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## Oysters Tasmania

### eNews – March 2011

#### The 4th International Oyster Symposium – Early Bird Registrations Now Open!

We are pleased to announce that you can now [register on-line](#) for the 4th International Oyster Symposium & **shellfish futures 2011**, being held in Hobart in September 2011.

To encourage early registration for IOS4 and **shellfish futures 2011**, we are offering discount registrations prior to 25 July. **Register on-line now at [www.oysterstasmania.org](http://www.oysterstasmania.org).**

The theme of the Symposium is “Embracing the Future through Innovation” and we are currently drafting an interesting, varied and industry-focussed program around innovation in the oyster industry.

International speakers at IOS4 will include Stan Allen from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science Centre who will present on the latest innovations in oyster genetics and selective breeding and Dr Tristan Renault, IFREMER, will be discussing international developments regarding oyster health and disease.

We will also hear from each Australian oyster growing State on local developments and innovations and a keynote speech from Len Stephens, Managing Director of the Australian Seafood CRC, on the value of recent innovations across the Australian Seafood industry.

Industry participants will be encouraged to exchange ideas about “Getting your spat to grow on the farm” in a special industry workshop facilitated by Wayne O’Connor, NSW Industry and Investment.

This special workshop is being promoted and supported by [Cameron’s of Tasmania](#), the IOS4 Principal Sponsor. Cameron’s are well known as suppliers of ‘Cultured Shellfish’ and we gratefully acknowledge their support in helping host IOS4 in Tasmania.



For more information about IOS4, contact the Secretariat - 4<sup>th</sup> International Oyster Symposium email: [IOS4@oysterstasmania.org](mailto:IOS4@oysterstasmania.org); phone: +61 3 6231 9033

#### Tasmanian oyster industry thanks TSQAP Manager, Ray Brown

After 23 years working with the Tasmanian shellfish industry, Ray Brown Manager of the Tasmanian Shellfish Quality Assurance Program (TSQAP) has retired. Past and present industry identities attended a farewell for Ray at the Customs House Hotel, Hobart.

Ian Duthie spoke for all when he thanked Ray for his dedication to helping maintain and build Tasmania’s reputation for producing safe and wholesome, not to mention fantastically tasty, oysters.



## Oysters Tasmania working with industry and government

Oysters Tasmania has been keeping in close contact with state and national growers and regulators as we work to organise and roll out the national Pacific oyster surveillance program. This program is being funded by the federal government and is designed to help the Australian industry gain a snapshot of the health status of the farmed Pacific oyster stocks in Tasmania, NSW and South Australia.

Analysis of this data will help inform translocation protocols between Australian states. Tasmania is well placed in this regard, with many years' data from the long-standing Tasmanian Pacific Oyster Health Surveillance Program providing robust evidence of Tasmania's disease-free status.

## TSEC and TORC: you State industry representatives

The Tasmanian oyster industry is represented by two main industry groups:

- The Tasmanian Shellfish Executive Council (TSEC); and
- The Tasmanian Oyster Research Council (TORC).

Oysters Tasmania is the oyster industry umbrella organisation, jointly funded by both [TSEC & TORC](#) to provide Executive Officer and associated services to the Tasmanian oyster industry.

TSEC is the peak representative body for shellfish aquaculture in Tasmania. TSEC is funded through industry sponsorship of the annual Tasmanian oyster industry conference **shellfish futures**. The TSEC Board is comprised of one industry representative from each of our 8 regional grower associations.

Current priorities for TSEC are organisation of the 4th International Oyster Symposium & **shellfish futures 2011**; liaison with government regulators regarding marine farming management and compliance; and input into the national management of POMs.

TORC was formed to facilitate research and development for oyster producers in Tasmania. TORC's activities are funded by a levy on oyster seed sales. TORC is governed by an elected board, representing hatcheries and growers.

TORC is the Tasmanian industry organisation tasked to identify research and development opportunities and to coordinate, facilitate and provide to industry the results of research and development projects conducted for the benefit of Tasmanian oyster producers.

TORC funds a number of R & D projects through the Australian Seafood CRC Oyster Consortium. Other current R & D priorities include Australian Seafood Industries' (ASI) selective breeding program; the Tasmanian Pacific Oyster Health Surveillance Program; and input into the national management of POMs.

## eNews ideas

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