



# COMMUNIQUE

## AQUATIC PLANT NAMES COMMITTEE (APNC) MEETING 7

Welcome to our communique in relation to APNC meeting #7 held virtually on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

These communiques from the Chair or Deputy Chair are to provide industry and other interested stakeholders a brief of recent APNC meetings and any out-of-session updates as they occur.

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

#### Standards Audit

The Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC) is the Standards Development Organisation overseeing AS 5301 and is audited annually for compliance with the Standard requirements. This means a full re-certification audit every three years, with surveillance audits for the other two years. In September 2022, FCDC and both its Standards (AS 5301 and AS 5300 (Fish Names)), completed and successfully achieved full re-certification.

#### CAAB

The Standard currently links to CSIRO's numerical coding system, Codes for Australian Aquatic Biota (CAAB, <https://www.cmar.csiro.au/data/caab/>), and the committee discussed the option of linking instead to a different plant or algal database. Work will continue on this and we are open to stakeholder input on what you think would be preferred for Aquatic Plants.

#### APN Applications

The APNC is aware of a dozen or so species that are not currently listed in the Standard but are harvested in, or imported to, Australia. Applications will be prepared for these, and the names advertised for public comment next year. If you would like to complete and submit an application for the Aquatic Plant Names Standard, the form can be found here:

[APN Application Template](#)

## 2. Communication & Extension Plan

### New CRM for emails

Currently, we are in the process of updating how we email you. In the coming weeks, we are changing over to utilising FRDC's Customer Relationship Manager (CRM) system and will be advised when this occurs.

### Conferences

Submissions have been made to present at the upcoming *Australian Society for Phycology and Aquatic Botany* and *International Seaweed Symposium* conferences.

We welcome feedback on APNC communiques; please contact the Project Manager at [APNC@frdc.com.au](mailto:APNC@frdc.com.au).

Yours sincerely,



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