



COMMUNIQUE

FISH NAMES COMMITTEE (FNC)

MEETING 42

Welcome to our communique in relation to FNC meeting #42, held virtually on 14th November 2022.

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

1. FNC Membership

FRDC and the Fish Names Committee welcomes the appointment of Mrs Jessica (Jess) McInerney as the Seafood Industry Australia (SIA) Appointee. Welcome Jess.

This role was previously held by Renee Pearce (formerly Vajtauer) who stepped down to focus on her next business adventure, together with husband Josh. On behalf of the FNC, a heartfelt thank you for your enthusiasm, energy, and commitment to the committee.

I'm delighted to report all FNC positions are filed. Many thanks to the hard work of our Project Manager Meaghan Dodd and assistance from FRDC.

2. Australian Fish Names Standard (AS 5300) 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 Australian Standard's requirements. This means a full re-certification audit every three years, with surveillance audits for each of the other two years.

In September 2022, FRDC and both its Standards (AS 5301 {Aquatic Plants Names} and AS 5300 {Fish Names}), were subject to full re-certification audits and achieved successfully. Congratulations to all concerned.

FNC Applications

At its recent meeting, FNC considered one new application to amend the Fish Names Standard:

- 351 – *Gadus Chalcogrammus*

Public consultation for this application will commence in February 2023.

If you would like to complete and submit an application for the Fish Names Standard, the form can be found here: [FNC Application Form](#)

3. Communication & Extension Plan

New CRM for emails

Currently, we are in the process of updating how we communicate with you via email. In the weeks ahead we will migrate our current system to FRDC's Customer Relationship Manager (CRM) system and you will be advised when this occurs.

Conferences

The FNC have been accepted to speak at the World Recreational Fishing Conference (WRFC2023), to be held 19-23 February 2023 in Melbourne. FNC's Recreational Fisher Appointee, Russell Conway, will be presenting at this conference. This is a milestone achievement for the FNC, which will provide an opportunity to showcase the importance of standardised fish names to a sector not previously approached at such an import event for the world's recreational fisher cohort.

Further information on the conference can be found here:

<https://www.vrfish.com.au/event/world-recreational-fishing-conference-wrfc2023/>

Social Media

Soon we will be launching the Fish Names LinkedIn page – watch this space.

Our Facebook page has also had several updates, including introductions to the full Fish Names Committee members:

<https://www.facebook.com/AustralianFishNamesStandardAS5300>

4. Project Manager (PM) Update

It is with sadness I advise our Project Manager Meaghan Dodd will be leaving the Fish Names family early in the New Year. During her time on the FNC Meaghan has guided and transformed the way in which the FNC communicates with its stakeholders, upgraded management processes, streamlined much of the demands of the PM role and accessibility to Fish Names material in an online environment – some might say moved Fish Names into the 21st century. On behalf of the FNC, sincere thanks and best wishes in your future endeavours.

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

Yours sincerely,



Gus Dannoun
FNC Chair