



# WRFC8

World Recreational  
Fishing Conference

JULY 16-20 2017  
Victoria, Canada

National Fish Habitat Board Meeting

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- Developed to unite the global recreational fishing community to discuss current research.
- Held every three years, this year's theme was Balancing Values - The Future of Recreational Fishing Around the World.



## Two presentations relating to NFHP:

- The National Fish Habitat Partnership Program Celebrates 10 Years of Success
- Advancing Fish Habitat Conservation Through Collaboration to Strengthen Recreational Fisheries





## Recreational Anglers Driving Fish Habitat Outcomes

- activities undertaken by recreational fishers and fish outcomes from habitat work by recreational fishers;
- how fishers are getting engaged in this type of work, and the potential role of citizen science;
- partnerships with government and conservation groups;
- telling the story of great outcomes driven by fishers.



Organizer Craig Copeland  
New South Wales, Australia



**Proposal:** Creation of an international habitat information sharing forum

**Draft goals:**

- 1 - Share information on initiatives and programs
- 2 - Seek information, contacts, or ideas to help resolve shared challenges
- 3 - Provide opportunities for professional development
- 4 - Develop a conference focused on recreational fishers and fish habitat or a series of video conferences on selected habitat topics



## Desired Outcome:

Board approval of NFHP staff and/or Board leadership participation in an international habitat information sharing forum

