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NSW SEAFOOD ESCAPE WITH ET – SECOND ROUND

Congratulations to Paul Aquilina on his shoot with Andrew (ET) Ettingshausen that aired on Channel 10 last Sunday – great showcase of Hawkesbury seafood.

Make sure you tune in for this Sunday's Channel 10 episode which will feature Luke Dickens

Once again, our thanks to the NSW Supporting Seafood Futures program, the FRDC and Sydney Fish Market as the second episode of Seafood Escape Series 3 with Andrew Ettingshausen will be airing THIS SUNDAY 8th Dec. We can't wait to see Coffs Harbour professional fisherman Luke Dickens take ET and crew with Local Chef Richie Dolan from Sawtell's Hilltop Store on the Monique out catching delicious Kingfish from the Solitary Islands.



PFA MESSAGE TO MINISTER

At the recent meeting of the PFA AGM, the PFA Directors highlighted the need to thank the Minister for his support of the Strategic Intent and Seafood Industry RoadMap, and to highlight previous promises made and the delay in them being achieved. The intent of the BAP was to create viability, with one of the main promises being to remove inefficiencies and complex regulations, establishment of strong co-management and improved social licence. The promised consultation on the reduction in complex regulations and improved efficiencies has not gone out to industry yet. These reductions are necessary as the BAP created additional complexities without removing many of the restrictions. The review needs to happen as quickly and effectively as possible, with a strong focus on industry engagement in its consultation. The PFA noted the difficulties with fires and droughts impacting on NSW but urged the Minister to go out to thorough industry consultation on the complex regulations and highlighted the need for fishers to be kept up-to-date and informed about the progress of these activities, especially heading into Christmas.

WHALE PROJECT

Great progress with the Whale Entanglement Mitigation Project. Brad Warren is working hard on fishing gear trial procedures and strategies. At the PFA AGM last week the PFA endorsed the Code of Conduct for the industry. Now a copy of OceanWatch Australia's report from the Whale Entanglement Mitigation Workshop is also available – contact OceanWatch for your copy!

NSW SEAFOOD – the clear winning logo!

Thanks to the NSW Government's Supporting Seafood Futures our NSW Seafood logos have received great feedback on our Facebook page. From the 400 votes received on our Facebook site 68% voted for the NSW Seafood with the wave design and jumping fish.

The following samples shirts with the new logos on it have been made and will be sent to the PFA to distribute for trials before going to a larger print order. Already coops and retailers across NSW have put their hands up for shirts and we look forward to getting the message out to seafood lovers to eat NSW Seafood.



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DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY FIRES

In case you are not aware, recovery clean-up and restoration grants of up to \$15,000 have been announced for eligible primary producers, small businesses and not for profit organisations that have been impacted by the Northern NSW and Mid North Coast bushfires.

Details of the Disaster recovery grants and the application process are available on the NSW RAA website:

<https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/grants/disaster-recovery-grants/northern-nsw-bushfires>

The latest information on the bushfire assistance measures including the latest community newsletters are available at:

<https://www.emergency.nsw.gov.au/Pages/for-the-community/disaster-assistance/disaster-assistance.aspx>

Stay safe and alert to updates on the fires via official channels such as:

<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/>



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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.



Department
of Industry

Bushfires

Bushfires are continuing to ravage large parts of NSW.

DPI is the lead for animal and agriculture services in emergency events and has been busy working with our partners in Local Land Services to help local communities impacted by the blazes.

This important work involves DPI Fisheries staff.

We would like to thank you for your patience during this time.

Consultation regard Prawn counts

Consultation regarding prawn counts for NSW commercial fisheries is now open for feedback.

DPI is seeking feedback from fishers on continuing the current maximum count of prawns (number to the ½ kilogram). Submissions are open to 6 December 2019.

A copy of the consultation paper is available on the DPI website
<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/commercial/open-for-comment>

Seafood Innovation Fund



The Seafood Innovation Fund is an investment in the future of our seafood industry.

The fund will build industry capability and allow our seafood businesses to plan with more certainty.

The low interest loans can be used by businesses to:

- Improve assets and infrastructure,
- Ensure long term productivity and sustainable use of the marine and land-based environment,
- Identify and address risks, and
- Help build resilience to changes in seasonal conditions.

Further information and applications can be made through the NSW Rural Assistance Authority via the following link <https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/loans/seafood-innovation-fund>

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