



Newsletter of the Seafood Industry Partnerships in Schools Project

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SIPS Session

An opportunity for teachers, educators, commercial fishermen, marine farmers and seafood industry representatives to informally discuss the seafood industry and education

4 – 5 pm Monday October 3, 2011

Lark Distillery, 14 Davey St, Hobart

RSVP to jennifer@oceanwatch.org.au by Friday September 30

Partnerships Snapshot

Terms two and three have been a period of consolidation for the SIPS project. The beginning of the year saw a lot of activity around establishing partnerships between classroom teachers, fishermen and marine farmers. Many of those partnerships have been confirmed and students across Tasmania are now learning first-hand about the seafood industry.

Of course, there are still teachers across Tasmania waiting to form partnerships with commercial fishermen and marine farmers. If you would like to be involved in educating school students about the seafood industry, please contact the SIPS Project Officer.

Excursions

Lindisfarne Primary Year 6 participated in a tour of the Hobart docks led by rock lobster fisherman Chris Parker. Chris led students around the waterfront, stopping to explain the purpose and design of different fishing vessels. Along the way other fishermen stopped work to spend time with the

class and explain the ins and outs of fishing, such as preparing for a week at sea and storing the catch. Students were even able to board a vessel and take a look below deck. Afterwards, the class called in to Mures for a seafood lunch, and a chat about the Mures fishing business. Class teacher Lindsay Adlam said

‘We had a sensational day & the weather gods were kind to us. It will be an experience that will stay with them for a long time.’



I gratefully acknowledge fishermen Chris Parker, Scott Parsons, Glenn Hughes, Will Mure and Lindsay Newman for their help in making this excursion so successful. Teachers interested in visiting the Hobart docks or their local wharf with their class can contact the SIPS Project Officer for advice and assistance.

Students from Rosny College visited the Tassal salmon hatchery at Ranelagh in the Huon Valley for a look around the facility.



A Year 9 class from the Big Picture School at Montrose visited the Mures processing facility at Glenorchy. Class teacher Amanda Sutton said 'Having the opportunity to visit a successful food business in our local community was great.'



Online resources

- [Marine Links](#) is a marine and fisheries education resource kit for use by teachers in Tasmanian primary and secondary schools. The kit has been developed to align with school curriculums and contains practical marine teaching aids and information. The kit contains a

wide range of hands-on marine teaching material including: marine textbooks, fish display posters, pamphlets, maps, fisheries awareness brochures, a set of model fishing gear including lobster pots/rings, nets and setlines, moulds of recreational fish species and classroom exercises (suitable for Grades 5-8). The teaching units include: marine and coastal habitats, marine life, sustainable fisheries, marine reserves and human influences.

- The [MarineWATERS](#) site offers information, activities, illustrations and worksheets about the marine environment and the seafood industry, with a West Australian emphasis.
- [Primezone](#) has been developed by the Primary Industries Education Foundation and contains links to primary industries learning resources from around Australia.
- The [National Seafood Industry Alliance Inc.](#) brings together the Commonwealth, National State and Territory peak industry bodies in the Commercial Wild-catch Fishing & Aquaculture industries to provide national representation to the Australian federal government. The website contains a page called 'Meet the Fishers', and details the stories and views of some Australian commercial fishermen. Their stories, along with pages about Government and Industry proposals for the South West Commonwealth Marine Reserve will provide interesting discussion and debate for older students.

Invitation to the SIPS Session on October 3

Teachers and educators, fishermen, marine farmers and representatives of the seafood industry are invited to attend an informal session from **4 – 5 pm on October 3 at the Lark Distillery on Davey St, Hobart**. The purpose is to chat about the seafood industry and education. Please come along if you would like to find out more (or talk to teachers about) about: careers, work experience and employment in the seafood industry; the importance of the seafood industry to local communities and sustainability in the seafood industry.

Light refreshments provided.

RSVP to Jennifer Hemer by [email](#) or text message to 0428 026 356 by September 30

It is hoped that this event can be offered in other parts of Tasmania soon.

Working on Water: Careers on the Water from Aquaculture to Zoology

An excellent opportunity exists for Grade 9/10 students to gain an insight into career paths, training and educational programs in the marine industries including salmon and shellfish aquaculture, marine science research and the commercial fishing industry. This program receives generous funding support from industry.

Working on Water is a three day course (October 24 – 26) designed to give students both an overview of the industry and an opportunity to gain specific information from a wide range of marine research organisations, aquaculture businesses and maritime educational providers.

Applications close Thursday October 13. For more information contact Lynne Hanlon, lynne.p.hanlon@education.tas.gov.au

Careers in the Seafood Industry

In Term 3, a small number of students will participate in work experience with their classroom partner fisherman.

To find out more about careers in the seafood industry and the pathways students can take, take a look at the following websites:

- A young [Tasmanian Oyster Farmer](#) discusses how he got into the seafood industry and what he looks for in his employees in these engaging short videos.
- The [Seafood Industry Victoria Inc.](#) career pages provide detailed information about the types of jobs available in the seafood industry, and career pathways.

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