

NSW Shellfish Committee

Wednesday 22 February

Summary of meeting outcomes

Aquaculture Production Report

NSW Department of Primary Industries Aquaculture Administration has released the 2015-16 Aquaculture Production Report. The report shows an increase in overall production and profitability across the industry. A copy of the report can be accessed here

http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/699878/Aquaculture-Production-Report-2015_2016_final.pdf

Wild Shellfish Harvest Industry Meeting

The NSW Shellfish Committee wild harvest representative and NSW Food Authority representatives attended a meeting facilitated by the Professional Fishermans Association to discuss reforms across the wild shellfish harvest sector. Finalisation of the reform is expected in 2018. Information on the reforms can be found here. <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/commercial/reform>

NSW Aquaculture Social and Economic Evaluation

Kate Barclay of the University of Technology Sydney has completed an evaluation on the social and economic aspects of aquaculture across NSW. The research considers both qualitative and quantitative social science and economic methods to develop an integrated and holistic picture of the aquaculture industry. A copy of the report can be found here.

<http://www.uts.edu.au/sites/default/files/fass-social-economic-evaluation-nsw-coastal-aquaculture-report.pdf?no-cache>

NSW Oyster Strategy Implementation Group

The NSW Oyster Strategy Implementation Group, a sub group reporting to the NSW Shellfish Committee with assistance of the Department of Primary Industries, Roads and Maritime Services & OceanWatch released a media campaign across electronic, mainstream, social, print and radio media to highlight the value of the oyster industry and responsible boating and fishing practices around oyster leases.

Relay of Shellfish

The 2016 remake of the Australian Shellfish Quality Assurance Program (ASQAP) manual outlines revised relay requirements which the committee endorsed for implementation within NSW. NSW Food Authority will produce a revised Shellfish Relay Policy to implement the revised requirements to align with ASQAP and present to the next NSW Shellfish Committee meeting.