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Future Leaders Needed for Recreational Fishing

Western Australia's peak recreational fishing organisation Recfishwest is seeking submissions of interest for the Recfishwest Young Future Leaders in Recreational Fishing Project to be held in March next year.

The program will see 15 successful candidates from Western Australia and the Northern Territory, aged under 35, undertake training at the Abrolhos Islands in the future management of recreational fishing.

Acting Executive Director Kane Moyle said participants would learn how to best apply their skills through community groups, advisory committees, recreational fishing advocacy groups or government agencies.

"We ran our first course for future leaders in 2008 and it is designed to give younger Western Australians a voice and opportunity to be involved in maintaining the quality of our state's recreational fishing future," Mr Moyle said.

2008 Young Future Leaders graduate and current Recfishwest board member Lisa Hill said the course has created some great opportunities for her.

"I benefited enormously from the future leader's course, particularly in the areas of understanding the complexities of fisheries management and identifying key sustainability issues in WA," Lisa said.

"For young people wanting to make a difference this is the perfect opportunity to get involved."

Successful applicants for the next young future leader's course will be mentored by recognised leaders within the recreational fishing industry, with the course to be held at the Abrolhos Islands from **March 5-10th, 2011**. Students will also spend time on a Department of Fisheries research vessel.

Application forms are available on the Recfishwest website and must be lodged before December 31. For further information please visit www.recfishwest.org.au.

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