

Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account 2012/2013

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, 2012-13

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

As the Minister Responsible for Fisheries, I recognise the significant contribution recreational fishing makes to the state's economy.

During 2012/13, the Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group continued to provide me with sound advice on the proposed expenditure of all RFL Trust Account revenue, and on the operation of the three-tiered Recreational Fishing Grants Program which comprises:

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

Membership of the eight-member Working Group expired in September 2012. Following a public expression of interest process, I appointed a new Working Group, comprising four new members plus a new Independent Chairperson. I look forward to continuing my close working relationship with the new Working Group.

I am pleased to advise that the hugely popular Small Grants Program has now funded 150 projects to local fishing clubs and community groups worth more than \$403,000 since its inception in 2010, including almost \$98,000 to conduct 36 projects during 2012/13.

In April 2013, I announced that over \$1.3 million will be allocated to 12 new projects through the 2012/13 round of the Large Grants Program. These projects include a fish migration initiative, building fishing platforms for recreational fishers of all abilities, promoting safe and sustainable recreational fishing practices to junior fishers, improving fish habitat and undertaking important research on iconic species such as Murray cod, snapper, Chinook salmon and Macquarie perch.

These projects are in addition to over \$220,000 that will be allocated via the Commissioning Grants Program to produce and distribute a wide variety of recreational fisheries communications products that help recreational fishers better understand and voluntarily adopt good recreational fishing practices and comply with fishing rules. A further \$820,000 of RFL Trust Account revenue was allocated during 2012/13 to expand the stocking of native fish and trout into Victorian rivers and impoundments, creating tremendous fishing across Victoria.

During 2012/13, 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;
- Funding approved through the 2011/12 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.
- 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 2012/13.



The Hon. Peter Walsh MLA

Minister for Agriculture and Food Security

05/09/13

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 2012/13 financial year is the twelfth 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 2012/13.

Enforcement & Education

In 2012/13, Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Trust Account receipts contributed \$2,076,600 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 42,000 and then shows the number of offenders, verbal warnings, official warnings, infringement notices, and briefs of evidence for the year.

In addition, Fisheries Officers conducted 4,575 advisory contacts with recreational fishers, attended 369 angling club meetings, 89 fish stocking events and 269 recreational fishing related shows, forums and clinics.

Table 1.

Recreational	Officer contacts with recreational fishers	Number of offenders	Verbal warnings issued	Official warnings issued	Infringement notices issued	Briefs of evidence compiled
Abalone (Inter Tidal Zone)	729	272	118	156	185	3
Abalone (on water)	51	4	2	2	0	0
Abalone (on land)	1368	312	151	149	174	8
Bass Yabbies	17	0	0	0	0	0
Bay & Inlet - Other (on water)	852	44	27	4	23	0
Bay & Inlet - Other (on land)	3531	204	99	34	67	3
Bay & Inlet - Port Phillip Bay (on water)	1700	145	70	40	41	3
Bay & Inlet - Port Phillip Bay (on land)	8569	592	354	173	179	8
Bay & Inlet - Western Port (on water)	561	35	24	4	8	0
Bay & Inlet - Western Port (on land)	1583	102	58	28	33	0
Freshwater (on water)	4081	254	97	60	98	2
Freshwater (on land)	8238	665	309	167	232	10
Intertidal Port Phillip Bay	878	226	141	100	146	7
Intertidal Pippis	3696	426	275	82	72	2
Intertidal Red Shore Crab	165	32	22	7	11	0
Intertidal Other	252	140	90	30	31	0
Murray cod	29	1	0	1	1	0
Ocean (on water)	461	25	13	6	7	1
Ocean (on land)	4281	410	210	98	117	1
Rock Lobster (on water)	181	10	2	3	5	0
Rock Lobster (on land)	420	37	19	5	11	3
Scallops (On Water)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scallops (On Land)	2	0	0	0	0	0
Spiny Cray	459	66	60	5	2	1
Totals	42,104	4005	2141	1154	1443	52

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

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

Fisheries Victoria in conjunction with the recreational fishing community 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 2012/13 financial year

