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## **New Leaders program outstandingly successful**

“The recreational fishing sector can look forward to a prosperous future if the next generation of leaders (NGL) program is a litmus test” John Harrison CEO Recfish Australia said today.

“The program, funded by the Australian government’s Recreational fishing Community Grant Program (RFCGP) was held in the Northern Territory last week. With 19 participants coming from 7 states and territories we are very confident that these aspiring new leaders have a great deal to offer into the future.”

“The task is not so much over but is in fact just beginning. We selected these people and we now need to ensure they have the opportunity to contribute to the development and success of recreational fishing in Australia.”

Put through some experiential learning activities and challenged to work together the outcome was a resounding success. A number of opportunities have been identified and we now need to work with the participants.

“We are delighted with the result and already we can see a wave of enthusiasm which will meet the challenges that lay ahead.”

The participants identified 2 of their peers who displayed a strong commitment to the program and show outstanding potential as leaders. Through the sponsorship of the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation they will be attending conferences and will report back to Recfish Australia and the FRDC.

Craig Sheppard from NSW will attend the Seafood Directions conference in Hobart in November and will have the opportunity to meet and mix with the commercial fishing sector during their biennial 2 day event. He will also meet with the FRDC Board to discuss the NGL program and other key issues.

Tim Wicks from Tasmania was selected by his peers as the outstanding participant from the program. He will be sponsored by the FRDC to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> World Recreational Fishing Conference in Florida USA in November 2008. This will give him a unique opportunity to listen to the issues that face recreational fishing around the world.

“This program has started the process of filling the void of new leaders and increasing the capacity of the recreational sector to meet and fulfill the needs of the sector in the years ahead” Mr Harrison concluded

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List of participants and photo below.

Participants in the Next Generation of Leaders  
Northern Territory 23 – 25 September 2007

Jonathon	Weston	WA
Mark	Holland	Tim
Wicks	Tas	
Daniel	Tillack	NSW
Chad	Lunow	Qld
Brett	Moyes Vic	
Chantal	Cleary	Tas
Matt	Barwick	ACT
Paul	Williams	NT
Matthew	Koopman	Vic
Alison	Gibson	Vic
Josh	Ker	NT
Kane	Moyle	WA
Shane	Jasprizza	ACT
Justin	Bell	Qld
Scott	Thomas	NSW
Peter	Cox	NT
Thomas	Crawford	Tas
Craig	Shephard	NSW

