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Dear Stakeholder

Prospective Australian Standard for Aquatic Plant Names

File Archive and References

File	Release Date	Details
Update 2018/01	2 May 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the prospective standard • Draft Scope of the Standard • Steps to development
Update 2018/02	29 May 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for submission on aquatic plant names • Initial details of workshop date
Update 2018/03	19 June 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further call for submissions on names • Preliminary information about workshop
Update 2018/04	11 July 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial list of candidate names • Initial details of Hobart Workshop
Update 2018/05	26 July 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steps to Date • Links to the web page • Information about the Hobart Workshop

Aquatic Plant Names website is now live	FRDC Seafood Standards Web Page
Current list of Aquatic Names for Comment	List of Aquatic Names as at 25 July 2018

Background

The FRDC has recognised that trade in aquatic plants is a rapidly emerging industry and is in the process of developing an Australian Standard for Aquatic Plant Names which will define the standard names for aquatic plant names including algae, microalgae, samphire, etc to be used in Australia; and specify when standard names are to be used.

Plants from marine and freshwater environments are covered by this standard, irrespective of the Country of Origin.

The aim of this standard is to develop agreed marketing names for species of aquatic plants so that consumers can have confidence in what they are buying. This is a growth industry and the time is right to develop this standard.

The scope of the standard is intentionally broad, but the species to be considered initially for inclusion in the *Australian Standard for aquatic plant names* will be limited to edible marine algae, microalgae, and samphire from marine and freshwater environments.

The final standard will be modelled on the successful Australian Fish Names Standard and will include

CAAB Code	Standard Plant Name	Scientific Name	Authority
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The final list will be limited to aquatic plants in the true sense. A clear definition as to what constitutes an aquatic plant is to be developed.

A background to the project is available on the [Aquatic Plant Names website](#) and in [Update 2018/01](#)

Progress to Date

- [An Aquatic Plant Names website](#) has been developed on the FRDC Seafood Standards web pages which will continue to contain more information about the project including information and the draft list for consultation.
- Submissions have been received from a number of sources and a [draft list of aquatic plant names for consultation](#) has been developed.
- The list has been colour coded to easily distinguish the algae and the flowering plants. The list is in XLS format and can be sorted as you please.
- The Australasian Society for Phycology and Aquatic Botany have a [blog](#) and a [Facebook](#) page and have posted information about the project
- A Steering committee has been formed to keep the project on track.

Next Steps and How you can help

1. We need to be sure that as many stakeholders as possible have had access to the [draft list for consultation](#) to make sure that species they are handling are included.
2. It is therefore important that stakeholders are informed of the project and make comment on the names in the draft list. If you have species that are NOT on the list or a preferred name that is not listed, provide me with the details and your preferred names at asnow@frdc.com.au
3. If you are an affected stakeholder, please email the Project Manager with your details.
4. The final list will be confined to edible aquatic plants including samphires so a number will probably be removed. Assistance in identifying those species that are not true aquatic plants or are terrestrial plants would be valuable.
5. A workshop is to be held in Hobart on 6 September 2018 at which the names will be developed.
6. Following the workshop, the final list for consultation will be distributed as widely as possible with the candidate names and after a three-month consultation period, the Australian Standard will be developed.

The Aquatic Plant Name Workshop Hobart 6 September 2018

The workshop is scheduled for 6 September 2018 to be held at the CSIRO Research Laboratories in Hobart. This workshop will finalise the list and agree on the list of candidate names to be distributed for consultation.

A number of affected stakeholders have already indicated their interest in attending the workshop but more specialist and in particular marketing input is required.

The workshop should include people with one or more of the skills in areas such as taxonomy, botany, marketing, processing, trade, import, export, hospitality, and regulatory.

If you can attend the workshop on this day and provide input, please contact me as soon as possible at asnow@frdc.com.au. I do have some funding available for travel available.

Your continuing support in this project would be greatly appreciated and will greatly assist your industry.

Alan Snow
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