

NSW Shellfish Committee

Wednesday 6 November 2019

Summary of meeting outcomes

Approved Sampler Course Online

NSW Shellfish Program has created an online version of the NSW Shellfish Industry Samplers Course to reduce overall costs associated with hosting these courses throughout NSW. The online course is hosted by University of Tasmania and will be live in the upcoming weeks. A formal industry circular will be forthcoming advising of further details and requirements. The Shellfish Committee endorsed a sunset clause on existing sampler approval which will remain current until 1st September 2020 at which time all samplers will be required to complete the online version.

Oyster Industry History Project

Following the NSW Oyster Conference held at Forster and the address provided by industry stalwart Graham Barclay on the history of the NSW Oyster industry the NSW Shellfish Committee endorsed a motion to seek funding to capture this history in written word. This project will rely solely on securing external funding and will extend beyond NSW if national funding is received.

Good Neighbourly Interactions

Recent interaction with a residential group has highlighted the importance of ensuring the industry practices the "good neighbour policy" in OISAS. While the right to farm in public waters is maintained it is vital the industry adopts this policy to maintain social licence. See page 31 of OISAS <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/aquaculture/publications/oysters/industry-strategy>

Floating Basket Best Practice Review

With the emergence of new floating basket growing systems and associated infrastructure there is a need to review the best practice guidelines for floating basket cultivation. DPI will advise of the review in 2020.

Dates for 2020 NSW Shellfish Committee Meetings

The current meeting was the final meeting for 2019 and dates have been set for 2020 with the following:

- 26 February 2020 (Items deadline 3 February 2020)
- 27 May 2020 (Items deadline 4 May 2020)
- 12 August 2020 (Items deadline 20 July 2020)
- 4 November 2020 (Items deadline 12 November 2020)

Industry members with items to raise are to be made aware that they should consult the industry members 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.