

AQUACULTURE

WESTERN AUSTRALIA | STATE FORUM

An interactive program that's set to start the conversation, evoke debate and place Western Australia's aquaculture industry on the state agenda. The inaugural Aquaculture Western Australia State Forum signals a new tide of growth for marine and land-based aquaculture with the potential to drive economic growth in regional WA.

It is well-recognised that WA has significant potential to grow its aquaculture industry to supply high quality seafood to domestic and international markets. However, development in Western Australia lags behind competitors such as South Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand.

The Aquaculture Western Australia State Forum will be the first of its kind for Western Australia. It will provide a unique opportunity for industry, policy makers, regulators and funders to share information, understand risks and barriers to success, and develop a collaborative action agenda for future industry development.

ACCOMMODATION

To receive the special Forum rate at the Novotel Perth Langley quote Booking ID: 134719 - Pilbara Development Commission.

TICKETS

\$75 [inc. booking fee]
Limited tickets available

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FORUM OUTCOMES

- **Learn** from industry practitioners about risks, barriers and opportunities
- **Co-ordinate and share** information about regional aquaculture development initiatives
- **Discuss** future directions in aquaculture in Western Australia
- **Define** the role of Government in developing the industry

VENUE

Novotel Perth Langley
221 Adelaide Terrace Perth

Date: Thursday, 26 May 2016
Registration: 8am
Forum: 8.30am – 5.30pm
Sundowner: 5.45 – 7pm

AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY SUNDOWNER

Take the opportunity to meet and network with peers and professionals from the Western Australian aquaculture industry.

5.45 – 7pm - Grosvenor Hotel, 339 Hay Street Perth
Refreshments and canapes will be served



The Aquaculture Western Australia State Forum is presented by Western Australia's Regional Development Commissions, in partnership with Department of Fisheries and the Aquaculture Council of Western Australia.

For more information visit www.pdc.wa.gov.au or contact the Pilbara Development Commission on [08] 9185 0600 or pdc@pdc.wa.gov.au

FORUM AGENDA

8.00am Registration
8.30am Keynote address
Hon. Terry Redman, Minister for Regional Development

SESSION 1: HISTORY AND STATUS OF THE WA AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY

8.50am Forum overview and context of aquaculture in WA
Russell Barnett, Australian Venture Consultants
9.05am Commercial Reality
Shane McLinden, South Seas Abalone.
9.20am Paper Plans vs Reality
Erica Starling, Ocean Fresh Australia
9.35am Overnight Success?
Craig Kestel, Ocean Grown Abalone
9.50am The Long Road
Jonathan Bilton, Aquaculture Council of Western Australia

MORNING TEA 10.00 – 10.30am

SESSION 2: COMMERCIAL EXPERIENCE

10.30am Huan's Production Story
David Whyte, Huan Aquaculture
10.50am Opportunities for Australia in seafood and scope for aquaculture
David Carter, Austral Fisheries
11.00am Opportunities for prawn aquaculture in Western Australia
Dan Fels, Project Seadragon
11.30am The realities of aquaculture development and attracting outside investment
David Williams, Kidder Williams
11.45am The Importance and Impact of Strong Industry
Pheroze Jungalwalla, National Aquaculture Council

LUNCH 12.00 – 12.45pm

SESSION 3: EFFECTIVE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

12.45pm WA Government plans for aquaculture development
Darren Foster, Department of Fisheries
1.00pm The South Australian Story – how was aquaculture encouraged, supported, facilitated and regulated
Mehdi Daroudi, South Australian Department of Primary Industries and Regions
1.15pm What is happening nationally in industry development?
Patrick Hone, Fisheries Research & Development Corporation
1.30pm Aquaculture and Regional Development
Ralph Addis, Department of Regional Development
1.45pm What makes effective industry development?
Russell Barnett, Australian Venture Consultants

AFTERNOON TEA 2.00-2.30pm

SESSION 4: PRIORITIES FOR AQUACULTURE IN WA: WHERE DOES THE FOCUS NEED TO BE OVER THE NEXT 5 TO 10 YEARS?

2.00pm Discussion and panel session | Facilitated by Russell Barnett
What is the pathway forward?
Who is responsible for what part?
Who will coordinate industry development?
How much will it cost and who pays?
What are the next steps?
5.30pm Forum Close

* Speakers may be subject to change

SUNDOWNER 5.45 – 7.00pm

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