

Round 6 RECREATIONAL FISHING INITIATIVE FUND 2017 RFIF- EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

Background

Upon the introduction of the Recreational Fishing from Boat Licence in March 2010, the State Government made a commitment that all funds generated by the licence would be expended on recreational fishing related activities in Western Australia.

These funds, together with other funds contributed by the State Government, are held in the Recreational Fishing Account administered by the Minister for Fisheries. 25% of these Funds are quarantined into the Recreational Fishing Initiatives Fund (RFIF) and made available to selected projects that benefit recreational fishing through the RFIF process.

This package provides details of the RFIF process together with a Round 6 RFIF expression of interest form.

Selection from the RFIF

Grants will be made to projects selected through a competitive application process as described below.

1. Expression of interest (EOI) for Round 6 of the RFIF funding closes at 5pm (WST) on Monday the 30th January 2017.
2. The Recfishwest Board selects EOIs to progress to full application.
3. Applicant develops full application with input from Recfishwest, Department of Fisheries and key stakeholders.
4. The Recfishwest Board provide project recommendations to the Minister for Fisheries.
5. Projects will be selected by the Minister for Fisheries (acting through his delegates within the Department of Fisheries) upon receiving recommendations from Recfishwest Board, who are the peak body representing recreational fishers in Western Australia.

To assist with the assessment of projects, where appropriate, Recfishwest may rely upon:

- Input from the RFIF Application Advisory Group and
- Guidance as to strategic priorities from the Department of Fisheries and Recfishwest stakeholders.

The Minister has absolute discretion in evaluating all applications and making a final decision in the application of funds. The Minister is not bound to accept any recommendation from Recfishwest.

Expression of interest for Round 6 RFIF project grants

Expression of interest (EOI) for Round 6 of the RFIF must be made on the accompanying EOI form. It is important that all sections of the EOI form are completed. Additional information may be appended to the EOI form if required.

EOI for Round 6 RFIF funding may be made by e-mail to recfish@recfishwest.org.au

EOIs must be received on or before 5pm (WST) Monday the 30th January 2017.

Applicants

Applicants may be individuals or organisations. Applicants must provide a valid ABN or be sponsored by an organisation with a valid ABN. Applicants must disclose any relationship or

association with the Department of Fisheries, Department personnel or Recfishwest.

Quantum of Grants

Grants may be awarded for projects which are considered meritorious. A grant can be spread over a period of up to 3 years (Maximum).

10% of the grant may be withheld until after delivery of the final report on the implementation of the project. It should be noted that grants for community based projects are also available from Recfishwest through a separate community grant scheme.

Assessment Criteria

Grants will only be made to projects that promote or benefit recreational fishing in Western Australia. All grant applications should address one or more of the following broad strategic areas.

- Stocking and stock enhancement of recreationally important species;
- Habitat protection and/or enhancement;
- Improving recreational fishing safety;
- People development/capacity building / succession planning;
- Management, access, data collection and governance of recreational fishing;
- Biology and ecology of important recreational species;
- Extension, communications and promotion of recreational fishing;

In addition to the broad priority areas shown above the Recfishwest Board has expressed an interest for applications in this round of funding to address strategic priorities shown in the table below.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stocking of a selected dam and/or urban water body with a popular Australian native freshwater species. (Utilising a impoundment stocking assessment tool developed in a previous RFIF funded project)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A project on Australian Salmon focused on highlighting the recreational and tourism opportunities associated with this species
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A habitat enhancement/restoration project in the Swan River with the aim of developing a flats fishery.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An artificial reef for the Northern Suburbs of the metropolitan area.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stocking of a popular recreational marine species such as Yellowtail Kingfish in recreational locations including the fish towers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project focused on enhancing the amenity of the abalone fishery
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued progression of Recfishwests State-wide habitat and stock enhancement plans
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of fish cleaning stations at popular boat ramps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of the next generation of recreational fishing leaders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seagrass restoration in nearshore waters such as Cockburn sound and assessing measures to militate against loss of seagrass function.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project focused on enhancing the amenity of the lobster fishery including crayfish reefs (Possibly near the Fremantle moles to reduce conflict) and methods to reduce pot theft
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bench marking social values and conservation values of recreational fishers and the perception of recreational fishing values by the broader community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of novel ways to collect data to assist in recreational fishing monitoring, assessment and management.