Receipts 2012/13		\$
Total receipts from RFL sales		\$6,897,217.42
308,273 RFL's sold (as at 8 July 2013) including: 36,046 three-year licences, 140,066 one-year licences, 29,232 28-day licences and 102,929 two-day licences.		
Interest - investments	\$77,123.28	<i>Fisheries Act 1995, S. 151B(5) enables money standing to the credit of the Account to be invested in any manner in which funds may be invested under the Trustee Act 1958.</i>
Refunds: RFGP projects	\$6,779.55	Project #L/11/12/13 'Victorian FADS feasibility study' \$428.40; Project #SG100 'Devilbend Reservoir Angler Open Days' \$2,389.59; Project #SG/140 'Construction of pipi collection buckets displaying the reduced bag limit for Cape Liptrap Coastal Park' \$400.00; Project #SG/101 'Twin Rivers Junior Angler Workshop' \$493.73; Project #SG/119 'Communities helping healthy estuaries across Victoria' \$18.04, Project #SG/123 'Campaspe Catch a Carp Day' \$374.25, Project #SG/129 'Junior Fishing Workshop' \$55.45; Project #RFGP/11/12/17 'Kennett River Fishing Platform' \$646.75; Project #SG/141 'Catch a Carp Day' \$76.18; Project #SG/121 'Community Fishing Festival' \$279.77; Project #SG/37 'conduct 6 recreational fishing for diversity events' \$421.91; Project #SG/148 'Hook, Line & Sinker' \$1.88; Project #SG/124 'Water training for recreational fishers DVD' \$10.00; 'Fisheries Victoria's fish stocking program' \$1,183.60.
GST Recoverable	\$13,722.57	
Total receipts for the year	\$6,994,842.82	

Disbursements 2012/13	\$	
Recreational Fishing Grants Program and other projects	\$3,355,415.60	Payments to 77 projects - see Note 2.
Fisheries Enforcement & Education Branch	\$2,076,600.00	
Fish Stocking The purchase and liberation of native and salmonid fish to stock into Victorian rivers.	\$820,000.00	Includes unspent funding of \$1,183.60 that was returned to the RFL Trust Account.
VRFish	\$404,500.00	
Fishcare Victoria Inc.	\$180,000.00	
Community Information Recreational Fishing Grants Program/Recreational Fishing Licence disbursement reporting related advertising & publicity.	\$32,673.22	
Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) 6% sales commissions Applicable to sales commissions incurred during 2011/12, paid in 2012/13 financial year.	\$258,097.04	
Costs and expenses incurred in the administration of RFLs		
Salaries and on-costs.	\$257,994.76	
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).	\$127,613.91	
Professional and contract services.	\$146,258.98	
Agency labour hire.	\$138,236.28	
Postal expenses, printing, stationery, courier, telephones, banking charges, office equipment, software maintenance and IT assistance.	\$92,325.99	
Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group Sitting fees, probity checks, sustenance, accommodation, airfares, vehicle hire, venue hire and personal expenses.	\$10,454.88	
GST paid.	\$0.55	
Total disbursements for the year	\$7,900,171.21	
Net cash inflow/(outflow)	(\$905,328.39)	
Cash as at 1 July 2012	\$6,213,961.82	
Cash as at 30 June 2013	\$5,308,633.43	Provision to fund previously approved Recreational Fishing Grant Program projects extending into 2013/14 and beyond as applicable and other items totalling \$2,683,609.72 - 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 2012/13

Projects initially announced in 2009/10

Fishing platform extension (14 metres), solar lighting and signage installation at Griffin Gully, Corio bay. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$56,269.50.	\$5,626.95	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.
Enhance in-stream fish habitat for Mid Goulburn River, upstream and downstream of Seymour. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$50,000.	\$5,000.00	Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority
Sub-Total	\$10,626.95	

Projects initially announced in 2010/11

Commissioning Grants Program

Develop a premier Murray cod fishery at Lake Eildon. 1 st instalment of 90% of year three funding. Total project funding of \$800,000 over three years.	\$255,600.00	Department of Environment and 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 st instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$492,000 over two years.	\$226,800.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
'Fishers tracking fish' - recreational fishers 'tuning' in to understand why Port Phillip Bay is so important to snapper. 1 st instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$221,386 over three years.	\$81,556.20	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Install near-shore fish habitat improvement structure at three locations in Port Phillip Bay. 1 st instalment of 90% of year three funding. Total project funding of \$400,000 over three years.	\$54,000.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Produce and distribute recreational fishing related education products such as the recreational fishing guide, fish length ruler stickers, etc. Balance of funding. Total project funding of \$253,616.11.	\$23,648.11	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Hastings jetty recreational fishing upgrade. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$205,991.04.	\$20,599.10	Parks Victoria
Sub-Total	\$662,203.41	

