

Application to Amend the Australian Fish Names Standard



OFFICE USE

DATE RECEIVED + Any Re-Submission Dates	22/2/2024	
APPLICATION NUMBER	353	
	Date and FNC #	Outcome
FNC Pre-Assessment (Informal)	22/2/2024	Proceed to FNC 44
FNC Initial Assessment	FNC 44, 29/2/2024	Proceed to Public Consultation
Public Consultation Initiated		
Public Consultation Completed		
FNC Final Assessment		
Updated in FN Database		
Updated in CAAB		

CHECKLIST

Does this application meet the following requirements	Applicant Y/N	Office Use Y/N
Read the Fish Names Processes on the Seafood Standards Website	Y	Y
Check the Fish Names searchable database at www.fishnames.com.au for any use of the proposed name.	Y	Y
Determine whether samples of the species are required by contacting the FNC Project Manager , and if so, arrange for samples for taxonomic evaluation and attach a copy of the results as evidence.	Y	N/A
Check that the proposed Standard Name meets the fish name protocols in Section 5 of this document.	Y	Y
Consult key fish names stakeholders regarding your proposed name, and attach evidence (emails, letters, etc) of their support.	N/A	N/A
Include as an attachment, a summary of changes, if any, that you made in response to concerns/points raised by key stakeholders.	N/A	N/A
Attach any supporting documents for the proposed Standard Name.	N/A	N/A
Attach any supporting published documents on the scientific name.	N/A	N/A
Complete the invoicing details in Section 9	N/A	N/A

RE-SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Checklist to meet the requirements of a re-submitted application	Applicant Y/N	Office Use Y/N
Complete the above checklist criteria		
Address each concern raised by the FNC and/or Public Consultation		
Attach additional supporting documents		

NOTE – Public Consultation is a critical part of the fish names process. This application and additional information will be made available to the public, except for any applicant details and invoicing information due to privacy requirements. Please advise of any specific commercial-in-confidence information.

Applicants will be added to the email list to keep updated.

1. SELECT APPLICATION TYPE

Add a NEW Standard Fish Name Y/N			
Amend an EXISTING Standard Fish Name Y/N	Y		
Taxonomic update Y/N	Y		
Is it an Individual Name or Group Name (tick one)	Individual Name	Y	Group Name

2. PROPOSED STANDARD FISH NAME (SFN) DETAILS

Current SFN (if relevant)	Whitespotted Guitarfish
Proposed SFN	Bottlenose Wedgefish
Alternative SFN (list any other preferences)	
Any other known names used for the species e.g. obsolete, local nickname, etc	

3. PRIMARY REASON FOR PROPOSED SFN

Recent significant widespread research into members of this group (ie, *Rhynchobatus* spp.) has resulted in numerous changes to scientific and common names globally. “Whitespotted Guitarfish” is no longer an appropriate name for the species previously referred to as *Rhynchobatus djiddensis* in Australia, and the name proposed in the literature for this species is “Bottlenose Wedgefish”.

4. SPECIES DETAILS

Scientific Name	<i>Rhynchobatus australiae</i>			
Authority	Whitley, 1939			
CAAB Code	37 026005			
Species Type (e.g., finfish, crustacean, mollusc, jellyfish, sea cucumber, sharks or rays)	Ray			
Australian Species: specify the States and Territories in which the species is caught or harvested in	WA, NT, Qld			
Imported Species: specify the country(ies) of origin	?			
Select Category(ies) Applicable	Commercial harvest species	Y	Exported species	
	Aquaculture species		Imported species	Y?
	Recreational species			
	Other (Specify)			
Select Habitat(s)	Freshwater		Demersal shelf: less than 200m	Y
	Estuarine		Demersal slope: more than 200m	
	Coastal	Y	Oceanic / pelagic	
	Other (Specify)			
Select Harvesting Method(s)	Trawl	Y	Pot or trap	
	Non-trawl net (e.g. seine, gillnet)		Line (e.g. longline, dropline)	
	Aquaculture		Recreational fishing	
	Other (Specify)			

5. PROTOCOLS FOR SELECTING STANDARD FISH NAMES

The FNC will assess whether your proposed SFN complies with the protocols.

Please comment briefly on whether you believe your proposed SFN complies with the following protocols below:

Protocol	Applicant Comment	Office Use
6.4.1: Compliance with international obligations requires that a standard fish name <ul style="list-style-type: none"> does not create unnecessary obstacles to international trade as per the WTO GATT (General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade) which include the Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Agreement. 	Complies	Agree

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<p>6.4.2: Compliance with Federal and State laws require that a standard fish name:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintains or enhances the protection of public health and safety • provides adequate information to enable consumers to make informed choices • helps to prevent misleading or deceptive conduct • does not result in anti-competitive practices • does not facilitate unconscionable conduct • is consistent with applicable industry codes of conduct • protects consumers against unfair practices. 	Complies	Agree
<p>6.4.3 Preferred names Preference will be given to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a name that has over-riding historical significance • a name that is internationally accepted • a regional name where the species is most commonly encountered/caught • a name commonly used in Australia • a name that has strong stakeholder support • a name used in recent mainstream field guides • a name that most effectively distinguishes a species from its closest relatives • a name that generally conforms to other members of the family or generic-level grouping 	Complies but note this application includes the deletion of a long-standing Australian name due to misidentification	Agree

