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MEDIA RELEASE

Nominations for the inaugural awards for contribution to recreational fishing have been strong so closing date extended.

"In the last few days interest in the inaugural awards recognising contributions to recreational fishing has been excellent. A lot of people are only now realising that the awards are open so we have extended the closing date till 30 September" John Harrison CEO Recfish Australia said today.

"It is heartening to see this level of interest in the awards and we encourage anyone who knows of someone or a project or an initiative within the recreational fishing industry that is deserved of recognition to put a nomination in."

The Australian Government's Fisheries Research and Development Corporation are supporting these awards and their contribution is greatly appreciated by the industry.

"The awards will be presented every two years with six categories open this year."

Categories:

Best research project with recreational outcomes

Best recreational enhancement project

Best project or initiative encouraging women and young people's participation in fishing

Volunteer of the year

Non-government Administrator of the year

Leadership

"There have been some outstanding nominations to date and the level of commitment and dedication that the nominees have displayed, sometimes over many years, reinforces our decision to have the awards. There is also some amazing scientific work that has been completed and again the quality of nominations has been terrific" Mr Harrison concluded

Nominations forms are available from the Recfish Australia website www.recfish.com.au

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