Large Grants Program

Improve the sustainability of sand flathead stocks in Port Phillip Bay and across Victoria. 1 st instalment of 90% of year three funding. Total project funding of \$300,000 over three years.	\$90,000.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Construct two all abilities fishing platforms and improve angler access at Devilbend Natural Features Reserve. 1 st instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$200,000 over two years.	\$90,000.00	Parks Victoria
Eastern King Prawn stocking project for Victoria at Lake Tyers. 1 st instalment of 90% of year three funding. Total project funding of \$232,947 over three years.	\$86,854.91	University of New South Wales
Gippsland Lakes Tributaries Fish Habitat Improvement. 1 st instalment of 90% of year three funding. Total project funding of \$215,781 over three years.	\$64,734.30	East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
Innovative ways to ensure the future sustainability of the recreational fishery for shortfin makos in Victoria. 1 st instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$130,910 over two years.	\$58,909.50	South Australian Research Development Institute
Establish a reliable supply of catfish fingerlings to restore Victoria's catfish recreational fishery. 1 st instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$133,920 over three years.	\$37,400.00	Native Fish Australia (Wimmera) Inc.
Fishcare 'Fish Right' workshops – conduct 300 junior angler workshops (and evaluate outcomes) across Victoria. 1 st instalment of 90% of year three funding. Total project funding of \$90,000 over three years.	\$27,000.00	Fishcare East Gippsland Inc.
Install a further 40 'Seal the loop' fishing line disposal bins around Victoria. 2 nd and final instalment of project funding. Total project funding of \$34,000 over two years.	\$18,700.00	Zoos Victoria

Enhance in-stream fish habitat for Nariel Creek through the installation of rocks, logs & root balls. 1 st instalment of 90% of year three funding. Total project funding of \$60,000 over three years.	\$18,000.00	Corryong Angling Club Inc.
Improve the reliability of fish production and stocking of Chinook salmon. 3 rd and final instalment of project funding. Total project funding of \$65,000 over three years.	\$15,500.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Restore native fish habitat (large wood installation), Broken Creek between Numurkah and Nathalia. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$75,000.	\$7,500.00	Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority
Spawning sources, movement patterns, and nursery area replenishment of spawning populations of King George whiting in south-eastern Australia - closing the life history loop. Balance of 10% of year one funding. Total project funding of \$186,000 over three years.	\$6,000.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Integrate recreational fishing into the Victorian Educational Curriculum. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$42,000 over two years.	\$4,200.00	Belmont High School
Construct an all abilities fishing platform at Yambuk Lake. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$32,408.	\$3,240.80	Moyne Shire Council
Construct a fishing platform and erect fencing, information shelter, signage & bollards at Serpentine Creek, Durham Ox. Balance of funding. Total project funding of \$17,902.	\$1,776.56	Loddonvale Landcare Group
Sub-Total	\$529,816.07	

Projects announced in 2011/12

Commissioning Grants Program

Plan, deploy and evaluate off-shore and estuarine recreational fishing reefs. 1 st instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$1,070,000 over four years.	\$732,600.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Building northern native fisheries, great fishing on the Campaspe, Loddon, Eppalock & Gunbower systems. 1 st instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$779,500 over three years.	\$338,850.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Produce and distribute recreational fishing related education products such as the recreational fishing guide, fish length ruler stickers, etc. 1 st instalment of 90% of funding. Total project funding of \$330,629.58.	\$297,566.62	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Sub-Total	\$1,369,016.62	

Large Grants Program

Install recreational fishing reefs in the Kerang Lakes. 1 st instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$162,500 over three years.	\$90,000.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Rock Fishing Safety Campaign: Don't Put Your Life on the Line; a State-wide media campaign. 1 st instalment of 90% of year two 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 st instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$199,078 over two years.	\$89,752.50	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Create a new Estuary perch recreational fishery in south-west Victoria. 1 st instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$150,000 over three years.	\$45,000.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Establish a new Australian Bass recreational fishery in the Nicholson River. 1 st instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$100,000 over three years.	\$27,000.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Improve recreational fisher access and facilities along the Goulburn River, Shepparton. 1 st instalment of funding. Total project funding of \$25,000.	\$22,500.00	Goulburn Broken Catchment Management
Fish habitat enhancement of the Ovens River (Wangaratta region). 1 st instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of \$75,000 over three years.	\$22,500.00	North East Catchment Management Authority
Construct access stairs at Skenes creek for improved and safer recreational fisher access. Balance of funding. Total project funding of \$35,150.	\$433.74	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.
Sub-Total	\$387,186.24	