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a name that facilitates market acceptability a name that is simple, unambiguous, and easily readable. 		
<p>6.4.4 One name per species</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires that each species may be assigned a single, standard fish name, and no two species may have the same approved standard name. 	Complies	Agree
<p>6.4.5 Group names: A group standard fish name:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> may cover multiple species in a particular scientific family or group of fish, and may not be the same as a species' standard fish name, and will follow internationally accepted names unless alternatives are well entrenched in Australian mainstream literature. 	N/A	N/A
<p>6.4.6 Subspecies and hybrids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subspecies and hybrids will not generally be given a standard fish name. 	N/A	N/A
<p>6.4.7 Structure of names</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires standard fish names to simplicity in names and structure (see protocols for full details). 	Complies	Agree
<p>6.4.8 Scientific names</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the scientific name of a species changes, the standard fish name should remain unaffected unless there is a good reason for change. Generic or family scientific names may be used as standard fish. 	Complies, but note there is a good reason for change	Agree
<p>6.4.9 Other grammatical rules and exceptions: Standard fish names should adhere to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use capital letters at the start of each word except directly following a hyphen 	Complies	Agree

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abbreviated forms of words and combined words are preferred • Words that end in 'ate': For adjectives a 'd' is not required at the end of the word. For verbs a 'd' is required at the end of the word. • Combine words that: <u>precede</u> band, banded, bar, barred or blotched; or <u>follow</u> double, false or half; or <u>precede</u> line, lined, speckled, spine, spotted, streak or streaked. • 'Margin' (a noun) is used if the type or colour of the margin is defined (e.g., 'Brownmargin Flathead') • 'Margined' (an adjective) is used if it is stand-alone (e.g., 'Margined Coralfish') • Multi is usually combined (e.g., 'Multispot Lanternfish') • 'Shorthead' is one word (e.g., 'Shorthead Lamprey') • 'Spangled' not 'spangle' (e.g., 'Spangled Emperor') 		

6. JUSTIFICATION AND CONSULTATION (APPLICANT TO COMPLETE)

Justification: Summarise why the proposed SFN is required and its benefits
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This species was inexplicably omitted from the 2007 published Fish Names Standard, so needs to be reinstated. 2. The scientific name changed in around 2006 from <i>Rhynchobatus djiddensis</i> to <i>R. australiae</i>. 3. The original Australian name of “Whitespotted...” is still applied to <i>R. djiddensis</i> overseas and it’s best not to apply it to any Australian species. 4. Five new species of <i>Rhynchobatus</i> have been described since 2007, and the taxonomy and nomenclature (including common names) have been reviewed globally recently. 5. Family names, both scientific and common, have been standardised globally in recent years and Wedgefishes are now considered to belong to the family Rhinidae, and guitarfishes to the family Rhinobatidae. Therefore, <i>Rhynchobatus australiae</i> becomes “... Wedgefish”, rather than “... Guitarfish”. 6. The name used for this species in recent literature (eg, Rays of the World, 2016) is Bottlenose Wedgefish. 7. The group Standard Name WHITESPOTTED GUITARFISHES remains current for <i>Rhynchobatus</i> spp. The two species known from Australian waters are very similar in appearance to one another and the possibility of them being differentiated in the marketplace is close to zero.

Consultation: Summarise the responses of key stakeholder support (attach evidence)

Impact of Consultation: Summarise any key changes made as a consequence of consultation

7. RELATED DOCUMENTS, EVIDENCE, WEBSITES

8. OTHER DETAILS

Do you want the FNC to consider granting interim approval for this application (Y/N)

N

NOTE: Interim approval does not guarantee that an application will be approved and will only be granted if the application is deemed to be non-contentious at the time of submission.

The normal timeline for applications is

- 1 Application received and assessed by FNC Project Manager
- 2 Initial consideration by the Fish Names Committee to determine if the application conforms with the protocols and is approved/not approved for public consultation
- 3 Approved proposed amendment is circulated for public consultation (at least 60 days)
- 4 FNC meets to consider the application based on the responses received through public consultation
- 5 If successful, the proposed amendment is added to the Australian Fish Names Standard.

9. INVOICE DETAILS

The following fees shall apply for all applications to add or amend names in the Australian Fish Names Standard (AS 5300) that have been approved for public consultation.

Note – Do not include payment with this application.

Invoice to be sent to:

Name					
Affiliation or company					
Address					
City		State		Postcode	
Contact number					
Email address					

Fees Payable

Description	Unit Price	GST	Amount
Application fee to amend the Australian Fish Names Standard Application No <details>	\$500	\$50	\$550

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PROPOSED FNS ENTRY

CAAB Code	SFN	Scientific Name	Authority	Application No
FAMILY: Rhinidae				
37 026004	Eyebrow Wedgefish	<i>Rhynchobatus palpebratus</i>	Compagno & Last, 2008	354
37 026005	Bottlenose Wedgefish	<i>Rhynchobatus australiae</i>	Whitley, 1939	353
37 026900	WHITESPOTTED GUITARFISHES	<i>Rhynchobatus</i> spp.	–	

	Current Application		Current application in FNC processes		Current Standard Names approved and in the Standard
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FNC REVIEW

FNC Pre-Assessment Review	
Nothing to note.	
IP AUSTRALIA SEARCH COMPLETED AND THERE ARE NO ISSUES	
FNC &/or Public Consultation Feedback (from any part of the process)	