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## Australian Aquatic Plant Names Standard – Update #1/2025

Dear ,

Welcome to the latest Aquatic Plant Names Standard e-newsletter.

### *Aquatic Plant Names Committee Meeting*

The Australian Aquatic Plant Names Committee met in Hobart on Monday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Topics discussed included a targeted communication plan to increase awareness of the Standard and the ongoing development of Fact Files to provide information on the selection and use of various names. Other topics discussed are highlighted below.

The Committee also met informally with the Australian Fish Names Committee and other invited guests to discuss topics of common interest including Indigenous names, group names (ie, names covering more than one species) and genetic identification tools.

### *New and Updated Aquatic Plant Names*

An application for the new name POLYSIPHONIA for *Polysiphonia* species underwent public consultation and was subsequently approved by the Aquatic Plant Names Committee to be added to the Standard. Note that group names, (names that cover more than one species) are presented in all capitals in the Standard to differentiate them from individual species' names.

The scientific name for Watercress has also been updated on the Standard from *Nasturtium officinale* to *Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum*.

If you would like to submit an application to the next Committee meeting to amend the Australian Aquatic Plant Names Standard AS 5301, either by adding a new species or updating a currently listed name, all completed applications with supporting documents **must be received by 10th February 2025**. This will ensure they are added to the agenda for review at the February 25th meeting.

Details on how to apply to amend the Standard, including a link to the application form, are [here](#). Please email [apnc@frdc.com.au](mailto:apnc@frdc.com.au) with any questions and/or for further information.

### *Annual Audit*

A surveillance audit of the Standards (Aquatic Plant Names and Fish Names combined) was successfully completed in September 2024.

### *New version of the standard*

A new version of the Aquatic Plant Names Standard has completed a period of public consultation and has been approved for publication. This version will be available early in 2025.

### *Exciting Seaweed Portal Project*

A new online Seaweed Portal is being developed by marketing and creative consultancy, Honey & Fox. Funded by the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation, the portal will provide [information to educators, industry practitioners and media](#), as well as specific [information to industry regarding permits, guidelines and regulatory requirements](#).

## **Australian Fish Names Standard - Update**

The Fish Names Committee met in September 2024, and regarding the Australian Fish Names Standard (AS 5300), approved one new name and one potential amended name to be advertised for [public consultation](#). If you would like to be added to the Fish Names email list to be informed when public consultation is available, please register [here](#).

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