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## Media release

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### **New Board for Recfish Australia**

At its 23<sup>rd</sup> annual general meeting Recfish Australia, representing Australia's 3.5 million fishers, has elected its 2<sup>nd</sup> Board of Directors under its new structure.

Changes to the constitution this year has meant that the Board members will serve two year terms allowing for a more stable Board and better opportunities to introduce key strategic direction setting policies.

The new Board members are: Bruce Schumacher, Bill Sawynok, John Cleary, Chris Makepeace, Des Wood, Adam Smith and Malcolm Poole.

Following the election the 7 directors met to appoint a Chair – the Chair is Bruce Schumacher who will serve his second term.

"I am looking forward to contributing as a team member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Board and setting the strategic direction of Recfish Australia, its business plan, research & development and extension plan and to deliver real change and benefits to the recreational fishers of Australia" Mr Schumacher said.

We continue to have many challenges in our industry including the vexing question of marine protected areas, improving our knowledge on catch and release, environmental assessment processes for fishing tournaments, developing further best practices, community engagement in management of resources, capacity building and succession planning to name a few" Mr Schumacher concluded.

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Our mission – to represent and advocate the interests of recreational and sport fishers at a national level to ensure high-quality, enjoyable and ecologically sustainable fishing.