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MARINE BIODIVERSITY AND RESOURCES

Workshops: Climate adaptation in the Australian edible oyster industry

How will climate change affect the oyster industry in your area? What can be done about to adapt to climate change and variability? What do policy-makers, industry bodies and growers themselves need to do to be prepared for change?

The projected effects of climate change on bays and estuaries are already beginning to be visible and are expected to intensify. Changes in sea-level and temperature regimes and acidification and warming of oceans are likely to impact on the year-to-year quality and profitability of oyster production in diverse ways. It is worth thinking through the risks and potential opportunities associated with climate change so that growers, the oyster industry, governments and scientists can develop approaches to manage such risks and adapt to changes.

The National Adaptation Research Network for Marine Biodiversity and Resources is currently running a project to contribute to climate change adaptation and resilience in the Australian edible oyster industry. Our focus is on informing both policy and practice. As a crucial part of this project we are running a series of workshops in oyster growing regions of S.A., N.S.W. and Tasmania, with oyster growers, industry representatives, scientists and policy-makers / regulators. These workshops will be used to detail the latest scientific research on climate change impacts and vulnerabilities in the oyster industry and, with participants, to develop approaches for adaptation in particular regions and across these regions.

The workshops are an opportunity to learn about the latest science relating to the impacts of climate change on oyster aquaculture. They are also a chance to contribute to a report to government agencies and industry bodies that will recommend ways to reduce the vulnerability of the oyster industry to a changing and variable climate. Also, Trudy McGowan from SAOGA/SAORC will give participants an update on industry activities.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Attendance is FREE, but numbers are limited to 35 participants per workshop. Please RSVP ASAP to ensure a spot. For catering purposes we need all RSVPs by 24th April to Peat.Leith@utas.edu.au or 0427 950 227.

STREAKY BAY, Monday 3rd May, 2010

Where: Streaky Bay Hotel, 33 Alfred Terrace, Streaky Bay.

When: 11.30am – 5:00pm

PORT LINCOLN, Tuesday 4th May, 2010

Where: Marine Science Centre, Hindmarsh St. Port Lincoln

When: 11.30am-5:00pm