



NSW Environmental Improvement Grants:

In 2011, OceanWatch Australia and Southern Rivers CMA both received funding from the 3rd round of the Australian Governments' Caring for our Country. By devolving some of this funding through a round of competitive grants, environmental improvement projects were developed with the oyster industry, and also with landholders & land managers within the catchments of oyster-producing estuaries.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS WITHIN THE OYSTER INDUSTRY

- \$100,000 was allocated to NSW oyster farmers to implement environmental improvements to their shed sites or lease areas ([click here to view these successful projects](#)).
- An additional \$142,500 was put forward by Southern Rivers CMA for infrastructure conversion projects within their region ([click here to view these successful projects](#))

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS WITHIN CATCHMENTS OF OYSTER PRODUCING ESTUARIES

- \$100,000 was allocated to catchment groups and landowners to implement environmental improvements within the catchment ([click here to view these successful projects](#))

Grantees were encouraged to use Green Teams Alliance, Indigenous Service Providers, or Landcare groups to assist their project. Contact details for these groups are found by [Clicking here](#).

In addition to the Caring for our Country funding, OceanWatch has also devolved funding to oyster growers for environmental improvement projects on behalf of the Northern Rivers CMA (\$32,000 in 2011-2012 & \$36,300 in 2012-2013) and Hunter-Central Rivers CMA (\$115,000).

In 2011-2012, Northern Rivers CMA contributed \$32,000 for environmental improvements within the oyster industry in their region ([click here to view these successful projects](#)).

- In 2012-2013, Northern Rivers CMA contributed \$33,000 for environmental improvements within the oyster industry in their region ([click here to view these successful projects](#)).
- Hunter-Central Rivers CMA has contributed \$115,000 for additional environmental improvements within their region ([click here to view these successful projects](#))