Projects announced in 2012/13

Large Grants Program		
Development of approaches to monitor and manage recreational catch of 'western stock' snapper to meet sustainability and recreational fishery objectives. 1 st instalment of 90% of year one funding. Total project funding of \$263,206 over three years.	\$85,538.70	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Develop and implement a consistent method for assessing the sustainability of Murray cod in the Murray Darling Basin. 1 st instalment of 90% of year one funding. Total project funding of \$150,000 over three years.	\$45,000.00	Greenfish Consulting Pty Ltd
Broken River Weir (Broken River) Fish Migration Initiative (Feasibility and Design phase). 1 st instalment of 90% of funding. Total project funding of \$45,000.	\$40,500.00	Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority
Fishcare 'Fish Right' workshops – conduct 450 junior recreational fisher workshops across Victoria. 1 st instalment of 90% of year one funding. Total project funding of \$113,500 over three years.	\$36,450.00	Fishcare Victoria Inc.
Construct an all abilities fishing platform on the Aire River. 1 st instalment of 90% of funding. Total project funding of \$39,426.	\$35,483.40	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.
Victorian 'Fishers for Fish Habitat' Program. 1 st instalment of 90% of year one funding. Total project funding of \$114,000 over three years.	\$34,200.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Arthur Rylah Institute
Monitor the Chinook salmon fish stocking program at lakes Purrumbete and Bullen Merri. 1 st instalment of 90% of funding. Total funding of \$115,667 over three years.	\$21,527.10	Lake Purrumbete Angling Club Inc.
Sub-Total	\$298,699.20	
Small Grants Program		
Conduct a feasibility study into the restoration of Port Phillip Bay's shellfish beds.	\$5,000.00	Albert Park Yachting & Angling Club Inc.
Install a solar light at the Kimbolton boat ramp, Lake Eppalock.	\$5,000.00	Bendigo Legion Angling Club Inc.
Install an interactive touch screen map that displays Victoria's fish stocking program at the Marine Fisheries Discovery Centre, Queenscliff.	\$5,000.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Construction of pipi collection buckets displaying the reduced bag limit for Cape Liptrap Coastal Park.	\$5,000.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Murray Cod recreational fisher tag return support program.	\$5,000.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Produce and distribute a brochure and signage that promotes recreational fishing opportunities within Ganawarra Shire Council.	\$5,000.00	Gannawarra Shire Council
Conduct the '2013 Lakes Entrance Fishing Convention' to promote recreational fishing to the local community.	\$5,000.00	Lakes Sports & Community Club Inc.
Conduct a 'Family Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices to the local community.	\$5,000.00	Relationships Australia (Victoria) Inc.
Conduct a study regarding the response of black bream during recreational catch and release.	\$4,995.00	Deakin University
Increase recreational fisher access to Moorabool Reservoir through the installation of a number of stiles.	\$4,987.51	Central Highlands Region Water Authority
Conduct a 'Community Fishing Festival' to promote recreational fishing.	\$4,930.00	Yarra Valley Fly Fishers Inc.
Conduct a trial of the Daniel Carp Trap in selected parts of the MacKenzie River to determine its effectiveness in removing carp with no by-catch.	\$4,500.00	Wimmera Catchment Management Authority
Conduct a 'Hook, line and sinker' program to promote recreational fishing to the local community.	\$4,475.00	City of Wodonga
Rehabilitate and develop two sites on the south bank of the Lower Tambo River to improve recreational angler access.	\$4,050.00	Lower Tambo Landcare Group

Conduct the '2012 Ron Nelson Memorial Junior Clinic' event educating junior recreational fishers on correct fishing methods and responsible fishing practices.	\$3,180.00	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.
Install a fish cleaning table at Lake Charm.	\$2,950.00	Kerang Lake Charm Power Boat Club Inc.
Conduct a 'Catch a Carp Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices to the local community.	\$2,850.00	Riverside Golf Club Inc.
Conduct a 'Communities helping healthy estuaries across Victoria' program to promote healthy Victorian waterways for species of fish.	\$2,120.00	Fishcare Victoria Inc.
Conduct the 'Seafarers Multicultural Festival' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices to the local community.	\$1,870.00	Seafarers Multicultural Festival Inc.
Conduct a 'School fishing day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior recreational fishers.	\$1,850.00	Nicholson Angling Club Inc.
Conduct a 'Come and Try Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices to the local community.	\$1,610.00	Cardinia Shire Council
Conduct a 'Kids Come and Try Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior recreational fishers.	\$1,600.00	Bogong Outdoor Education Centre
Conduct a 'Campaspe Catch a Carp Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices to the local community.	\$1,494.00	VFF Farm Tree & Landcare Association Inc.
Conduct a 'Catch a Carp Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices to the local community.	\$1,370.00	Fishcare East Gippsland Inc.
Attend the 2013 Murray Darling Basin Authority Native Fish Strategy Forum.	\$1,350.00	VRFish
Conduct an 'Introduction to Recreational Fishing Day' to introduce the local community to safe and responsible recreational fishing practices.	\$1,207.50	Wyndham Community & Education Centre Inc.
Conduct a 'Kids Come and Try Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior recreational fishers.	\$969.10	Ballarat District Recreational fishers Association
Conduct a 'Recreational Fishing Expo' to promote responsible recreational fishing practices for the local community.	\$927.50	Wyndham Community & Education Centre Inc.
Conduct a 'Kids Come and Try Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior recreational fishers.	\$887.50	Fawcner & Merlynston Angling Club Inc.
Conduct a 'Kids Come and Try Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior recreational fishers.	\$700.00	Welshpool & District Advisory Group Inc.
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Conduct a 'Kids Come and Try Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior recreational fishers.	\$600.00	Bemm River Angling Club Inc.
Conduct a 'Catch a Carp Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices to the local community.	\$584.00	Sale Scout Group
Conduct a 'Kids going fishing event' for 120 school children to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior recreational fishers.	\$450.00	Colac Otway Shire
Conduct a 'Kids Come and Try Fly Fishing Casting Day' to promote recreational fishing to junior recreational fishers.	\$400.00	Dunlop Bayswater Angling Club Inc.
Conduct a 'Kids Come and Try Fly Fishing Casting Day' to promote recreational fishing to junior recreational fishers.	\$350.00	Dunlop Bayswater Angling Club Inc.
Sub-Total	\$97,867.11	
Disbursements net of GST	\$3,355,415.60	

