Come and fish with Loch Sport anglers' recreational fishing event for the local community.	\$1,360.00	Loch Sport Angling Club Inc.
Attend 2011 Murray Darling Basin Authority Native Fish Strategy Forum.	\$1,360.00	VRFish
Conduct a 'Family Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for the local community.	\$1,350.00	Relationships Australia (Victoria) Inc.
Conduct a 'Catch a Carp Day' to promote responsible fishing practices.	\$1,220.00	Fishcare East Gippsland Inc.
Conduct a 'Come Fishing with Jimmy' event to promote recreational fishing to the local community.	\$1,215.00	Manns Beach Improvement Committee
Conduct a 'Kids Come and Try Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior anglers.	\$1,200.00	Northern Suburbs Fly Fishing Club Inc.
Conduct a 'School Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior anglers.	\$1,200.00	Colac Otway Shire
Conduct two workshops to promote sustainable recreational fishing practices to the local community.	\$1,100.00	Portland Local Indigenous Network
Conduct a 'Junior angler Workshop' to promote sustainable and responsible fishing for junior anglers.	\$1,100.00	Twin Rivers Business & Tourism Association
Attend 2011 Murray Darling Basin Authority Native Fish Strategy Forum.	\$934.09	Native Fish Australia (Vic) Inc.
Conduct a 'Kids Come and Try Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior anglers.	\$931.00	Ballarat District Anglers Association
Conduct a 'Kids Come and Try Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior anglers.	\$805.00	Fawkner & Merlynston Angling Club Inc.
Conduct the 2011 Australian Fly Casting Championships & associated tuition/promotional events.	\$784.00	Australian Casting Federation
Conduct a '2012 Bokes Day Out Festival' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for the local community.	\$500.00	Barwon Health
Conduct a 'Catch a Carp Day' to promote responsible fishing practices.	\$461.63	Greensborough Angling Club Inc.
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$124,525.33</b>	
<b>Disbursements net of GST</b>	<b>\$3,183,607.71</b>	

**Note 3 - proposal to fund 2011/12's approved Recreational Fishing Grant Program projects, and other items in 2012/13 and beyond as applicable**

**Proposal to fund previously approved Recreational Fishing Grants Program projects extending into 2012/13 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
COM/10/11/03	State-wide	Commissioning Grant	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	Estuarine & Marine	4 yrs.	Plan, deploy and evaluate off-shore and estuarine recreational fishing reefs. 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> year funding. Total project funding of \$1,070,000.	\$930,500.00	Fisheries Victoria \$900,000.
COM/10/11/04	Northern	Commissioning Grant	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Northern Victoria	Inland	3 yrs.	Building northern native fisheries, great fishing on the Campaspe, Loddon & Gunbower systems. 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> year funding. Total project funding of \$779,500 over three years.	\$611,650.00	Fisheries Victoria \$260,000.
COM/09/10/01	Northern	Commissioning Grant	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Lake Eildon	Inland	3 yrs.	Develop a premier Murray cod fishery at Lake Eildon. 3 <sup>rd</sup> & final year of funding. Total project funding of \$800,000.	\$335,600.00	Nil financial contributions.
COM/11/12/01	State-wide	Commissioning Grant	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	State-wide	1 yr.	Produce and distribute a number of recreational fishing related education products during 2012/13 such as the recreational fishing guide, fish length ruler stickers, etc. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of balance of funding. Total funding of \$330,629.58.	\$330,629.58	Nil financial contributions.
L/11/12/07	State-wide	Education, Information & Training	Life Saving Victoria Ltd	Victorian coastal waters	Marine	3 yrs.	Rock Fishing Safety Campaign: Don't Put Your Life on the Line; a State wide media campaign. 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> year funding. Total funding of \$300,000.	\$210,000.00	Life Saving Victoria Ltd will contribute \$124,300.
R/10/11/02	State-wide	Research	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Queenscliff	Victorian coastal waters	Marine	3 yrs	Spawning sources, movement patterns, and nursery area replenishment of spawning populations of King George whiting in south-eastern Australia - closing the life history loop. 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> year funding. Total project funding of \$186,000.	\$132,000.00	FRDC \$343,000, DPI \$186,000. In-kind contributions: Labour \$92,200 (DPI, SARDI and recreational anglers).

