

# NSW Shellfish Committee

**Wednesday 10 November 2021**

## **Summary of meeting outcomes**

### **POMS Control Order for Clyde & Shoalhaven/Crookhaven Rivers**

Pacific Oyster Mortality Syndrome (POMS) aka OsHV-1 control order project has been completed and on 27th August the Biosecurity (POMS) Control Order 2021 was published and gazetted. Due to this order being gazetted the movement of Pacific Oysters from the Clyde and Shoalhaven/Crookhaven estuaries is now possible in line with other normal legislative provisions.

### **Best Practice Guidelines for Basket & Raft Culture**

The NSW Shellfish Committee endorsed the revisions to the best practice guidelines for floating basket and raft culture. Both guidelines can now be found under Other Resources at

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/aquaculture/permit-holder-information>

As previously advised in the August Shellfish Committee the guidelines request that all blue plastic drums commonly used for floatation devices will be required to be labelled as an "Aquaculture Floatation Device" to assist in correct identification if drums are lost. To facilitate this NSW DPI have limited supplies of a suitable tags which can be attached to the drum filling port collar. During the 2021 floods, numerous HAZMAT recoveries had to be made for aquaculture drums, diverting much needed resources.

### **Spat Supply Strategy**

Following the recent QX detection in Port Stephens NSW Farmers wrote to DPI requesting support to supplement the supply of QX resistant Sydney Rock Oyster spat. Details of DPI involvement are found in the QX resistant spat supply strategy. See <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/aquaculture/permit-holder-information>. A production run is underway at the Port Stephens Fisheries Institute to supplement runs in NSW and interstate hatcheries using the latest selected lines from the breeding program.

### **Marine Parks Review**

Lease holders should be aware of the review of the five mainland marine parks that is underway. See <https://yoursay.marine.nsw.gov.au/> This is your opportunity to comment on all aspects of marine parks including water quality, consistency in legislation between parks and the future of the aquaculture industry in the parks.

### **Diary Date**

The NSW Oyster Conference will be held at Batemans Bay 17-18-19 May 2022.

### **Call for new Shellfish Committee membership**

The current industry member representation on the NSW Shellfish Committee is due to expire in April 2022. As such a formal call for nominations for industry representatives will be circulated in early 2022 to establish a new committee prior to the May 2022 meeting. An industry wide circular will be issued.

### **Dates for 2022 NSW Shellfish Committee Meetings**

- 16 February 2022
- 18 May 2022
- 10 August 2022
- 9 November 2022

Industry members with matters to raise are to be made aware that they should consult the Shellfish Committee industry representatives to raise the item on their behalf, contact details can be found here <http://www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/industry/shellfish/nsw-shellfish-committee>. If items are raised after the deadlines above, they will be held over until the following meeting. If industry members wish to attend the meeting as an observer, an expression of interest can be sent to [food.nswsp@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:food.nswsp@dpi.nsw.gov.au)