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NSW Angel Ring Update

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ANGEL RINGS PROJECT CONTINUES IN 2007 / 2008

Recreational Fishing Community Grants Programme

The Angel Ring Project is set to continue beyond 2007 and into 2008 with the Recreational Fishing Community Grants Programme (RFCGP) approving \$59,000 for the ANSA NSW Angel Ring Project.

With almost \$70,000 sourced from the NSW Recreational Fishing Trust Fund over the past few years for Angel Rings, ANSA NSW was pleased to see the Federal Government provide assistance to continue the project. The funds will be used to maintain and install angel rings across NSW. Current locations up for approval include locations in Tathra and Coffs Harbour. Funds have also been made available under the grant to build a new installation and display trailer for the project. Transport of equipment and tools will be a lot easier and the trailer will double as a mobile rock fishing safety display, complete with DVD Player. Volunteers from ANSA NSW will be out and about highlighting the project and rock fishing safety.

The Federal Fisheries Minister, the Hon Eric Abetz has supported all the applications that have been presented in relation to rock fishing safety, including a roll out of free rockfishing safety DVDs on a national fishing magazine and delivery to of the DVD to non-traditional tackle outlets.

Victorian Angel Ring Project

In April 2007, ANSA NSW coordinated the installation of 8 Angel Rings in Victoria as a pilot program and is looking at other States that it can help with rockfishing safety issues. This project was collaboration between ANSA National, Lifesaving Victoria, ANSA NSW and ANSA Victoria. The RFCGP approved the initial funding of \$8,000 for ANSA National to investigate and distribute rock fishing information that was the catalyst for this pilot project. Additional work is now being done across Australia under the ongoing RFCGP Project

NSW Recreational Fishing Trust Fund

The NSW Fisheries Minister, the Hon Ian Macdonald and the NSW Trust Fund have been big supporters of the rock fishing safety initiative that has been ongoing for a few years now within NSW.

The Angel Ring Project has also benefited by the work The Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW (RFA of NSW), NSW DPI – Fisheries and the Department of Sport and Recreation are doing on rockfishing safety within NSW. These rockfishing safety projects include translated DVDs, CD-ROMS, community workshops, translated resource material and have amounted to almost \$200,000 in funding that ANSA NSW and the RFA of NSW have managed over the past 3 years.

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