

Communique

Meeting No: 2018.01
6 February 2018

The Aquaculture and Wild Catch Industry Reference Committee (IRC) held their first meeting for 2018 on 6 February in Melbourne.

IRC Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedules of Work

The IRC discussed its role in the development of the IRC Skills Forecast 2018 – 2021 and Proposed Schedule of Work. The IRC will consult widely with the broader industry and provide feedback to continue the documents update for 2018. The IRC discussed industry drivers, industry challenges and opportunities for incorporation into the draft for wider comment. The IRC discussed and agreed on the methodology for its update and input to meet the Australian Industry and Skills Committee's (AISC) submission timeframe.

Cases for Change

Three Cases for Change were approved by the AISC at the end of 2017. The projects cover:

- Biosecurity
- Aquaculture
- Post-Harvest

The IRC discussed the project methodology and in particular key stakeholders and regions that need to be included in the consultation.

Identifying obsolete units, skills sets and qualifications from the *SFI Seafood Training Package*, as required by the AISC, will be another outcome as a result of the projects.

General Business

Two briefing papers will be developed by Skills Impact on ASQA's '[A review of issues relating to unduly short training](#)' and [Training Product Reform: what is the case for change?](#)

The department has asked that the IRCs provide feedback on these papers by 9 March.

The IRC will hold a teleconference early March to discuss and respond accordingly.

The IRC acknowledged the resignation from the IRC of Justin Phillips from Southern Rock Lobster and thanked him for his contribution. The organisation is currently advertising for his replacement.