Note 3 - proposal to fund 2012/13's approved Recreational Fishing Grant Program projects, and other items in 2013/14 and beyond as applicable

Proposal to fund previously approved Recreational Fishing Grants Program projects extending into 2013/14 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
12/1309	Gippsland	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority	East Gippsland	Inland	3 yrs.	Install 120 large wood structures in the Mitchell, Nicholson, Tambo and Snowy Rivers. Total project funding of \$300,000.	\$300,000.00	This project will compliment a larger scale river restoration program funded by the Victorian Government.
COM/10/11/04	Northern	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Northern Victoria	Inland	3 yrs.	Building northern native fisheries, great fishing on the Campaspe, Loddon & Gunbower systems. 3 rd and final year of funding. Total project funding of \$779,500.	\$272,800.00	Fisheries Victoria \$260,000.
COM/12/13/01	State-wide	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	State-wide	1 yr.	Produce and distribute recreational fishing related education products during 2013/14 such as the recreational fishing guide, fish length ruler stickers, etc. Total project funding of \$224,916.70.	\$224,916.70	
12/1323	State-wide	Research	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	Marine	3 yrs.	Development of approaches to monitor and manage recreational catch of 'western stock' snapper to meet sustainability and recreational fishery objectives. 2 nd and 3 rd year of funding. Total project funding of \$263,206.	\$177,667.30	FRDC \$350,000, Fisheries Victoria \$25,000.
COM/10/11/03	State-wide	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	Estuarine & Marine	4 yrs.	Plan, deploy and evaluate off-shore and estuarine recreational fishing reefs. 3 rd and 4 th year of funding. Total project funding of \$1,070,000.	\$169,550.00	Fisheries Victoria \$900,000.

Project No.	DPI Region	Project category	Proponent	Project site	Type of waters	Project duration	Proposal	Funding	Other contributions/comments
R/10/11/02	State-wide	Research	University of Melbourne	Victorian coastal waters	Marine	2 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. Total project funding of \$126,000.	\$126,000.00	FRDC \$343,000. In-kind contributions: Labour \$92,200 (DEPI, SARDI and recreational fishers).
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. 3 rd & final year of funding. Total project funding of \$300,000.	\$120,000.00	Life Saving Victoria Ltd will contribute \$124,300.
12/1317	Northern	Research	Greenfish Consulting Pty Ltd	Murray Darling Basin	Inland	3 yrs.	Develop and implement a consistent method for assessing the sustainability of Murray cod in the Murray Darling Basin. 2 nd and 3 rd year of funding. Total project funding of \$150,000.	\$105,000.00	FRDC \$375,000, Native Fish Strategy \$23,900, Fisheries Victoria \$36,000, PIRSA Fisheries \$30,000.
12/135	South West	Research	Lake Purrumbete Angling Club Inc.	Lake Purrumbete and Bullen Merri	Inland	3 yrs.	Monitor the Chinook salmon fish stocking program at lakes Purrumbete and Bullen Merri. 2 nd and 3 rd year of funding. Total funding of \$115,667.	\$94,139.90	
12/1304	State-wide	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Arthur Rylah Institute	State-wide	State-wide	3 yrs.	Victorian 'Fishers for Fish Habitat' Program. 2 nd and 3 rd year of funding. Total project funding of \$114,000.	\$83,600.00	Murray Darling Basin Authority \$5,000. In-kind contributions: Labour \$52,500 (DEPI and recreational fishers).
COM/09/10/01	Northern	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Lake Eildon	Inland	3 yrs.	Develop a premier Murray cod fishery at Lake Eildon. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$800,000.	\$80,000.00	
12/132	State-wide	Education, Information & Training	Fishcare Victoria Inc.	State-wide	State-wide	3 yrs.	Fishcare 'Fish Right' workshops – conduct 450 junior recreational fisher workshops across Victoria. 2 nd and 3 rd year of funding. Total project funding of \$113,500.	\$77,050.00	In-kind contribution: Volunteer labour 925 hrs @\$25 p/h = \$23,150.

