

Fisheries NSW supports the concept of State management of aquaculture in Commonwealth waters in consultation with the Commonwealth. NSW has a sound track record of managing sustainable aquaculture in NSW waters and believes it would be best placed to regulate, monitor and provide compliance in the offshore waters of NSW.

Fisheries NSW has developed Sustainable Aquaculture Strategies for the oyster and land based aquaculture industries of NSW. These take effect under *State Environmental Planning Policy 62 – Sustainable Aquaculture* and detail site, species, design and operational criteria, a streamlined approval process, and promote industry best practice. They provide the industry with greater certainty during the approvals process and in security of lease tenure and provide the community with clear standards for sustainable aquaculture.

Fisheries NSW has just completed an EIS for a finfish lease off Port Stephens and commenced an EIS for shellfish leases in Jervis Bay. The information from these two projects will be used to develop a NSW Marine Waters Sustainable Aquaculture Strategy for inshore and offshore waters of the State.

Details of the oyster and land based strategies and the two current marine projects are available at: <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/aquaculture>