

Oysters



Oyster land based sites

Oysters are handled on land based sites which are often found on Crown Land along the shoreline.

Some sites have a long history while others date to the 1980s when a series of 20 year land based oyster leases were issued under the Crown Lands Act to house depuration plants along the water's edge.

Approximately half the industry's leases have expired or about to expire. The NSW Department of Lands has undertaken a review of all leases used by the oyster industry in order to issue a uniform lease type with terms that acknowledge the need for longevity and site sustainability.

The Department of Lands completed a series of assessments in late 2005 and recognized that many of the sites are in areas not fit for other commercial use, that the oyster industry has a logistical need for close proximity to its leases, and needs to comply with legislation requiring housed post harvest facilities with water access.

Negotiation on terms allowing storage and handling space along with sustainable and visually amenable site use has commenced with the view to renewing leases in early 2007. Objects from stacked trays, sticks, cylinders, slats, forklifts, punts, grading equipment, etc can be found on a site

The renewal of leases is vital to providing certainty for industry investment and growth.



Location inside
SEPP71/Coastal
Policy 'zone

Depuration facilities
(NSW Shellfish Program)

Proximity to lease ->
transport = boat