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### **Peak Body welcomes first round success**

“The announcement today of the successful applicants in the first round of the Recreational Fishing Community Grant Program is great news for the recreational fishing sector” Bruce Schumacher, Chair of Recfish Australia said.

“It is very encouraging to see more than 70 applications get funding of around \$2.6m from this program and the with variety of projects so wide and distributed around Australia this Howard Government initiative has been well received by the angling community and we congratulate the government for this program.”

“Those who were unsuccessful in the first round will have the opportunity to reapply as a second round for 2005/06 has been announced and applications will close on 17 March.”

“As the peak national body for recreational fishing we encourage community groups, clubs and other organisations to seriously look at the second round and develop suitable projects to capitalise on the Government’s program. There is still about \$2m available this financial year with a further \$10m to be allocated over the next two years.” Mr Schumacher concluded.

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