

Activity Eligibility under the Quality Waters Fund (QWF)

Eligible Activities

1. Fishery Development and Planning

- **Angling Management Plans (AMPs)**
 - Development and Updating of AMPs
 - Includes collecting and analysing data to inform AMPs
 - Public consultation relating to AMPs
 - Economic impact surveys or analysis relating to AMP development or review

2. Fishery Implementation

- **River Guardian Program**
 - Administration of lottery draws for anglers
 - Provide an 'on river' presence and liaise with angling guides and anglers
 - Includes addressing issues or conflict that arise on the river
 - Collect angler use data (i.e. creel census) to gauge compliance with AMPs, inform AMP updates, estimate total escapement and inform next year's draw
 - Provide compliance presence and liaise with Conservation Officers
 - Compliance audits of angling guides
 - Provide stewardship information and educational materials to anglers (may include attending club meetings, installing signage)

3. Fishery Information

- **Analytical support and tools**
 - Support to analyse data collected to support fishery management (e.g., statistical analysis)
- **Stock Assessment**
 - Example specific activities include redd counts, snorkel surveys, electrofishing, and others
 - Note: Proposal should include rationale as to how the stock assessment will help improve fisheries management, and why it is needed over and above creel survey data collected as part of the River Guardian Program

- **Information (data and database)**
 - Data entry, analysis and project reporting

4. Administrative Coordination in Victoria

- Assist in provincial coordination, quality control, and reporting
- Completion of Year 3 provincial report on QWF investments

Ineligible Activities

HCTF's **Corporate** Ineligible Activities List below applies to the QWF program with the exception of "Training costs for project personnel" and "Information projects on regulations". Both of these activities are eligible under the QWF.

HCTF Corporate Ineligible Activities list:

- Non-applied Research, such as:
 - Research not related to the increased understanding of population baselines and conservation status of species, and/or
 - Research that does not identify key opportunities for restoration, enhancement, maintenance, or acquisition.
- *Training costs for project personnel**
- Law enforcement activities
- Fish rearing, farming, stocking, or hatcheries projects
- Wildlife Rescue Centres
- Captive breeding and rearing with the exception of activities that are a critical step toward population recovery
- Feeding of wildlife species with the exception of activities that are part of population recovery projects
- Control of wildlife species (note that we will consider control of invasive, non-native wildlife species)
- Salaries for regular government employees
- Salmon-only projects that do not also bring benefit to freshwater and terrestrial species or habitats
- Marine projects outside of intertidal and estuary zones
- Mapping-only projects that are not integral to the development of a larger, eligible HCTF project

- Development or production of fishing and hunting, tour, or curriculum guidebooks or publication materials
- *Information projects on regulations** or stocking
- Conferences
- Production or sponsorship of commercial programs
- Stand-alone interpretative services that are not integral to the development of a larger, eligible HCTF project
- Creation or management of stand-alone electronic databases, websites or file systems

In special circumstances, HCTF will consider funding these activities or types of projects where they are critical to the outcomes and objectives of HCTF.

** Training costs for project personnel, and information projects on regulations, are both considered eligible activities under the Quality Waters Fund only.*