

Plans to form one Australian oyster industry body

States are commenting on a proposed Australian oyster industry group set to replace the Oyster Consortium and the Shellfish Council of Australia. The national group would manage all research and development, assist with advocacy and policy development, and raise the industry's profile. A decision will be made in Hobart on May 23.

The proposed national group has been developed through FRDC project 2009/224: "Formation of the first general national oyster industry incorporated entity", the result of a recommendation made in the previous Seafood CRC project "Australian Edible Oyster Industry Business Plan".

The current project aims to:

- Provide the oyster industry with the necessary information (structure, costs, funding and legal advice) to form a national oyster industry group.
- Form a national oyster industry group combining research and development, and policy/advocacy functions.
- Create a website for the national edible oyster industry that provides information for consumers, the industry and its stakeholders.

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