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R/08/09/02	Port Phillip	Research	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Queenscliff	Port Phillip Bay	Marine	3 yrs.	Improve the sustainability of sand flathead stocks in Port Phillip Bay and across Victoria. 3 <sup>rd</sup> & final year of funding. Total project funding of \$300,000.	\$120,000.00	Fisheries Victoria \$80,400.
L/11/12/04	Northern	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Kerang Lakes	Inland	3 yrs.	Install recreational fishing reefs in the Kerang Lakes. 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> year funding. Total project funding of \$162,500 over three years.	\$117,500.00	In-kind contribution: Goulburn Murray Water will provide \$102,000 in equipment use, risk assessment and signage.
R/09/10/01	Gippsland	Research	University of New South Wales	Lake Tyers	Estuary	3 yrs.	Conduct an eastern King Prawn stocking project for Victoria at Lake Tyers. 3 <sup>rd</sup> & final year of funding. Total project funding of \$232,947.	\$110,149.36	University of New South Wales \$17,950.
A&F/10/11/05	Port Phillip	Access & Facilities	Parks Victoria	Devilbend Natural Features Reserve	Estuarine	2 yrs.	Construct two fishing platforms and improve angler access at Devilbend Natural Features Reserve. 2 <sup>nd</sup> & final year of funding. Total project funding of \$200,000 over two years.	\$110,000.00	In-kind contribution: Unspecified amount for creation of a car park, walking paths & project management.
L/11/12/13	Port Phillip	Research	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Queenscliff	Port Phillip Bay	Marine	2 yrs.	Define the spawning needs of calamari in Port Phillip Bay. 2 <sup>nd</sup> & final year of funding. Total project funding of \$199,078 over two years.	\$109,498.30	Nil financial contributions.
L/11/12/01	South West	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	South West Victoria	Inland	3 yrs.	Create a new Estuary perch recreational fishery in south-west Victoria. 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> year funding. Total project funding of \$150,000 over three years.	\$105,000.00	Grant recipient will provide \$200,000 for collection of Estuary perch brood stock, assessment of suitable waters, and success of stocking.

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R/10/11/03	Port Phillip	Research	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Queenscliff	Port Phillip Bay	Marine	2 yrs.	'Fishers tracking fishes' - anglers 'tuning' in to understand why Port Phillip Bay is so important to snapper. 2 <sup>nd</sup> & final year of funding. Total project funding of \$181,386.	\$99,694.80	Nil financial contributions. In-kind contributions: Equipment use/maintenance and angler time \$197,500.
COM/09/10/03	Port Phillip	Commissioning Grant	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Queenscliff	Port Phillip Bay	Marine	3 yrs.	Install near-shore fish habitat improvement structure at three locations in Port Phillip Bay. 3 <sup>rd</sup> & final year of funding. Total project funding of \$400,000.	\$94,000.00	Nil financial contributions.2
S&HI/10/11/05	Northern	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	Native Fish Australia	Northern Victorian waters	Inland	3 yrs.	Establish a reliable supply of Catfish fingerlings to restore Victoria's catfish recreational fishery. 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> year funding. Total project funding of \$133,920.	\$86,652.00	In-kind contribution of \$83,500 for Department of Primary Industries, Department of Sustainability & Environment and Native Fish Australia labour.
SH&I/09/10/01	Gippsland	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	East Gippsland CMA	Gippsland Lakes	Inland	3 yrs.	Gippsland Lakes Tributaries Fish Habitat Improvement. 3 <sup>rd</sup> and final year of funding. Total project funding of \$215,781.	\$86,312.79	Grant recipient - \$310,000 for bank stabilisation & revegetation. In-kind contribution: Volunteer labour \$60,000.
L11/12/03	Northern	Sustainability & Habitat Improvement	North East CMA	Ovens River, Wangaratta	Inland	3 yrs.	Fish habitat enhancement of the Ovens River (Wangaratta region). Total project funding of \$75,000 over three years.	\$75,000.00	North East CMA will contribute \$55,000 to install a rock ramp fish way and to remove exotic trees.
R/10/11/06	State-wide	Research	South Australian Research Development Institute	Victorian coastal waters	Marine	2 yrs	Innovative ways to ensure the future sustainability of the recreational fishery for shortfin makos in Victoria. 2 <sup>nd</sup> & final year of funding. Total project funding of \$187,900.	\$72,000.50	In-kind contribution: Equipment & satellite tagging of sharks \$4,000, Labour \$20,682.

