



**AUSTRALIAN RECREATIONAL
FISHING FOUNDATION**

**Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation
Election 2016 - What are the Major Parties doing for Australia's 5 million Recreational Fishers?**

Listed Initiatives are from #Go Fishing – Its great for you and the nation.

<http://www.recreationalfishing.com.au/images/PDF/ARFF-Election-Platform-Final.pdf>

Initiative	Labor	Liberal / National	Greens
1. National Recreational Fishing Council – and recognition of recreational fishers.	<p>A Shorten Labor Government remains committed to the establishment of a National Recreational Fishing Council to act as a point of engagement between the recreational fishing community and a Labor Government. In Government, the Council will be chaired by Labor's Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.</p> <p>Labor will provide \$110,000 to establish the Council, which will meet twice a year. The Council will tackle</p>	<p>Liberal/ National Government has been working with ARFF to establish the National Recreational Fishing Council and we have committed \$550,000 to support the Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation (ARFF), both being 2013 election commitments of the Coalition. We want to ensure the recreational fishing sector is consulted on relevant national decisions affecting sustainable fishing practices.</p>	<p>No response yet</p>

	<p>issues like the small pelagic fisheries management, boating and fishing infrastructure, conservation, access to national marine parks, national gone fishing day and other issues.</p> <p>http://www.joelfitzgibbon.com/casting_out_for_the_views_of_recreational_fishers</p>	<p>If re-elected, the Turnbull Government will amend the <i>Fisheries Management Act 1991</i> to ensure the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) takes into account the interests of all users of fisheries including recreational, Indigenous and commercial fishers.</p> <p>The Turnbull Government also proposes to increase the size of a number of Management Advisory Committees for specific fisheries to allow for the appointment of representatives of the recreational fishing sector and to appoint recreational fishing representatives to Resource Assessment Groups.</p> <p>Recreational fishers will have a seat at the table ensuring their voice is heard in the management of Commonwealth Fisheries.</p> <p>https://www.liberal.org.au/latest-news/2016/06/04/coalition-strengthen-recreational-fishers-voice</p>	
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<p>2. Industrial Scale Fishing of SPF</p>	<p>Our recreational fishers make a significant contribution to regional economies and deserve the support of the Federal Government.</p> <p>This support extends to the protecting the small pelagic fishery. When last in Government, Labor ensured appropriate consideration was given to the impact of super trawlers on Australia’s fisheries by amending the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC Act). Our amendment guaranteed Australia’s waters were adequately protected from risks associated with the use of super trawlers.</p> <p>Labor remains committed to preventing the operation of all super trawlers in Australian waters, unless a thorough assessment against the most up-to-date science can verify these operations will not undermine small pelagic fisheries and recreational fishing spots.</p> <p>http://www.joelfitzgibbon.com/media?page=3</p> <p>See also 1. Above.</p>	<p>Banned Supertrawlers over 130 m.</p> <p><i>“In April 2015 the Coalition banned all super trawlers (boats over 130 metres) from entering Australian waters.”</i></p> <p>Liberal/ Nationals will retain industrial scale commercial fishing of small pelagic fishery.</p> <p>The independent assessment of the health of the small pelagic fishery and the strength of the regulations applying to all who fish in the small pelagic fishery have the balance right at this point. The Turnbull Government will not threaten the sustainability of the fishery which contributes much to the economy through export earnings, jobs in commercial fishing and aquaculture, recreational fishing and tourism.</p> <p>https://www.liberal.org.au/latest-news/2016/06/04/coalition-strengthen-recreational-fishers-voice</p>	<p>No response yet</p>
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3. National Boating and Fishing Infrastructure Fund	See 1. Above.	No commitment	No response yet
4. Grass Roots Action to improve Marine and Riverine Habitat	No commitment	The Coalition Government has several programs including the National Landcare Program which invest in fresh and marine habitat conservation. For more information see www.environment.gov.au	No response yet
5. Marine Parks are for everyone – Don't Lock Us Out.	<p>Labor will reintroduce their plan from 2013 that includes locking recreational fishers out of Marine Parks (IUCN II) – 1.3 million square kilometres of the 2.3 million square kilometer commonwealth marine reserve system.</p> <p>The plan also does not compensate recreational fishers or the businesses and communities that support them for any loss associated with the creation of the plan.</p> <p>http://www.100positivepolicies.org.au/marine_parks_fact_sheet</p>	<p>The Coalition will prepare new management plans for the South-west, North-west, North and Temperate East Networks and the Coral Sea Commonwealth Marine Reserve, within the next 12 months. This will involve two opportunities for public comments.</p> <p>Until new management plans come into effect there are no 'on the water' changes for marine reserves, and the protections that were in place before November 2012 still apply.</p> <p>A re-elected Turnbull Government remains committed to responding to the independent Review and to implementing a network of marine</p>	No response yet

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7. More habitat = more fish	No commitment	No commitment	No response yet

8. Eradicating European Carp	No commitment	Yes - \$15 million to National Plan for eradication. http://minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/pyne/media-releases/cleaning-australias-waterways	No response yet
9. National Economic Study	No commitment	No commitment	No response yet
10. Enhancing Investment in Research	No commitment	No commitment	No response yet
11. Help Recreational Fishers Gather Scientific Data	No commitment	No commitment	No response yet
12. National Gone Fishing Day	See 1. Above.	Assistant Minister Ruston happy to discuss with Recreational Fishing Council	No response yet
13. National Recreational Fishing Development Program	No commitment	No commitment	No response yet