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L/11/12/01	South West	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	South West Victoria	Inland	3 yrs.	Create a new Estuary perch recreational fishery in south-west Victoria. 3 rd and final year of funding. Total project funding of \$150,000.	\$60,000.00	Grant recipient will provide \$200,000 for collection of Estuary perch brood stock, assessment of suitable waters, and success of stocking.
12/1337	State-wide	Research	Monash University	State-wide	Inland	2 yrs.	Growing the success of Macquarie Perch breeding for future stocking into Victorian waterways. Total project funding of \$58,510.	\$58,510.00	Monash University \$129,500.
R/10/11/03	Port Phillip	Research	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Port Phillip Bay	Marine	3 yrs.	'Fishers tracking fish' - recreational fishers 'tuning' in to understand why Port Phillip Bay is so important to snapper. 3 rd & final year of funding. Total project funding of \$221,386.	\$58,138.60	In-kind contributions: Equipment use/maintenance and angler time \$197,500.
L11/12/03	Northern	Sustainability & Habitat Improvement	North East Catchment Management Authority	Ovens River, Wangaratta	Inland	3 yrs.	Fish habitat enhancement of the Ovens River (Wangaratta region). 2 nd and 3 rd year of funding. Total project funding of \$75,000.	\$52,500.00	North East CMA will contribute \$55,000 to install a rock ramp fish way and remove exotic trees.
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. 3 rd and final year of funding. Total project funding of \$133,920.	\$49,252.00	In-kind labour contribution of \$83,500 from the Department of Environment and Primary Industries and Native Fish Australia.
COM/10/11/02	State-wide	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	State-wide	2 yrs.	Research angler diary program for Anderson Inlet, Mallacoota Inlet, Lake Tyers, Glenelg River estuary, Hopkins River estuary, North East, Corangamite, Port Phillip Bay, East Gippsland, Port Phillip & Western Port, West Gippsland & Wimmera waters. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$492,000.	\$49,200.00	
12/1331	Port Phillip	Access & Facilities	City of Greater Geelong	St Helens Boat Harbour	Marine	1 yr.	Construct an all abilities fishing platform on the northern breakwater, St Helens Boat Harbour. Total project funding of \$40,000.	\$40,000.00	City of Greater Geelong \$15,000.

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COM/09/10/03	Port Phillip	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Port Phillip Bay	Marine	3 yrs.	Install near-shore fish habitat improvement structure at three locations in Port Phillip Bay. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$400,000.	\$40,000.00	
12/1311	State-wide	Education, Information and Training	VRFish	State-wide	Marine	1 yr.	Conduct a communications campaign to reduce released snapper mortality in Victoria. Total project funding of \$38,800.	\$38,800.00	
COM/11/12/01	State-wide	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	State-wide	1 yr.	Produce and distribute recreational fishing related education products during 2012/13 such as the recreational fishing guide, fish length ruler stickers, etc. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$330,629.58.	\$33,062.96	
R/08/09/02	Port Phillip	Research	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Port Phillip Bay	Marine	3 yrs.	Improve the sustainability of sand flathead stocks in Port Phillip Bay and across Victoria. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$300,000.	\$30,000.00	Fisheries Victoria \$80,400.
L/11/12/02	Gippsland	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Nicholson River	Inland	3 yrs.	Establish a new Australian Bass recreational fishery in the Nicholson River. 3 rd and final year of funding. Total project funding of \$100,000.	\$28,000.00	Grant recipient will provide \$100,000 for access improvements, fish monitoring, and promotion.
L/11/12/04	Northern	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Kerang Lakes	Inland	3 yrs.	Install recreational fishing reefs in the Kerang Lakes. 3 rd and final year of funding. Total project funding of \$162,500.	\$27,500.00	In-kind contribution: Goulburn Murray Water will provide \$102,000 in equipment use, risk assessment and signage.