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L/11/12/06	State-wide	Research	Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies - University of Tasmania	Victorian coastal waters	Marine	1 yr.	Assess the post-release survival of southern bluefin tuna from recreational fishing (Tasmania and Victoria). 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of balance of funding. Total project funding of \$69,460.	\$6,946.00	University of Tasmania has secured \$69,460 via a Tasmanian Fishwise Community Grant.
L/11/12/02	Gippsland	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Bass River	Inland	3 yrs.	Establish a new Bass recreational fishery in the Nicholson River. 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> year funding. Total project funding of \$100,000 over three years.	\$55,000.00	Grant recipient will provide \$100,000 for access improvements, fish monitoring, and promotion.
EI&T/09/10/01	State-wide	Education, Information and Training	Fishcare East Gippsland Inc.	State-wide	State-wide	3 yrs.	Fishcare 'Fish Right' workshops – conduct 300 junior angler workshops (and evaluate outcomes) across Victoria. 3 <sup>rd</sup> and final year of funding. Total project funding of \$90,000.	\$36,000.00	In-kind contribution: Volunteer labour 6,000 hrs @ \$25 p/h = \$150,000.
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; 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 3 <sup>rd</sup> and final year of funding. Total project funding of \$270,000.	\$27,000.00	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).

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COM/10/11/01	State-wide	Commissioning Grant	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	State-wide	1 yr.	Produce and distribute a number of recreational fishing related education products during 2011/12 such as the recreational fishing guide, fish length ruler stickers, etc. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of balance of funding. Total funding of \$255,520.	\$25,552.00	Nil financial contributions.
L/11/12/16	Northern	Access & Facilities	Goulburn Broken CMA	Lower Goulburn River, Shepparton	Inland	1 yr.	Improve angler access and facilities along the Goulburn River, Shepparton. Total project funding of \$25,000.	\$25,000.00	GBCMA is contributing \$15,000. Parks Victoria will contribute \$35,000 to install bollards and regrade the car park.
SH&I/09/10/05	Northern	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	Corryong Angling Club Inc.	Nariel Creek	Inland	3 yrs.	Enhance in-stream fish habitat for Nariel Creek through the installation of rocks, logs & root balls. 3 <sup>rd</sup> & final year funding. Total project funding of \$60,000.	\$24,000.00	Corryong Angling Club Inc. \$66,000.
A&F/08/09/16	Western Port	Access and Facilities	Parks Victoria	Hastings	Marine	1 yr.	Hastings jetty recreational fishing upgrade. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$205,991.04.	\$20,599.10	Marine Safety Victoria \$295,000 & Parks Victoria \$305,000.
EI&T/10/11/03	State-wide	Education, Information and Training	Zoos Victoria	State-wide	State-wide	2 yrs.	Install a further 40 'Seal the loop' fishing line disposal bins around Victoria. 2 <sup>nd</sup> and final year of funding. Total project funding of \$34,000.	\$18,700.00	Nil financial contributions.
A&F/09/10/08	Northern	Access & Facilities	Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water	Taylors Lake, Horsham	Inland	2 yrs.	Create safe all-weather access for recreational fishing at Taylors Lake, Horsham. 3 <sup>rd</sup> instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$105,667.	\$15,613.40	Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water \$70,400.
S&HI/10/11/04	State-wide	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	State-wide	3 yrs.	Improve the reliability of fish production and stocking of Chinook salmon. 3 <sup>rd</sup> and final year of funding. Total project funding of \$65,000.	\$15,500.00	Nil financial contributions.
SH&I/09/10/07	Northern	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	North Central CMA	Lower Loddon River	Inland	2 yrs.	Increase fish habitat in the lower Loddon River, Macoma main channel to Kerang Weir and lower Pyramid Creek. 3 <sup>rd</sup> instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$150,100.	\$15,010.00	North Central Catchment Management Authority \$205,000.

