



Enhanced Recreational Fishing Program

At the 2006 election, the State Government demonstrated its commitment to recreational fishing by allocating \$13.5 million over four years to further enhance recreational fishing opportunities and facilities.

The Enhanced Recreational Fishing Program incorporates the key election commitments being delivered during the Government's term, by the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Fisheries Victoria.

The election commitments are:

- creation of a recreational fishing haven in Western Port by banning commercial netting;
- continuing the 13-FISH offence reporting line with increased emphasis on inland fisheries crime;
- boosting of fish stocking by 30% over four years for salmon, trout and native fish species such as golden perch and Murray cod;
- construction of a new native fish production facility in northern Victoria;
- development of improved fishing opportunities by:
 - installing fish cleaning tables across Victoria at key recreational fishing boat ramps and jetties,
 - establishing an Adopt-a-Stream grants program that will encourage community groups to take stewardship of their local rivers and enhance recreational fish habitat,

- angler access programs including updating the Guide to Inland Angling Waters of Victoria (Version 6) and on-ground works to improve fisher access at high priority locations,
- implementing a trial artificial marine reefs program in Port Philip Bay to determine their benefits to recreational anglers,
- creating new fisheries such as a recreational trout cod fishery in Lake Kerford, a new recreational fishery in Devilbend Reservoir and other new fisheries identified through the annual Fisheries Regional Consultation Meetings;

- reviewing membership of the Fisheries Revenue Allocation Committee to ensure recreational fisher representation in the allocation of fishing licence revenue to projects;
- developing a classification model for Victorian rivers and streams into 'natives only', 'trout only' or 'mixed fisheries'. This Stream Classification Model will be an important part of fisheries management in Victoria for the next ten years; and
- expanding education programs offered through the Marine Discovery Centre at Queenscliff.

Further information and progress reports about commitments can be found at dpi.vic.gov.au/enhancedfishing. If you have ideas about where a fish cleaning table should be installed or where works could enhance angler access then call the DPI Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

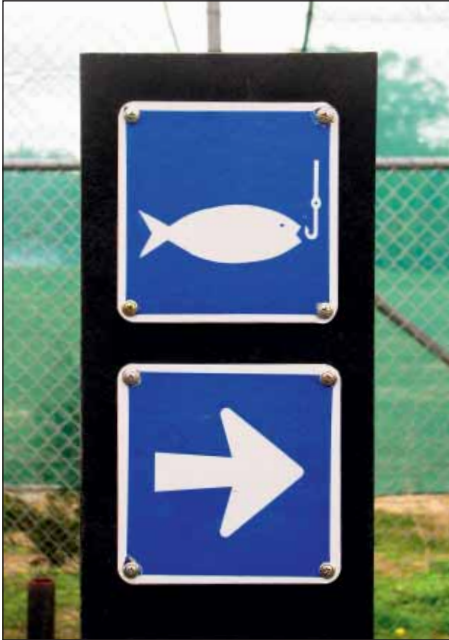




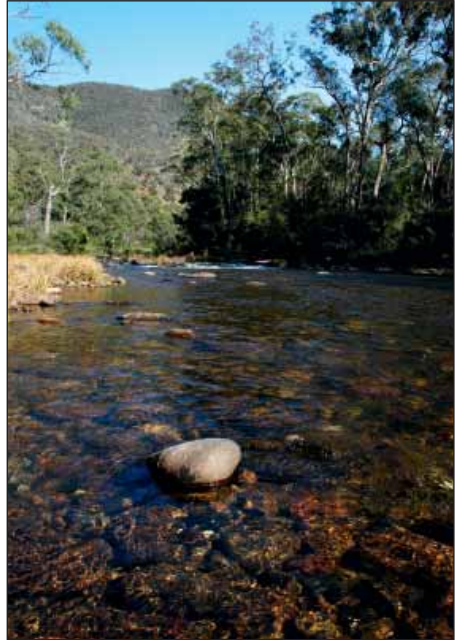
Trialling artificial reefs in Port Phillip Bay.



Boosting fish stocking by 30 percent.



Improving angler access.



Developing a classification model for rivers and streams.



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Establishing an Adopt-a-Stream program.

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Adopt-a-Stream Grants Program

Healthy fisheries depend on healthy habitats.

The new Adopt-a-Stream Grants Program will help enhance fisheries habitat in rivers and streams.

It is an opportunity for fishing clubs and community groups to support fisheries habitat.

Applicants can apply for a grant to:

- run a cleanup day whereby rubbish is collected and disposed of responsibly
- control weed species such as blackberries
- plant native vegetation to shade the river in summer
- install in-stream structures such as large woody debris or boulders
- fence boundaries.

If an active stewardship role interests your club or group then this dollar for dollar program could be for you.

Learn more about Adopt-a-Stream and other projects under the Government's \$13.5 million Enhanced Recreational Fishing Program by visiting Fisheries Victoria's website at dpi.vic.gov.au/enhancedfishing.