**RFLTAC Meeting #48 of 11 August 2021**

**Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Advisory Committee Meeting #48**

**Location: TEAMS Meeting**

**Chairperson's Summary**

This was the 48th meeting of the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Advisory Committee (previously known as the Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group).

Key items discussed included:

* RFL sales update
* RFL grants progress update
* Presentation: 2020-21 RFL investment in Fish Stocking - Outcomes
* Presentation: Goulburn Broken CMA: RFL Investment in Habitat
* Presentation: RFL investing in Education and Enforcement
* RFLTAC – Next term of Appointment

**RFL sales update**

An update on Recreational Fishing Licence sales over the 2020-21 financial year was provided, which indicated that the total number of licence sales was over 252,600.

**RFL grants progress update**

The Advisory Committee were provided with a summary of all payments related to the Recreational Fishing Grants Program, that were made from the RFL Trust Account for 2020-21. These payments will be listed in the 2020-21 RFL Trust Account Report to Parliament, once they are audited and cleared by the Victorian Auditor-General’s Office.

**Presentation: 2020-21 RFL investment in Fish Stocking - Outcomes**

The Advisory Committee were provided with a presentation on the function of the Snobs Creek Fish Production Facility and a summary of fish production and stocking achievements for 2020-21, which is supported by a significant investment of RFL funds. The stocking plans for the next year which are aimed at achieving a record stocking of 10 million fish, were also outlined.

**Presentation: GBCMA: RFL Investment in Habitat**

The Advisory Committee were provided with a presentation which summarised the RFL-funded habitat projects that the Goulburn Broken CMA has undertaken in recent years and explained why this work is so important to river health and the flow on effect of improved recreational fishing.

**Presentation: RFL investing in Education and Enforcement**

The Advisory Committee were provided with a presentation on the complexity of the work that is undertaken by Fisheries Officers is their daily roles, and this was highlighted with an overview of the strategic operation that was staged last year in response to illegal recreational activity with the Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary.

**RFLTAC – Next term of Appointment**

Information was provided on the processes that will be put in place to appoint a new term of the RFLTAC once the current term of the appointment for members and the Chair ceases on 30 September.

**Next meeting:** To be advised

David Grisold

Chairperson

Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Advisory Committee