



Seafood Trade Matters e- Newsletter

SafeFish Update October 2016

SafeFish communication survey

SafeFish is operating under a new business model, with combined industry and FRDC funding. As part of this process we have developed a new charter and are in the process of developing a new communications strategy. We are keen to ensure our stakeholders are happy with the way we are communicating, and to allow them to have a say in how communication works into the future. If you would like to have input, the survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XFSCBYC>. It will take less than 5 minutes.

SafeFish prioritisation round

SafeFish is conducting a new prioritisation round when we scan seafood illnesses, trade recalls, Australian outbreak data, industry and other sources of information for current and emerging food safety and trade and market access issues. Over forty issues have been identified, ranging from Chinese regulations not allowing the use of sulphites in canned abalone and off-label chemical use in seafood production. The issues will be ranked on the 25th October by SafeFish partners, and the resulting list provided to funders and researchers. It will also be used to set the SafeFish work agenda for the next few years. You can have your say by emailing alison.turnbull@sa.gov.au.

SafeFish partners meeting in Brisbane

The last partners meeting was conducted in Brisbane on the 12th July 2016, followed by an industry engagement session. SafeFish rotates meetings around the country and will be offering further opportunities for seafood stakeholders to engage with the partners and have their concerns heard.

Australian Shellfish Quality Assurance Programs Biennial Conference

SafeFish is organising the biennial Australian shellfish QA conference in Sydney on the 3rd November 2016 in conjunction with the Sydney Fish Markets and the University of Technology Sydney. The conference includes tours of biotoxin analytical facilities and presentations from researchers and regulators on current issues in shellfish food safety and market access. Registration is free, and is available at <https://asqapconference.eventbrite.com.au>. The conference will be followed by the annual Australian Shellfish Quality Assurance Advisory Committee meeting.

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