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MAKING ICE FROM THE SUN - GREAT LAKES FISHERIES RECEIVES \$10,000 GRANT FROM SYDNEY FISH MARKET

Sydney Fish Market is awarding Great Lakes Fisheries (GLF) a \$10,000 environmental grant this World Fisheries Day, Wednesday, 21 November 2018.

The grant, which is part of Sydney Fish Market's ongoing commitment to sound environmental management, has been awarded to Graeme and Phillip Byrnes, in recognition of their continued efforts to sustainable practices and leadership in the Great Lakes Region.

The funds will go towards the installation of a 13.5Kw solar panel system at the Great Lakes Fisheries depot, in a bid to reduce emissions and cut down the ever-increasing cost of electricity that comes with GLF's provision of free ice to its suppliers which could be threatened due to rising costs.

Through the installation of a solar panel system, GLF will be able to off-set carbon emissions going into the atmosphere, which strengthens the wider NSW fishing industry's stance as a clean, green sustainable industry. By continuing to provide its suppliers with free ice, Great Lakes Fisheries encourages better seafood preservation in the initial stages of capture. This helps to ensure a longer shelf-life and better quality seafood for consumers due to less spoilage.

This is the fourth year the annual Sydney Fish Market Environmental Grant has been awarded to an individual, or group of fishers or aquacultures, who seek to improve their sustainable practices.

Great Lakes Fisheries Director, Graeme Byrne, says: "We are thrilled to receive the Environmental Grant from Sydney Fish Market this year. Being able to provide our fishers with free ice, while reducing our carbon footprint means that we'll be able to continue our ethos for sustainability, whilst remaining cost effective for our suppliers and ensuring we're providing only the best produce to retailers and consumers."

Sydney Fish Market General Manager, Bryan Skepper, says: "We are proud to continually support and encourage responsible fishing and environmentally sustainable practices in our industry.

"Sydney Fish Market's Environmental Grant recognises those who go above and beyond to improve their businesses with sustainable and innovative ideas, and we're pleased to celebrate the efforts of Great Lakes Fisheries this year.

"We are looking forward to seeing Great Lakes Fisheries continue to support their fishers, whilst maintaining their ongoing commitment to sustainable practices in the industry," Skepper added.



World Fisheries Day, which is celebrated on 21 November each year, brings together fishing communities and highlights the importance of maintaining the world's fishery habitats.

For more information on Sydney Fish Market's sustainability initiatives visit www.sydneyfishmarket.com.au/sustainability

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About Great Lakes Fisheries: Founded in 2016, Great Lakes Fisheries operates as a depot for active professional fishers.

About Sydney Fish Market: Sydney Fish Market is the largest market of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. A working fish market, Sydney Fish Market sources product both nationally and internationally and trades approximately 14,500 tonnes of seafood annually.

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