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## Australian Fish Names – Update #2/2021

Dear Fish Names Stakeholder,

### *Pacific Oyster Scientific Name Update*

The Scientific name change: **FROM** *Crassostrea gigas* **TO** *Magallana gigas*.

- Link to CAAB: [23 257001](#)
- Link to WoRMS: [Magallana gigas](#) with the accepted status.

Reason: improved genetic testing, meaning changes at the genus level.

Legal requirements:

- FSANZ (Food Standards Code) – Part 1.2 Labelling and other information requirements (<https://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/Pages/default.aspx>)
- Truth in labelling (<https://www.foodstandards.gov.au/consumer/labelling/truth/Pages/default.aspx>)
  - “Fair trading laws and food laws in Australia and New Zealand require that labels do not misinform consumers through false, misleading or deceptive representations. In Australia, this legislation includes the Australian Consumer Law (ACL) contained in the Competition and Consumer Act 2010, and state and territory Fair Trading Acts and Food Acts. In Australia, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) enforces the Competition and Consumer Act 2010.”
- Export – must follow the Australian Fish Names Standard (further details below), including the scientific name.

Export requirements:

- DAWE is assessing the acceptance of the changed name on overseas markets and will advise industry by Industry Advice Notice.

Background:

- This change has been approved and published in the scientific community from 2017.
- **Original description:** Salvi D. Macali A. & Mariottini P. (2014) Molecular Phylogenetics and Systematics of the Bivalve Family Ostreidae Based on rRNA Sequence-Structure Models and Multilocus Species Tree. <https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0108696>
- The Fish Names Committee has no influence or input into scientific names, but are required to update the relevant species information to reflect such changes.
- The [www.fishnames.com.au](http://www.fishnames.com.au) searchable database will be updated before the end of the month.
- Note the Fish Names Standard is currently NOT mandatory in Australia, but in this circumstance, there is no change to the Standard Name – Pacific Oyster.
- A recent published paper for information (see attached).

We have also published this information on various social media platforms, that you can share through your networks:

- [LinkedIn Post](#)
- [Facebook Page](#) – Post currently pinned at the top
- [Instagram Post](#)

### *Keep Updated on the Australian Standard for Fish Names*

If you want to be added to our mailing list, please get in touch!

***Keep Updated on the Australian Standard for Aquatic Plant Names***

There is also an Australian Standard for Aquatic Plant Names (AS 5301), if you want to be added to this emailing list, please get in touch!

Please share this email through your networks!

Kind regards,

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