

Communique

Meeting No: 2018.03
20 April 2018

The Aquaculture and Wild Catch Industry Reference Committee (IRC) held a meeting on 20 April 2018 via teleconference.

This meeting was to discuss feedback and input received for the draft *IRC Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work* (IRC Skills Forecast), and so the IRC could consider the Chair to sign-off on the document prior to submission to the Australian Department of Education and Training.

Draft IRC Skills Forecast

The IRC first considered the order of priority skills proposed in the draft *IRC Skills Forecast*. Current industry projects cover almost 85% of the existing industry training package. The IRC reconfirmed their support for the last 15% of the Training Package, which comprises of compliance units of competency, to be a critical and high priority piece of work that needs to be sent for consideration of the AISC, before any further industry priorities could be identified and considered.

Attachment C

The IRC acknowledged and supported the feedback from the Australian Barramundi Farmers Association and broadened the definition of the proposed compliance project beyond aquaculture.

Sign-off

The IRC confirmed the Chair can sign-off on their behalf, after agreed amendments had been made.

Current Projects Update

Skills Impact provided an update to the IRC, on the Workforce Functional Analysis (WFA) workshops being held in various locations. To date, the WFA's workshops have averaged around five industry participants per workshop and information provided by industry stakeholders has included job descriptions, policies and reports.

The next stage in the project plan was about to commence. This involved setting up Subject Matter Expert (SME) meetings and developing a national schedule of public consultation which would be distributed to IRC members for their consideration and feedback.

Other Business

The IRC was advised of the recent resignation of Steve Thompson from the SA Oyster Growers Association. The IRC thanked Steve Thomson for his contribution.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Aquaculture and Wild Catch IRC is to be held on Monday, 25 June 2018 in Melbourne.