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SH&I/09/10/03	Northern	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	Goulburn Broken CMA	Broken Creek, between Numurkah and Nathalia	Inland	1 yr.	Restore native fish habitat (large wood installation), Broken Creek between Numurkah and Nathalia. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$75,000.	\$7,500.00	Goulburn Broken CMA \$20,000. Arthur Rylah Institute will conduct a fish habitat assessment to assist in identifying best locations to install fish habitat.
S&HI/08/09/02	North East	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	North East CMA	Ovens River	Inland	1 yr.	Enhance fish habitat and value of the Ovens River (upstream of Bright) as a recreational fishing destination; 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.
A&F/10/11/19	Port Phillip	Access & Facilities	Parks Victoria	Werribee River	Inland	1 yr	Improve angler access to the Werribee River, adjacent to the Werribee Park Golf Club & K Road cliffs. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$68,000.	\$6,800.00	Parks Victoria \$24,000. In-kind contribution: Project management \$7,000.
A&F/09/10/05	South West	Access & Facilities	Parks Victoria	Aire River	Estuarine	2 yrs.	Construct a fishing platform and improve angler access to Aire River. 3 <sup>rd</sup> instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$60,000.	\$6,000.00	In-kind contribution: Labour, equipment, car park & project management.
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 <sup>nd</sup> 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.
SG/117	Port Phillip	Small Grant	Albert Park Yachting & Angling Club Inc.	Port Phillip Bay	Marine	1 yr	Conduct a feasibility study into the restoration of Port Phillip Bay's shellfish beds. Total project funding of \$5,000.	\$5,000.00	DPI \$5,000. In-kind contributions: Volunteer labour 40 hrs @ \$25/hr = \$1,000.
SG/118	State-wide	Small Grant	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	State-wide	1 yr	Install an interactive touch screen map at DPI's Marine & Freshwater Discovery Centre with details of Fisheries Victoria's fish stocking program. Total project funding of \$5,000.	\$5,000.00	DPI \$21,600.

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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 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$50,000.	\$5,000.00	Goulburn Broken CMA \$20,000.
SG/09/10/27	Port Phillip	Small Grant	Hobsons Bay Sport & Game Fishing Club Inc.	Altona Park, Altona	Marine	1 day.	Conduct a 'Fishing Expo' at Altona to promote sustainable and responsible fishing practices for the local community.	\$4,500.00	In-kind contributions: Volunteer labour 200 hrs @ \$25/hr = \$5,000.
EI&T/09/10/06	Port Phillip	Education, Information & Training	Belmont High School	Belmont High School	Not applicable	2 yrs.	Integrate recreational fishing into Victorian Educational Curriculum. 3 <sup>rd</sup> instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$42,000.	\$4,200.00	In-kind contribution: Volunteer labour 500 hrs @ \$25/hr = \$12,500, VRFish 40 hrs @ \$25 p/h = 1,000.
L/11/12/15	South West	Access & Facilities	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.	Skenes Creek	Estuarine	1 yr.	Construct access stairs at Skenes creek for improved and safer angler access. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$35,150.	\$3,515.00	Nil financial contributions.
A&F/10/11/01	South West	Access & Facilities	Moyne Shire Council	Yambuk Lake	Estuarine	1 yr.	Construct a fishing platform at Yambuk Lake. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$32,408.	\$3,240.80	Yambuk Angling Club Inc. \$4,700, Moyne Shire Council \$1,500. In-kind contribution: Volunteer labour (Yambuk Angling Club Inc.) 352 hrs @ \$25 p/h = \$8,800.
L/11/12/13	State-wide	Research	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Research Branch, Queenscliff	Victorian coastal waters	Marine	1 yr.	Victorian FADS: Creating a New Exciting Offshore Fishery: Stage 1 Feasibility Assessment & Concept Design. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$32,400.	\$3,240.00	DPI will contribute \$32,400.

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SG/116	Port Phillip	Small Grant	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.	Seagull Lake	Inland	1 day	Conduct the '2012 Ron Nelson Memorial Junior Clinic' event educating junior anglers on correct fishing methods and responsible fishing practices.	\$3,180.00	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc. \$600. In-kind contribution: Volunteer labour 170 hrs @ \$25 p/h = \$4,250.
A&F/09/10/07	South West	Access & Facilities	VRFish	Barwon River	Inland	1 yr.	Construct a fishway at lower break on the Barwon River. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$30,000.	\$3,000.00	Department of Sustainability & Environment \$200,000, Fisheries Victoria \$20,000.
L/11/12/14	Gippsland	Access & Facilities	West Gippsland CMA	Merrimans Creek	Inland	1 yr.	Improve angler access and construct a fishing platform at Merrimans Creek 'The Island'. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$24,080.	\$2,408.00	In-kind contributions: \$5,000 for project management.
L/11/12/17	Port Phillip	Access & Facilities	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.	Kennett River	Estuarine	1 yr.	Construct a fishing platform on the Kennett River. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$23,977.	\$2,397.70	Nil financial contributions.
L/11/12/10	Northern	Access & Facilities	Cohuna Neighbourhood House	Gunbower Creek	Inland	1 yr.	Construct a fishing platform on Gunbower Creek, Cohuna. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$23,098.	\$2,309.80	Cohuna Neighbourhood House will contribute \$500.
L/11/12/12	State-wide	Education, Information and Training	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	State-wide	1 yr.	Produce a documentary on the importance of fishing to Victoria's different cultures. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$20,000.	\$2,000.00	DPI will contribute \$20,000.
A&F/09/10/18	Northern	Access & Facilities	Loddonvale Landcare Group	Serpentine Creek, Durham Ox	Inland	1 yr.	Construct a Fishing platform and erect fencing, information shelter, signage & bollards at Serpentine Creek, Durham Ox. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of 10% balance of funding. Total project funding of \$17,902.	\$1,912.93	North Central CMA \$1,000, Loddonvale Landcare Group \$350. In-kind contributions: Volunteer labour 40 hrs @ \$25 p/h = \$1,000.
L/11/12/08	State-wide	Education, Information and Training	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	State-wide	1 yr.	Produce & distribute a 'Victorian Fishing Trail' brochure for the seasoned angler. 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of 90% of funding. Total project funding of \$11,900.	\$1,190.00	Nil financial contributions.

