**RFLTAC Meeting #47 of 21 April 2021**

**Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Advisory Committee Meeting #47**

**Location: TEAMS Meeting**

**Chairperson's Summary**

This was the 47th meeting of the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Advisory Committee (previously known as the Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group).

Key items discussed included:

* Progress of wild catch marine and estuarine recreational fisheries monitoring
* Arcadia Native Fish Hatchery: Update on implementation.
* Review and confirmation of assessments of 2020-21 RFGP Commissioning Grant applications.
* Review and confirmation of assessments of 2020-21 RFGP Large grant applications.
* Provision of continued funding for the Small Grants Program

**Progress of wild catch marine and estuarine recreational fisheries monitoring**

A presentation was provided on how funds from the RFL Trust Account are used by the VFA to monitor the recreational catches and the stock abundance of key species of finfish through the 'Marine and estuarine finfish monitoring' and 'Statewide angler diary' programs.

**Arcadia Native Fish Hatchery: Update on implementation.**

An update was provided on recent developments with the Arcadia Native Fish Hatchery which is an important election commitment.

**Review and confirmation of assessments of 2020-21 RFGP Commissioning grant applications**

The Advisory Committee confirmed their support for the following two commissioning bids that were received in this round:

* $138,000 for Informing sustainable management and optimisation of Victoria’s wild catch marine and estuarine recreational fisheries.
* $259,749.60 for Communication and Compliance Products.

**Review and confirmation of assessments of 2020-21 RFGP Large grant applications**

Following further deliberations, the Advisory Committee agreed to recommend 10 large grant applications for a total amount of $590,082.50 (GST inclusive) over one year.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 11 August 2021   
  
David Grisold

Chairperson

Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Advisory Committee