

COMMUNIQUE

FISH NAMES COMMITTEE (FNC)

MEETING 41

Welcome to the 3rd FNC communique.

Our communiques provide industry and other interested stakeholders a brief of recent FNC meetings and any out-of-session updates as they occur.

Members held their first face-to-face meeting in over 2 years in FRDC's offices in Canberra on 1 June 2022 for FNC 41. For those unable to make the trip to Canberra, participated by Zoom.

FNC Membership

FRDC welcomes the following appointments to the Fish Names Committee:

- Mrs Kate Birch Expert Member (Seafood Marketing)

Kate is the General Manager for Ferguson Australia Group. Her wealth of experience in communications, marketing and branding will be invaluable to the FNC.

- Dr Shane Ahyong Invertebrate (Fish) Taxonomist & CAAB Expert

Shane is the Head of Marine Invertebrates at the Australian Museum Research Institute. This position became vacant last year when Karen Gowlett-Holmes stepped down after many years of dedicated and insightful service to the FNC.

I'm delighted to report all FNC positions are now filled. Many thanks to the hard work of our Project Manager Meaghan Dodd and assistance from FRDC.

Systems and Process Updates

In Communique #1, FNC announced a review of all systems and processes had commenced, with the aim to deliver the FNC, its members and stakeholders access to information and materials in a timely and efficient manner.

The first significant update is the implementation of the FNC SharePoint site. FNC members can now access all relevant documents and correspondence pertaining to applications and related matters in an on-line environment. Over the coming months, FNC's Project Manager will be working hard to upload all materials relating to past FNC meetings.

Work has commenced to address the misalignment of scientific names between the Fish Names database and CAAB. This work was necessitated because of several updates to CAAB in recent years emanating from scientific reviews into many species, some commonly traded, resulting in amendments to either Family, Genus or Species names.

Additionally, the FNC website is undergoing an update and will be launched later this year. Any suggestions from stakeholders for inclusion or amendments of the current site can be made to FNC@frdc.com.au

Australian Fish Names Standard (AS 5300) Update

At its recent meeting, FNC had no new applications to consider for public consultation. However, seven applications were subject to final approval as follows:

- 344 - *Octopus djinda*
- 345 - *Lutjanus bitaeniatus*
- 346 - *Wattsia mossambica*
- 347 - *Haliotis* spp.
- 348 - *Cucumaria frondosa*
- 349 - Muricoidea & Buccinoidea
- 350 – Lithodidae

Each of the above applications were closed out. FNC's determination of these applications will be published soon in the dedicated FNC e-newsletter.

Other Taxonomic and General Updates

Following FNC 40.A, a preliminary review of existing Group names was initiated and presented to members at its recent meeting. The Committee agreed to progress this work. The FNC Chair, Deputy Chair and Project Manager will complete this vital piece of work and report to the FNC Committee at its next meeting.

A short paper on Alaskan Pollock was deliberated by the committee, the outcome of which will see an application raised for the updated scientific name and proposed amended Standard Name, for potential correction to the naming of this species.

Mandatory Fish Names

Earlier this year the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Agriculture and Water Resources recommended that Food Standards Australia New Zealand consider mandating the use of the Australian Fish Names Standard under Food Standards Code Standard 2.2.3 for fish and fish products in Australia. FNC will leverage this finding to re-engage with FSANZ to push for mandatory Fish Names.

We welcome feedback on FNC communiques; please contact the Project Manager at FNC@frdc.com.au.

Yours sincerely,



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