In assessing EOI's for Round 6 RFIF, regard will be given to the extent to which projects:

- are likely to deliver a significant or diverse benefit to recreational fishing in Western Australia;
- have synergies with:
 - Recfishwest Strategic Plan <http://recfishwest.org.au/about/recfishwest-governance/>
 - Department of Fisheries Strategic Plan; http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/Documents/corporate_publications/strategic_plan_2009-2018_phase3.pdf
 - other initiatives being pursued by the Department of Fisheries or Recfishwest;
- are proposed by applicants who:
 - are recreational fishers or can demonstrate support by recreational fishers;
 - can demonstrate that they have the expertise to deliver the project;
 - have a track record of timely, cost effective and successful project delivery;
- are funded , in addition to the grant, by financial or in kind contributions by the applicant or third parties;
- apply grant funds directly towards project implementation not to indirect costs such as overheads and administration;
- have clear set of project objectives;
- display projected financial summary of project;
- incorporate post graduate research opportunities.

Grant Agreement

Following the completion of Round 6 RFIF selection process, applicants must sign a grant agreement prior to the release of funds. The Minister for Fisheries reserves the right to vary the terms of the grant agreement, including incorporating grant specific conditions.

Contact

Recfishwest encourages all applicants to contact the Recfishwest office to discuss potential projects before submitting an EOI. For further information is required, please contact the Recfishwest Office on 9246 3366 or email recfish@recfishwest.org.au

RECREATIONAL FISHING INITIATIVES FUND 6TH ROUND 2016/17 PROJECT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

Applicant: Individual or corporation seeking funding

Name :

(Company, Business or Trading name)

Small organisation (less than 12 people)

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

ABN:

Is the Applicant registered for GST?:

Yes

No

Name and position of Principal Investigator:

Name and position of Co-Investigator (You can add more than one Co-Investigator):

Identify any relationship or association between the applicant /principal Investigator and the Department of Fisheries, Department personnel and/or Recfishwest.

Financial Administrator

Person responsible for administration of grant funds (if not the Applicant).

Name:

Position:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Grant Sought Amount of grant sought (excluding GST)

Year 1:

Year 2 (if any):

Year 3 (if any):

Total:

Project Title:

The title should describe the overall aim of the project. Use minimal words and include as appropriate species/activity and where the project is being undertaken.

Project Time Frame:

Planned Start Date (dd/mm/yyyy):

Planned End Date (dd/mm/yyyy):

Project Location(s) : Provide details of where the project will take place (i.e. town/region and any relevant venues)



South Coast



West Coast



Gascoyne



Pilbara/Kimberley



Statewide

Project Description & Methodology

Describe the methods to be used including types of experiments, protocols or activities; species or people involved; the data to be obtained or knowledge, skills or capacity to be generated. Where appropriate, explain clearly the statistical sampling and analysis to be undertaken, and the means of interpreting the data. Provide support for any new methods and/or techniques to be employed. Detail the qualifications and skills of the key staff or facilitators to be engaged on the project.

Need

Why is your project needed? Define succinctly in no more than 200 words.

Planned Outcomes

What will the project achieve and what are the planned outcomes? You must provide evidence of the specific outcome that is to be addressed, why it is needed now and end user support for the outcome. Define succinctly in no more than 250 words.

