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an information bulletin for recreational fishers

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Reminder: Apply Now - New Advisory Council to represent NSW recreational fishers

Expressions of interest close 7 July 2015

The NSW Government previously announced that a new advisory body, the Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council, will be established to provide advice to Government on key recreational fishing issues in NSW.

The NSW Liberals and Nationals Government announced this new consultative approach in February, to ensure the advisory council is based around a modern representative model, ensuring the views of regional fishers from right across the State are communicated.

Regional recreational fishers are being invited to nominate for appointment to the Council, to ensure that there is strong representation across the recreational fishing sector.

Recreational Fishing NSW will advise the Minister on matters relating to recreational fishing in NSW, and replace the existing Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing, which has been in place for almost 20 years.

The new Council will include eight regional members and two members with expertise in spearfishing and charter boat fishing. An independent chair will be appointed to lead the new Advisory Council.

The NSW Government is proud to support the recreational fishing industry, which generates about \$1.6 billion expenditure into the NSW economy each year and creates about 14,000 fulltime jobs.

[View the information package](#) or email rfnw.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au or call (02) 9741 4722. Expressions of interest close 7 July 2015.

Recreational Fishing Trust funding announced



Minister for Primary Industries, Niall Blair, has announced \$13 million will be invested in 63 recreational fishing projects in NSW in the next year.

Projects will be funded from Albury to Grafton and in Sydney's waterways – including nearly \$1 million to fund a fifth artificial reef off the coast of NSW.

Artificial reefs already constructed off Sydney and Shoalhaven Heads are proving to be very popular with recreational fishers.

The Sydney reef has now matured into complex fish habitat for a wide range of bottom-dwelling and oceanic fish species such as Kingfish and Snapper.

If you have any comments on the location of the fifth offshore artificial reef to be deployed, please email fisheries.enhancement@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

The funding for the 63 projects has been provided from the Recreational Fishing Trust to a wide range of priorities including:

- artificial reefs and fish stocking
- fishing workshops, Fishcare Volunteers and primary schools education
- fishing platforms and fish cleaning tables
- aquatic habitat rehabilitation projects to remove barriers to fish migration replanting river bank vegetation and restoring water flows; and
- research on recreational fishing.

For more [details on the projects, visit the website](#) or [download the full list of projects](#) [pdf 109kb]



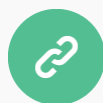
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