

*The PFA represents its members' interests. If you need our help on any issue, please do not hesitate in contacting the PFA head office (6652-7374) &/or the Chief Executive Officer (0429303371)*

---

## QUOTA SHARE SITES

Some members have enquired about where they can find shares for sale. Other than the DPI online trading board, there is three online share trading sites that we are aware off.

The following site actually has live online auctions. It is free for fishermen and processors.

<https://beachprice.com/>

There is also the:

<https://seavinemarine.com.au/commercial/quota/>

<http://macfish.com.au/category/quota/>

## DELAY TO RELEASE HERPES VIRUS

Due to the wide-spread concerns voiced by many industry bodies regarding the possible impact of the carp herpes virus, the Commonwealth Government has announced at least another 12 months. The extension will allow time for researchers to look into the current knowledge gaps and speak with more stakeholders.

## COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELLING -SIA CAMPAIGN

As part of SIA's push to see mandatory Country of Origin Labelling for all seafood sold in the foodservice sector we are instigating a social media campaign that will shine a spotlight on the labelling gap in the foodservice sector. Thanks to the recent changes to Country of Origin Labelling in the retail sector it's easier then ever to know where your seafood comes from, but for the foodservice sector the mystery remains. There is no legislation requiring businesses to label their seafood's origin.

This summer, SIA and all its members (including the PFA) want the Australian seafood industry to take to social media to shine a spotlight on foodservice menus that are CoOL and display the country of origin of their seafood, or are unCoOL and do not label their seafood origins. AND, we need your help! Next time you're dining out we'd like you to take a photo of a menu, post it on social media and identify if the menu is CoOL or unCoOL using the hashtag #DemandaCoOLchange. If the menu is CoOL please highlight the restaurant, but if the menu is unCoOL please do not include the name of the eatery, this isn't about vilification. If you'd like to submit a menu photo of us to post simply email it to

[info@seafoodindustryaustralia.com.au](mailto:info@seafoodindustryaustralia.com.au).

## SURVEY CONTINUES FOR LOST CONTAINERS

The hydrographic survey for the containers has finally recommenced today. The company conducting the work is called Sub-Sea and are out of Queensland. Previous surveys were delayed due to the combination of rough seas and capability of the previous smaller vessel. The vessels and equipment they are using can apparently operate in a greater range of conditions.

They will be initially completing the southern fishing areas as per agreed prioritisation of fishing grounds before moving closer to shore. I have attached the map of survey plan just to refresh where we are at.

I will update next week once we get more feedback on what gets found.

## Wild Fishing Officially Award-free

Please note the PFA has been informed that, through the work of the Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna Industry Association (ASBTIA), Fair Work Australia (FWA) granted their request that "wild fishing" be Award-free. This has been inserted in the Ports Harbours and Enclosed Waters Vessels Award 2010:

"Clause 3: [Definition of **wild catch fishing industry** inserted by PR598705 ppc 31Jan18]

**wild catch fishing industry** means the commercial operation of an employer to catch fish and other seafood that has grown to maturity in its natural environment. It does not include operations covered by the *Aquaculture Industry Award 2010*."

then:

"Clause 4.7: This Award does not cover employees in the wild catch fishing industry (as defined in Clause 3 of this Award."

*The PFA represents its members' interests. If you need our help on any issue, please do not hesitate in contacting the PFA head office (6652-7374) &/or the Chief Executive Officer (0429303371)*

---

## **Stakeholder Feedback on the Fish Names Standard and process**

The FRDC Fish Names Committee has been established to undertake the maintenance and continuous improvement of the Australian Fish Names Standard AS 5300 and is supported by funding from the FRDC on behalf of the Australian Government. FRDC and the Fish Names Committee are seeking input from stakeholders about the benefits, challenges, and industry requirements from of the Australian Fish Names Standard and the associated fish names processes.

Your participation in this survey will greatly assist the Fish Names Committee to closely examine and improve its processes to ensure that stakeholder expectations and needs are being met. The survey is anonymous unless you voluntarily provide your contact information.

