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Dear Stakeholder

Prospective Australian Standard for Aquatic Plant Names

Background

The [Fisheries Research and Development Corporation](#) (FRDC) is an accredited developer of [Australian Standards in the seafood industry](#). FRDC has recognised that aquatic plants are part of an important and rapidly emerging industry, and that consideration should be given to developing a list of agreed standard names with the end point being the development of an Australian Standard similar to the Australian Fish Names Standard. FRDC has provided 3 years of initial funding to develop and maintain the standard in its development phase.

FRDC is responsible for the maintenance and ongoing development of AS 5300 – [The Australian Fish Names Standard](#) which defines the standard names to be used for all fish and seafood in Australia. The Australian Fish Standard is available in a usable form as a [searchable database](#). The proposed *Australian Standard for Aquatic Plant Names* will be modelled on this standard

Alan Snow who is Project Manager for the Australian Fish Names Standard project has been asked to manage this project.

Draft scope for the standard

The proposed standard 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. Annex A of the standard will provide a list of agreed standard names for aquatic plants and will form part of the standard. Plants from marine and freshwater environments are covered by this standard, irrespective of the Country of Origin.

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 environments but species from freshwater environments can be included as necessary.

The steps to development

1. Form a steering committee to provide guidance on the project (completed)
2. Identify the commercial stakeholders with an interest in the project;

3. Invite affected stakeholders to supply a list of species and their preferred names that they currently or potentially are interested in and/or that they consider to be important in the Australian industry. This will in all probability cover the vast majority of relevant species and provide the working party with an insight into what the scope and complexity of alternative and/or competing names.
4. Collate the data and circulate the consolidated list of candidate names to affected stakeholders for comment
5. Identify species where there is not general consensus in the candidate names for further discussions;
6. Conduct a one-day workshop, in Hobart in late August/September, to workshop the names and get consensus;
7. Form a Standards Reference Body to consider the new Australian Standard including the list of candidate names.
8. Circulate the proposed approved aquatic plant names widely through industry and affected stakeholders for comment
9. Prepare a new Australian Standard for Aquatic plant names including the agreed list of candidate names.

The next steps

The project manager has developed a list of known stakeholders but there are sure to be gaps. I would like:

1. Your support for the project and agreement to be listed as a key stakeholder and to provide feedback;
2. Assist the project by identifying other stakeholder or stakeholder groups that have not been identified.

There will be minimal involvement from stakeholders with most work being done by the project manager.

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

Alan Snow
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