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# **AFTA renews links with Recfish Australia**

The Australian Fishing Tackle Association (AFTA) has rejoined the peak national body for recreational and sport fishing, Recfish Australia.

“We are delighted that this important element of recreational fishing has decided to return and contribute to the debate and strategic direction of Recfish Australia. With a plethora of issues facing the recreational and sport fishing industry around Australia it is important that Tackle Industry is involved in the debate regarding national issues” Mr John Harrison, CEO, of Recfish Australia said today.

“There are many issues that we believe Recfish Australia and AFTA can work together on to improve recreational and sport fishing including the contentious and emotive issue of marine protected areas that impact hugely on recreational fishing activities” Mr Doug Joyner, Executive Director of AFTA added.

Mr Joyner continued “We see the opportunity with rejoining to assist us in providing for greater certainty and a stronger united voice to Government and the community for sustainable and high quality recreational fishing experience”.

“With Recfish Australia in the process of establishing a Board for the management of its functions and with an injection of financial support from the Australian Government over the next three years it is timely and very appropriate that AFTA be with us to assist to forge the future for recreational and sport fishing in Australia.” Mr Harrison concluded.

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