

COMMUNIQUE

AQUATIC PLANT NAMES COMMITTEE (APNC) MEETING 5A (Out of Session)

Welcome to the 2nd APNC communique.

Our communiques provide industry and other interested stakeholders a brief of recent APNC meetings and any out-of-session updates as they occur.

Members met virtually via Zoom on 17th November 2021 for meeting APNC 5A (Out of Session).

1. Standard Development Organisation (SDO) Audit

The Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC) is a Standards Development Organisation accredited by Standards Australia to “develop Australian Standards in the fields of terminology, sustainability, and operational practices in the fishing and aquaculture industry.” Currently, the FRDC has two Australian Standards:

- The Australian Fish Names Standard (AS 5300), and
- The Australian Standard for Aquatic Plant Names (AS 5301).

A remote surveillance audit was conducted by Standards Australia on 15 Sept 2021, with feedback from the assessment that there were no non-conformances.

2. Australian Standard for Aquatic Plant Names (AS 5301) Update

The dominant topic of discussion at APNC 5A was reviewing and improving the process for stakeholders to apply to amend or add a name to the Standard, particularly with reference to the application form.

Two new proposed names were used to trial the new application form, and the committee voted for both to proceed to public consultation. These are the first names to proceed through this part of the process since the Standard was published.

As part of the Australian Standard requirements, proposed names must undergo a minimum of 60 days public consultation process, where all aquatic plant stakeholders can review and provide their feedback and suggestions to each proposed name application. This process is a

crucial step and will provide the basis of the discussion for the APNC to make the final decision. Voting on the proposed name occurs on whether or not to amend the Australian Standard for Aquatic Plant Names.

Further details on the two applications will be published soon in the dedicated APNC e-newsletter, along with the new application form. Stakeholders are encouraged to use the form to apply for new name and / or amended a current name. All applications need to be received by 1 April 2022 to ensure including on the next APNC agenda for review.

We welcome feedback on APNC communiques; please contact the Project Manager at APNC@frdc.com.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "G. Yearsley".

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