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# *Casting Around the Internet with Recfishwest*

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## **FRDC People Development program**

Fisheries Research and Development Corporation's program invests in research and development activities which develop the capabilities of the people to whom the industry entrusts its future, through a suite of programs, financial support, scholarships and bursaries to build leadership, skills, networks and knowledge.

<http://www.frdc.com.au/peopledevelopment>

## **Recreational fishing future in safe hands**

Following the outstanding success of Recfishwest's *Young Future Leaders* program, the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW has confirmed the overwhelming success of their *Future Leaders in Recreational Fishing* workshop. The participants' passion and desire to face the challenges ahead to make a lasting contribution to improve recreational fishing in New South Wales in the future was above all expectations.

<http://www.recfish.com.au/docs/mr%20New%20South%20Wales%20Recreational%20Fishing%20Future%20in%20Safe%20Hands.pdf>

## **Applications called for \$12 million to boost State's fishing facilities**

Recreational fishers are encouraged to apply for a grant from the \$12 million Recreational Fishing Trust using funds provided from recreational fishing licences. This is a chance for recreational fishing groups, anglers, councils and community organisations to improve recreational fishing facilities in their local areas.

[http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0009/267066/Apply-now-for-12-million-to-boost-states-fishing-facilities.pdf](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/267066/Apply-now-for-12-million-to-boost-states-fishing-facilities.pdf)

## **Big marine sanctuaries urged for WA**

A new collaboration of Australian and international conservation groups has urged the Federal Government to establish marine sanctuaries covering at least 20 to 30 per cent of each marine habitat in big expanses of the ocean off WA, including nominating some areas of great importance to fishing. This has been without consultation with WA recreational or commercial fishing sectors. The Marine Bioregional Planning process has defined consultation processes which includes all stakeholders and recognises the importance of all ocean users and coastal communities and actively engage them in the marine bioregional planning process.

<http://www.thewest.com.au/default.aspx?MenuID=77&ContentID=123616> and

<http://www.saveourmarinelife.org.au/> and <http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/index.html>

## **Work with us, not against us:- Recfish Australia**

Recreational fishing does have some impact on fish stocks. However, it's not always true to say that it plays a big part in declining fish stocks. Most Australian recreational fisheries are managed sustainably. Recreational fishers are tired of being branded as mindless fish killers. Recfish Aust wants to discuss ways the Conservation Council and recreational fishers can work together to improve sustainable management of our natural resources.

<http://www.recfish.com.au/docs/Media%20Release%20-%20Recfish%20criticises%20Conservation%20Council.pdf>

## **Electronic fishing magazine launched**

Issue 1 of the WA developed emagazine is a demonstration of the concept which shows some of the forum member's talents with the keyboard and camera, and with internal links to some interesting fishing videos.

<http://fishwrecked-reeltime.com/>

## **Recreational fishers back shark bans but question their logic**

Recreational fishers have backed new laws that ban catching large whaler sharks from Kalbarri to the South Australian border, but believe they are "paying a bigger price" than commercial fishers for depleted stocks. Three particular species are at risk and the commercial fishing sector is responsible for the over-exploitation of those. The recreational sector has been prohibited from taking 17 species when it didn't have any impact.

<http://www.thewest.com.au/default.aspx?MenuID=77&ContentID=129294>

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