



Dear Permit Holder

The NSW Aquaculture Research Advisory Committee (ARAC) advises the Minister on the level of contributions to and expenditure from the trust accounts established for annual contributions made by permit holders (oyster and land based research levies) and advises on the directions and priorities for research that will benefit the NSW Aquaculture Industry.

In 2007, ARAC developed an R&D plan following extensive consultation with industry. This plan is available on the NSW DPI website (www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Fisheries/Aquaculture/publications/industry-development/arac-r-and-d-strategic-plan-2007-2012). Industry representatives on ARAC are asked to review the plan annually and revise or update the priorities.

Research priorities are also raised with industry members of other committees such as the Land based Aquaculture Consultative Committee and the Peak Oyster Advisory Group and sometimes by individual farmers to research providers employed by NSW DPI.

There is a need to streamline the process for identifying R&D priorities, evaluating those of highest priority to industry, and helping to assess the likely cost benefit of developing and conducting research. The cost benefit must consider the capacity to conduct the research, the costs, the likelihood of achieving stated objectives and the likely benefits to industry.

ARAC have developed a one-page form 'Submission to ARAC for a Research Initiative' giving you an opportunity to convey your ideas and advise of the issues that may be constraining the growth of your business. Please complete the form and return with your production return or mail to the below address. The responses will be collated and discussed at the next ARAC meeting in October 2009 to determine priorities.

Thank you for taking the time to provide this information.

Yours sincerely

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NSW AQUACULTURE RESEARCH AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Submission to ARAC for a Research Initiative

Permit holder name and number:
Detail of issue:
Detail of proposed research initiative:
Detail outcomes sought:
What is the current impact on the industry caused by this issue (production and value):
Estimated value to industry if this research was undertaken:
Is the research part of a broader R+D initiative:
Has the research got regional (eg estuary) or state significance:
Does the local industry or Committee/Association endorse this application:

Please return this form to the address below or with your annual production return.