

Communique

The Aquaculture and Wild Catch Industry Reference Committee (IRC) held their first meeting for 2021 on Tuesday 9 March via Zoom conferencing.

This meeting focused on the draft content of the SFI Industry Annual Update for 2021 and the AISC Prioritisation Framework for the national SFI Seafood Industry Training Package.

Industry Annual Update

The second draft of the Annual Update was presented and considered by the IRC. Their feedback had been included. There are no Cases for Change although potentially work has been identified for 2022.

The IRC endorsed the draft Annual Update to be uploaded on to the Skills Impact website for public consultation.

AISC Prioritisation Framework

The IRC discussed the process of the benchmarking tools for the AISC Prioritisation Framework, its implications for the national SFI Seafood Industry Training Package and the work necessary from the IRC and industry to maintain any identified qualifications and units of competency.

Certificate II in Seafood Post Harvest Operations has been identified for deletion and work will be carried out prior to next IRC meeting as to the impact on industry if qualification is not maintained.

General Business

Chair spoke of his changing role. The IRC fully supported his continuation on the IRC subject to his ability to do so.

The IRC discussed the National Agricultural Workforce Strategy identifying Seafood Industry Australian (SIA) as one of the three key industry associations that will be central to implementing the strategy.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Aquaculture and Wild Catch IRC will be held in April, exact date TBC.