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## Australian Fish Names Standard - Update #1/2025

Dear ,

Welcome to the latest Australian Fish Names Standard update.

### *Fish Names Committee Meetings*

The Fish Names Committee (FNC) met in Hobart on September 10<sup>th</sup> for meeting number 45. Topics of discussion included new applications (see below), communication strategies, the ongoing production of new Fact Files, and fish names used by recreational fishers.

The following five new names were approved by the Committee after consideration of public feedback, and have been added to the Standard:

- Greybanded Grouper – *Hyporthodus griseofasciatus*
- Bottlenose Wedgefish – *Rhynchobatus australiae*
- Eyebrow Wedgefish – *Rhynchobatus palpebratus*
- Giant Manta Ray – *Mobula birostris*
- Reef Manta Ray – *Mobula alfredi*

During the meeting, Jessica McInerney was appointed FNC's Deputy Chair after the retirement of Mark Boulter last year. Jess brings an enthusiastic wealth of knowledge and experience, as well as a broad network of industry stakeholders. All Committee members are listed [here](#).

The Committee also met informally (on September 9<sup>th</sup>) with the Australian Aquatic Plant Names Committee and other invited guests to discuss topics of common interest including Indigenous names, group names (i.e., names covering more than one species), and genetic identification tools.

The next meeting will be held online on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Applications to amend the Standard should be forwarded to the Project Manager, Gus Yearsley, on [fnc@frdc.com.au](mailto:fnc@frdc.com.au) by February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Details on how to apply are available at [here](#). These will be considered at the next meeting.

The list of species in the Standard is continually improved with updated scientific names and the correction of typographical errors. Some changes can be made without formal FNC approval (e.g., the updating of a scientific name) but other changes need to be formally assessed and circulated for public consultation. If you notice anything that needs updating or correcting, please contact [fnc@frdc.com.au](mailto:fnc@frdc.com.au).

### *Public Consultations for New Applications*

Two applications were tabled at FNC 45 to be considered for public consultation. As a result, the following applications are [currently open for comment until February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025](#) with a view towards a final vote on these names at the March FNC meeting:

- change from "South American Flathead" to "South American Duckbill" for *Percophis brasiliensis* (Application 357)
- add Giant Ruby Snapper for *Etelis boweni* (Application 358)

To provide comment on these applications, [visit this form](#).

## Annual Audit

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

*Gus Dannoun*

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