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 Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	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. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$270,000.	\$27,000.00	Financial contributions: Department of Environment and Primary Industries \$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 recreational fishers. Department of Environment and Primary Industries plan to contribute policy development work associated with the management of small-scale recreational fisheries over a 3 year period (\$140,000) and will supply acoustic profiling and/or electro-fishing for 20 days per year over three year period (\$60,000).
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. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$232,947.	\$23,294.45	University of New South Wales \$17,950.
12/1335	Port Phillip	Education, Information and Training	City of Melbourne	Docklands	Estuary	1 yr.	Develop the Docklands Recreational Fishing Strategy. Total project funding of \$22,000.	\$22,000.00	
SH&I/09/10/01	Gippsland	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority	Gippsland Lakes	Inland	3 yrs.	Gippsland Lakes Tributaries Fish Habitat Improvement. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$215,781.	\$21,578.49	Grant recipient - \$310,000 for bank stabilisation & revegetation. In-kind contribution: Volunteer labour \$60,000.
A&F/10/1/05	Port Phillip	Access & Facilities	Parks Victoria	Devilbend Natural Features Reserve	Estuarine	2 yrs.	Construct two all abilities fishing platforms and improve recreational fisher access at Devilbend Natural Features Reserve. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$200,000.	\$20,000.00	In-kind contribution: Unspecified amount for creation of a car park, walking paths & project management.

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L/11/12/13	Port Phillip	Research	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Port Phillip Bay	Marine	2 yrs.	Define the spawning needs of calamari in Port Phillip Bay. Balance of funding. Total project funding of \$199,078.	\$19,745.80	
A&F/09/10/08	Northern	Access & Facilities	Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water	Taylor's Lake, Horsham	Inland	2 yrs.	Create safe all-weather access for recreational fishing at Taylor's Lake, Horsham. Balance of funding. Total project funding of \$105,667.	\$15,613.40	Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water \$70,400.
SH&I/09/10/07	Northern	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	North Central Catchment Management Authority	Lower Loddon River	Inland	2 yrs.	Increase fish habitat in the lower Loddon River, Macoma main channel to Kerang Weir and lower Pyramid Creek. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$150,100.	\$15,010.00	North Central Catchment Management Authority \$205,000.
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. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$130,910.	\$13,091.00	In-kind contribution: Equipment & satellite tagging of sharks \$4,000, Labour \$20,682.
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 recreational fisher workshops (and evaluate outcomes) across Victoria. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$90,000.	\$9,000.00	In-kind contribution: Volunteer labour 6,000 hrs @\$25 p/h = \$150,000.
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). Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$69,460.	\$6,946.00	University of Tasmania has secured \$69,460 via a Tasmanian Fishwise Community Grant.
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. Balance of 10% 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.

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A&F/10/11/19	Port Phillip	Access & Facilities	Parks Victoria	Werribee River	Inland	1 yr.	Improve recreational fisher access to the Werribee River, adjacent to the Werribee Park Golf Club & K Road cliffs. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$68,000.	\$6,800.00	Parks Victoria \$24,000. In-kind contribution: Project management \$7,000.
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. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$60,000.	\$6,000.00	Corryong Angling Club Inc. will supply rocks, logs and root balls worth \$66,000, including labour.
12/1311	Northern	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	Goulburn Broken catchment Management Authority	Broken River	Inland	1 yr.	Broken River Weir (Broken River) Fish Migration Initiative (Feasibility and Design phase). Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$45,000.	\$4,500.00	Goulburn Broken CMA \$120,000 (includes stage 2 – construction). In-kind contributions: Volunteer labour 800 hrs @ \$25/hr = \$20,000 (includes stage 2 – construction).
12/1316	South West	Access & Facilities	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.	Aire River	Inland	1 yr.	Construct a fishing platform on the Aire River. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$39,426.	\$3,942.60	In-kind contributions: Volunteer labour 120 hrs @ \$25/hr = \$3,000.
SG/154	Gippsland	Small Grant	Port Franklin Tennis & Sports Club	Port Franklin	Marine	1 day.	Conduct the '2014 Alf Willder Memorial Junior Fishing Experience' aimed at promoting recreational fishing to junior recreational fishers. Total project funding of \$3,500.	\$3,500.00	In-kind contributions: Volunteer labour 100 hrs @ \$25/hr = \$2,500.
A&F/09/10/07	South West	Access & Facilities	VRFish	Banwon River	Inland	1 yr.	Construct a fishway at lower break on the Banwon River. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$30,000.	\$3,000.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries \$220,000.
L/11/12/16	Northern	Access & Facilities	Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority	Lower Goulburn River, Shepparton	Inland	1 yr.	Improve recreational fisher access and facilities along the Goulburn River, Shepparton. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$25,000.	\$2,500.00	GBCMA is contributing \$15,000. Parks Victoria will contribute \$35,000 to install bollards and regrade the car park.

