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Gaden Hatchery Agreement Implementation Committee gets underway

The first meeting of the recently formed Gaden Trout Hatchery Agreement Implementation Committee was held on 15 May at Gaden Trout Hatchery, Jindabyne. The Committee is charged with overseeing the first stage of the agreement between anglers and the NSW government that money from the Recreational Freshwater Fishing Trust Fund be used to support operating costs at the hatchery.

Members of the Committee are Bruce Schumacher (Chair), John Humphries (representing the Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing), Tom Williams (representing the Recreational Fishing Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committee), Steve Samuels (representing the NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers), Peter Gibson (representing Monaro Acclimatisation Society), Peter Turnell (Director, Fisheries Operations, NSW Department of Primary Industries) and Cameron Westaway (Senior Fisheries Manager, Inland, NSW Department of Primary Industries). Sam Crocker, Gaden Trout Hatchery Manager, also attended the meeting.

The first meeting mainly discussed the terms of reference and legal structure of the Committee and the agreement, the existing funding and expenditure practices and ways of determining appropriate application of funds to operating expenses, maintenance and capital investment.

The Committee will explore ways of developing a business plan which has financial and marketing components to ensure that maximum benefit is gained from the investment of anglers' funds in the hatchery's operations. The Committee recognised the need to communicate clearly with anglers about the progress of the hatchery and of the funding and management agreement.

The next meeting of the Committee will be in August 2009.