Project No.	DPI Region	Project category	Proponent	Project site	Type of waters	Project duration	Proposal	Funding	Other contributions/comments
L/11/12/11	State-wide	Education, Information and Training	Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	State-wide	1 yr.	Produce and distribute a 'Kayak fishing in Victoria' educational brochure. 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of balance of funding. Total project funding of \$10,095.	\$1,009.50	Nil financial contributions.
SG/111	Port Phillip	Small Grant	Greensborough Angling Club Inc.	Yarrambat Park Lake	Inland	1 day	Conduct an 'Access all abilities fishing day' to promote responsible and sustainable fishing practices to the local community.	\$460.00	In-kind contributions: Volunteer labour 160 hrs @ \$25 p/h = \$4,000.
SG/115	Northern	Small Grant	Dunlop Bayswater Angling Club Inc.	Howqua River	Inland	1 day	Conduct an 'Introduction to recreational fishing and regulations event' to promote recreational fishing to the local community.	\$350.00	Dunlop Bayswater Angling Club Inc. \$500.
<b>Sub-total</b>								<b>\$4,107,848.51</b>	

**Other items**

Project No.	DPI Region	Project category	Proponent	Project site	Type of waters	Project duration	Proposal	Funding	Other contributions/comments
SM/10/0046 2	State-wide	Not applicable	Fishcare Victoria Inc.	State-wide	State-wide	1 yr	2012/13 Core funding. Total project funding of \$200,000.	\$200,000.00	Nil financial contributions.
<b>Sub-total</b>								<b>\$200,000.00</b>	

**Proposal to fund RFL sales commission not claimed**

Proposal								Funding	
								\$22,113.43	Excludes RFL sales commission receipts not submitted by licence sellers.
<b>Sub-total</b>								<b>\$22,113.43</b>	
<b>Sub-total</b>								<b>\$4,329,961.94</b>	

**Proposal to fund 2011/12's approved Recreational Fishing Grants Program projects and emerging recreational fisheries issues in 2012/13**

Proposal								Funding	
								\$1,883,999.91	
<b>Total</b>								<b>\$6,213,961.82</b>	
Balance remaining								\$0.00	

#### **Note 4 - Cash assets**

Cash as at 30 June 2012 of **\$6,213,961.82** 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 2012.

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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22/08/12

# Independent Audit Report from Auditor-General

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### To the Secretary, Department of Primary Industries

#### *The Financial Report*

The accompanying financial report for the year ended 30 June 2012, being a special purpose report of the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account which comprises the receipts and disbursements report, a statement of accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statutory certification has been audited.

#### *The Secretary's Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The Secretary of the Department of Primary Industries is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the requirements of the *Fisheries Act 1995*, and for such internal control as the Secretary determine is necessary to enable the preparation 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 and Food Security.

#### *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 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 2012 in accordance with the *Fisheries Act 1995*.

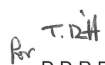
### *Basis of Accounting for the Financial Report*

Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. 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.

### *Matters Relating to the Electronic Publication of the Audited Financial Report*

This auditor's report relates to the financial report of the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account for the year ended 30 June 2012 included both in the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account's annual report and on the Department of Primary Industries' website. The Secretary of the Department of Primary Industries is responsible for the integrity of the Department of Primary Industries' website. I have not been engaged to report on the integrity of the Department of Primary Industries' website. The auditor's report refers only to the subject matter described above. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from these statements. If users of the financial report are concerned with the inherent risks arising from publication on a website, they are advised to refer to the hard copy of the audited financial report to confirm the information contained in the website version of the financial report.

MELBOURNE  
28 August 2012

  
D D R Pearson  
Auditor-General





