



Tackling overcatch to reduce oyster waste

'Overtcatch' or 'fouling' occurs when juvenile oysters (wild spat) or other aquatic organisms attach themselves to semi-mature oysters, often rendering the host oysters unmarketable. It is estimated that over 30%, or \$20 million worth, of Sydney rock oysters grown in Queensland and northern NSW are wasted annually due to overcatch.

A new collaborative project aims to address this longstanding challenge by identifying the best solutions for managing overcatch under commercial production. Trials will be conducted in Queensland's Moreton Bay region and will compare various existing and emerging control methods: Air drying, heat immersion, SED Graders cold shock system and FlipFarm system.

Join us for a free online workshop where we'll outline the project and discuss how the work can deliver maximum value nationally

Date: Thursday, 17 August 2023

Time: 14h00 – 15h15

Speakers:

- Andrew Robson, Koorinal Oysters
- Wade McFadgen, Moreton Bay Rock Oysters
- Donna Cawthorn, DAF Queensland

Facilitators

- Oysters Australia

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(Invitations will be sent closer to the event)



The project "Reduction of oyster waste: Establishing best practices for controlling wild spat under commercial production" is a co-funded collaboration between the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF), Fight Food Waste Cooperative Research Centre (FFW CRC) and the Australian Government's Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC), along with industry partners Koorinal Oysters, Moreton Bay Rock Oysters, Gold Coast Oysters, and SED Graders.

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14h00	Introduction and Acknowledgment of Country	Facilitator, Oysters Australia
14h05	The overcatch challenge – An oyster grower’s perspective	Andrew Robson, Koorinal Oysters Wade McFadgen, Moreton Bay Rock Oysters
14h15	The overcatch project – Research plan and pathways to impact	Donna Cawthorn, Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
14h30	Q&A and interactive discussion	All participants

