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Recfish Australia appoints Chief Executive Officer

The peak national body for recreational and sport fishing, Recfish Australia, today announced the appointment of John Harrison as its Chief Executive Officer.

Recreational fishing has 3.5 million anglers throughout Australia and is a \$1.8 billion dollar industry,

“We are delighted that John has accepted the position and the Committee and I look forward to working with him on the many important issues to fishers from Cape York to south Tasmania and from Perth to Sydney” Frank Prokop, President of Recfish Australia, said today.

“Mr Harrison brings a unique perspective as an advocate for the recreational fishing sector having been the Executive Officer of the Amateur Fishermen’s Association of the Northern Territory for the past 7 years and prior to that as National Executive Director of Recfish Australia for three years.

He will bring a wealth of skills and knowledge to the role as he has been on a multitude of Territory and National advisory and management committees including the Fisheries Research & Development Corporation as a Board member, the Australian Seafood and Fisheries Forum, numerous fisheries advisory committees, the National Indigenous Fisheries Technical Working Group and a suite of other prominent fisheries, wetlands and oceans working groups.

The various state peak bodies and national member organisations of Recfish Australia are looking forward to his appointment and implementing a new and more vibrant structure for this important but often under-recognised industry.

“On behalf of the recreational fishing industry I would like to thank the Howard Government for supporting Recfish Australia by providing the resources to enable the appointment of a CEO to take on the role of representing the recreational and sport fishing industry at the national level. The investment will be returned many times through the links and partnerships that we will deliver to the various departments and agencies.”

“We are looking for John to take Recfish Australia to the next level in its professionalism and dealings with the range of stakeholders involved in recreational fishing in Australia at the national level and providing real benefits to every fisher in this great country” Mr Prokop concluded. Ends

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