Outputs and Extensions

You must clearly describe the outputs that will arise from the project and the immediate adoption pathways, so the end user can turn the outputs into planned outcomes. All final applications will also require a communication strategy demonstrating the way in which outputs such as knowledge, skills, processes, practices, items/artefacts, publications, workshops, models or technology are intended to be disseminated to stakeholders.

Note: RFIF policy is to make project results publicly available. Hence, unless there is a compelling reason otherwise, no protection or confidentiality will apply to results of RFIF funded projects. If the parties agree to protect any intellectual property arising from the project, they will agree on a strategy to do so.

Capacity to Deliver Project

Identify any expertise or experience which the Applicant has which will assist in the delivery of the project, including completion of any comparable projects. Identify any persons or organisations (other than the applicant) that will assist in the implementation of the project.

Project Schedule

Payment schedule

Provide a detailed funding schedule including key project milestones and funding amounts.

Key Milestones to be taken from the (Project Timeline) section of this application.

Payments are based on completion of Related Milestones for the financial year however project planning should anticipate payments every six months and plan milestones accordingly.

Date	Amount	Related Milestones to be contained in progress reports
(Month Year)	\$	Execution of agreement by Recipient and Grantor (Include start-up capital needed to complete milestones to receive the second payment).
(Month Year)	\$	
(Month Year)	\$	
(Month Year)	\$	
(Month Year)	\$	
(Month Year)	\$	Draft Final Report (one month before final report is due)
(Month Year)	\$	Final Report – 10% Promotion of final report to recreational fishers in Western Australia and through the broader recreational fishing community in Australia.
TOTAL AMOUNT (excl GST)	\$	10% of Grant Funds may be withheld until after delivery of the final report on the implementation of the Project.

Reporting Schedule

Provide details of proposed progress and final reporting on the implementation and delivery of the project.

The Recipient must prepare and provide to the Grantor progress reports at the dates listed below:

- (a) 1st progress report - Six months from signing of agreement by both parties.
- (b) Subsequent progress reports – Every six months.
- (c) Draft Final Report – One month from project end date
- (d) Final report - The Recipient must prepare and provide to the Grantor a final report on or before the project end date.

Project Budget

Provide an indicative budget for the project identifying:

- project expenses;
- project funds including:
 - any financial or in kind contributions by the Applicant or third parties;
 - any income generated by the project that will meet project expenses; and
 - grant funds.

The budget should identify which project expenses grant funds will be applied to.

The budget should identify whether income and expenses are confirmed or merely estimated.

Grant Cost (\$) Excluding GST

Year	Salary (\$)	Travel (\$)	Operating (\$)	Capital (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
1						
2						
3						
Total (\$)						

In-Kind Cost

Year	Salary (\$)	Travel (\$)	Operating (\$)	Capital (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
1						
2						
3						
Total (\$)						

Project Consultation

Who was consulted in the development of the full application? Were any specific concerns raised and if so how have these concerns been addressed?



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Fisheries**

Disclosure

The Applicant agrees to this application and all annexed information being disclosed to the members of Recfishwest, the Department of Fisheries, the Minister for Fisheries and technical consultants.

Certification

The Applicant and the Financial Administrator warrant that all information contained in and annexed to this application is complete, accurate and provided in good faith at the date of lodgement if this application.

The Applicant undertakes to advise Recfishwest of any change in circumstances which affects the accuracy of this application as soon as reasonably practicable.

Disclaimer

The Applicant agrees that:

- the lodgement of an application does not form a binding contract between the Applicant and Recfishwest, the Department of Fisheries or the Minister for Fisheries;
- the Minister has absolute discretion in evaluating all applications and making a final decision in the application of funds; and
- Recfishwest, the Department of Fisheries and the Minister for Fisheries will not, in any circumstances, be liable for any costs, expenses or loss incurred by the Applicant, including any costs associated with preparing an application.

Signed for and on behalf of the Applicant

(Print Name and Position)

(Signature)

(Date)

Signed by the Financial Administrator

(Print Name and Position)

(Signature)

(Date)