



Expression of Interest to undertake Aquaculture in South Australia

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the establishment of an Aquaculture venture in South Australia (SA). Aquaculture occurs within the coastal waters of the state, along with operations being undertaken on land-based properties. Primary species that are currently farmed in SA include southern bluefin tuna, oysters, abalone, mussels, scallops, snapper, yellowtail kingfish, native finfish, freshwater crayfish, and barramundi. There is considerable potential and expectation for the expansion of this industry in SA.

PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture's role (PIRSA) is the regulation of the aquaculture industry in SA, including zoning in the marine environment, leasing, licensing and ongoing monitoring of aquaculture activities under the *Aquaculture Act 2001*. Therefore for information regarding business management (staff requirements, sourcing, business planning etc.) and technical knowledge (source of stock, farming equipment and structures, marketability of produce and optimum growing conditions etc.) in your chosen aquaculture sector, it is recommended you contact your relevant industry association. *A list of industry associations is available at:*

http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/aquaculture/products_and_services/aquaculture_association_contacts.

When you have established a plan for the development of your venture, including the species you would like to farm and the location where you would like to place your site, PIRSA requires a written Expression of Interest (EOI) to be submitted. An Expression of Interest is a basic plan of what you are looking to do with your venture, so that an initial assessment of your proposal can be made to determine if there are any immediate issues that prevent a full application and assessment process from being undertaken. This also allows PIRSA to determine the appropriate application form you will need to complete.

An Expression of Interest should include as a minimum, an overview of:

1. The species chosen for culture (including scientific name where known).
2. The location of the proposed site. If marine-based aquaculture also include size in hectares and approximate site corner coordinates.
3. The farming method to be used (i.e. tanks, ponds, longlines, baskets, sea-cages etc. including a brief description of each). If land-based aquaculture also include description of wastewater discharge.
4. Your ability to carry out the work involved (i.e. experience in aquaculture/primary production and qualifications where applicable).
5. Expected tonnage of output once fully established (or maximum tonnage the site can hold at full development).
6. Your history (if any) in the aquaculture industry.

PIRSA may also request further information on the EOI if the supplied information is insufficient to undertake the initial assessment. Once sufficient information is provided at the EOI stage, PIRSA will notify you of the suitability of the venture for full assessment and will send you the relevant application forms.

Please note: *The fees associated with lodging an application form and ongoing licence fees for an aquaculture licence are available in Schedule 1 of the Aquaculture Regulations 2005, available at <http://www.legislation.sa.gov.au>.*

Your completed Expression of Interest should be mailed or emailed to:

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Adelaide SA 5001
Email: pirsa.aquaculture@sa.gov.au

Please visit PIRSA's website <http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/aquaculture> for additional information or feel free to contact one of our staff on (08) 8226 0900 for any further enquiries you may have in regards to licensing your aquaculture venture.