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L/11/12/14	Gippsland	Access & Facilities	West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority	Merrimans Creek	Inland	1 yr.	Improve recreational fisher access and construct a fishing platform at Merrimans Creek 'The Island'. Balance of 10% 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. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$23,977.	\$2,397.70	
L/11/12/10	Northern	Access & Facilities	Cohuna Neighbourhood House	Gunbower Creek	Inland	1 yr.	Construct a fishing platform on Gunbower Creek, Cohuna. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$23,098.	\$2,309.80	Cohuna Neighbourhood House contribute \$500.
L/11/12/12	State-wide	Education, Information and Training	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	State-wide	1 yr.	Produce a documentary on the importance of fishing to Victoria's diverse cultures. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$20,000.	\$2,000.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries will contribute \$20,000.
L/11/12/08	State-wide	Education, Information and Training	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	State-wide	1 yr.	Produce & distribute a 'Victorian Fishing Trail' brochure for the seasoned recreational fisher. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$11,900.	\$1,190.00	
L/11/12/11	State-wide	Education, Information and Training	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	State-wide	1 yr.	Produce and distribute a 'Kayak fishing in Victoria' educational brochure. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$10,095.	\$1,009.50	
SG/133	Northern	Small Grant	Ballarat & District Recreational fishers Association Inc.	Ballarat	Inland	1 day.	Conduct a 'Community Fishing Festival' to promote recreational fishing. Total project funding of \$691.	\$691.00	In-kind contributions: Volunteer labour 126 hrs @ \$25 p/h = \$3,150.

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SG/146	Gippsland	Small Grant	Bemm River Angling Club Inc.	Bemm River	Estuarine	1 day.	Conduct a 'Community Fishing Festival' to promote recreational fishing. Total project funding of \$620.	\$620.00	In-kind contributions: Volunteer labour 280 hrs @ \$25 p/h = \$7,000.
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. Total project funding of \$460.	\$460.00	In-kind contributions: Volunteer labour 160 hrs @ \$25 p/h = \$4,000.
SG/151	Gippsland	Small Grant	Twin Rivers Business & Tourism Association	Johnsonville Jetty	Marine	1 day.	Conduct the 'Twin Rivers Junior Recreational Fisher Workshop' to promote responsible and sustainable fishing practices to the local community. Total project funding of \$450.	\$450.00	In-kind contributions: Volunteer labour 3 hrs @ \$25 p/h = \$75.
							Sub-total	\$2,639,645.20	

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.	\$20,000.00	Nil financial contributions.
							Sub-total	\$20,000.00	

Proposal to fund RFL sales commission not claimed

Project No.	DPI Region	Project category	Proponent	Project site	Type of waters	Project duration	Proposal	Funding	Other contributions/comments
								\$23,964.52	Excludes RFL sales commission receipts not submitted by licence sellers.
							Sub-total	\$23,964.52	
							Sub-total	\$2,683,609.72	

Proposal to fund 2012/13's approved Recreational Fishing Grants Program projects and emerging recreational fisheries issues in 2013/14

	Proposal	Funding
		\$2,625,023.71
Total		\$5,308,633.43
Balance remaining		\$0.00

Note 4 - Cash assets

Cash as at 30 June 2013 of **\$5,308,633.43** shown in the financial statement includes \$2,500,000 which has been invested pursuant to Section 151B(5) *Fisheries Act 1995*.

Statutory Certification

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

I further state that, in my opinion, the information set out in the Receipts & Disbursements Report and notes to the financial report, presents fairly the financial transactions during the year ended 30 June 2013.

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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05/09/13

Independent Audit Report from Auditor-General

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Secretary, Department of Environment and Primary Industries

The Financial Report

The accompanying financial report for the year ended 30 June 2013, being a special purpose financial report of the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account which comprises the receipts and disbursements report, a statement of accounting policies 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 Environment and Primary Industries is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the requirements of the *Fisheries Act 1995*, and for such internal controls as the Secretary determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The Secretary has determined that the financial report is appropriate to the needs of the Minister for Agriculture 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 2013 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 2013 included both in the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account's annual report and on the Department of Environment and Primary Industries' website. The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Primary Industries is responsible for the integrity of the Department of Environment and Primary Industries' website. I have not been engaged to report on the integrity of the Department of Environment and 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
6 September 2013


for John Doyle
Auditor-General

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