

NSW North Coast Sustainable Aquaculture Strategy

Land Based Aquaculture



A NSW Government initiative of NSW Fisheries, Department of Urban Affairs and Planning, Department of State and Regional Development, Environment Protection Authority, Department of Land and Water Conservation, National Parks and Wildlife Service and NSW Agriculture to encourage sustainable aquaculture in New South Wales

Aquaculture is one of the fastest-growing agricultural industries in the world. More than 25 per cent of worldwide seafood consumption is produced through aquaculture. NSW is poised to capture a significant proportion of this dynamic growth industry. Thanks to the NSW Government's commitment to supporting and encouraging aquaculture investment, the number of permits issued more than doubled last year.

In recognition of this potential to create jobs and support regional businesses, the NSW Government, as part of its commitment to bring enterprise and employment to regional areas, has focused on implementing measures to stimulate further investment in aquaculture opportunities throughout the State.

The North Coast Sustainable Aquaculture Strategy is an important component of this initiative. This important regional planning document is a landmark for coastal land based aquaculture. It will assist investors and developers, consultants and planners prepare and submit development applications leading to ecologically sustainable practices. The Strategy will also help local councils and other regulatory agencies in assessing aquaculture development proposals. This ability to streamline the approvals process will be used as a model for future aquaculture developments in other regions of our State.

This strategy will increase aquaculture investment opportunities on the North Coast and will provide real incentives for economic development and benefits to the North Coast community.

The Northern Rivers Regional Development Board has funded the publication of this Strategy as part of its commitment to sustainable development of the north coast region of NSW.

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To obtain copies of the Strategy

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