Please take the time to complete the survey at the attached link at

<https://goo.gl/forms/wnJaCUYI4hTXxGn33>

For further information, please contact the FNC Project Manager at [asnow@frdc.com.au](mailto:asnow@frdc.com.au) or on 0418 199 516.

## **FISHER INSURANCE GROUP**

**The PFA is excited to advise of a SIA member exclusive offer with**

[Capital Innovation Insurance Group.](#)

The National seafood peak industry body, Seafood Industry Australia (SIA), of which the PFA is a member, has partnered with insurance brokerage firm, Capital Innovation Insurance Group (CIIG), with the aim of reducing your insurance premiums, saving you money and supporting SIA.

If CIIG is able to secure you, your business or company a new deal on your house, personal indemnity, business insurance or more, with the insurer of your choice, 50 per cent of their commission will be paid to SIA in the first year and 25 per cent of their commission every year thereafter. PLUS you'll get access to CIIG's HR suite of services for FREE, valued at \$1100-.

**To discuss your insurance needs, or for an obligation free quote or competitive comparison contact CIIG on 03 6332 2500 and mention Seafood Industry Australia.**

## **WOMEN'S LEADER SUPPORT**

End of year funding grants are currently available to women who work in the fishing sector to support their participation in a professional development program.

**Up to \$7,000 scholarships available**

The fee support opportunity provides a scholarship of up to \$7,000 for women to take part in one of three leadership courses. The grants have been provisioned for use by women who are working in male-dominated industries, with a specific focus on the fishing industry.

**How to register**

At this stage, Expressions of Interest are being sourced until 7<sup>th</sup> December via this link:

[www.wla.edu.au/farmingagriculture](http://www.wla.edu.au/farmingagriculture) The programs are suitable for junior managers right through to executive level women.

## **AUSTRALIAN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (AFMA) and DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WATER & RESOURCES STAFF CHANGES**

All the staff changes have now been confirmed:

AFMA	James Findlay and Nick Raynes both leave Nov 2018. A temporary CEO is being appointed until the CEO role is filled (probably Feb/March 2019)
DAWR	Deputy Secretary (Fisheries) – Cindy Briscoe replaces David Williamson. First Assistant Secretary – Ian Thompson going: replacement TBA. Assistant Secretary – Gordon Neill replaced by Ms Cass Kennedy (DAWR). Director – Laura Timmins

*The PFA represents its members' interests. If you need our help on any issue, please do not hesitate in contacting the PFA head office (6652-7374) &/or the Chief Executive Officer (0429303371)*

*The following advice has been provided directly by the DPI for the PFA. We intend to constantly have this direct communication from DPI available to our members as we believe it is important to have these DPI statements or reminders. If you have questions re the info please contact DPI directly.*

## MESSAGE FROM NSW DPI FISHERIES

NSW COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### Key dates

- 1 Nov 2018 Applications for assistance measures open – for businesses eligible for new quota shares – closing date 31 May 2019
- 1 May 2019 Annual fishing period commences for quota managed species in OHPS, OTLLE, OTISP, OTOSP and OTFN as well as effort quota in OTISP and OTOSP
- 1 July 2019 Annual fishing period commences for quota managed species in EGHG regions 1 to 7

### Updated share class fact sheets now available on DPI website

DPI has published an updated series of fact sheets that provide information you need to know to operate in each share class.

For share classes moving to catch or effort quota management next year, the fact sheets explain the rules (such as real time reporting requirements) that will apply.

For other share classes, they explain existing arrangements as well as some rules that will change once new quotas commence (such as catch limits for quota managed species).

All of the updated fact sheets can be found at

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/commercial/reform/share-class-fact-sheets>

### Status of Australian Fish Stocks Reports

If you're interested in the latest on Australian fish stocks, online status reports for major commercial species can be found at <http://www.fish.gov.au/>

### Commercial Fisheries hotline - 1300 726 488

*The content of this update is provided for information purposes only. The information on these updates are provided on the basis that all persons accessing the information undertake their own responsibility for assessing the relevance and accuracy of it.*