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From: [Redacted]@blueeconomycrc.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 10 February 2026 2:32 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Blue Economy Zone - Deceased Wildlife Notification

Thanks [Redacted]

Regards,

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] nre.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 10 February 2026 12:58 PM
To: [Redacted]@blueeconomycrc.com.au>
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Hi [Redacted]
Apologies for not getting back to you earlier, I got tied up in field work.

Thanks for providing the requested information. It's good to hear that the gap in the exclusion measured was fixed promptly. Hopefully this will help prevent similar interactions in the future.

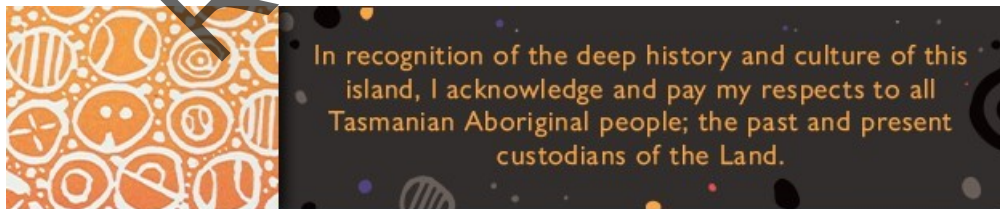
It appears to be a crested tern. We don't have any records associated with the band number, as we don't do tern banding work within NRE Tas. I recommend submitting a report to the Australian Bird and Bat Banding Scheme to get more information on the bird: [On-line reporting of banded birds and bats - DCCEEW](#)
Please let me know if you find out where the bird was banded.

Thanks,

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Hi [REDACTED]

I hope all is well. I was wondering if you had been able to source any information on the bird, from the information on the leg band?

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

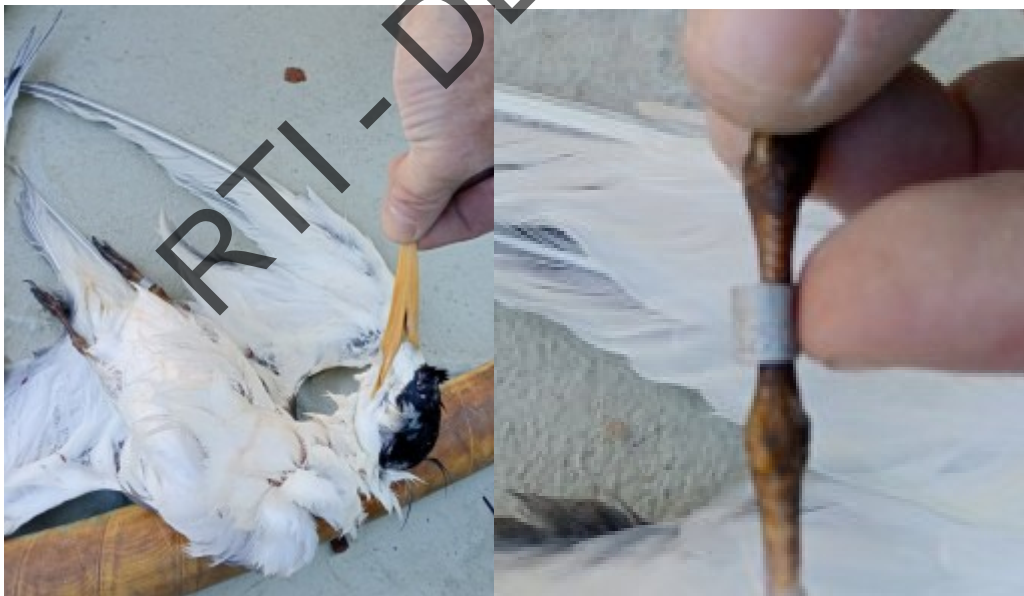
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 22 January 2026 5:52 PM
To: [REDACTED]@nre.tas.gov.au>
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Hi [REDACTED]

Answers to your questions. Please let me know if you require anything else.

Is there anything you can tell me about the bird from the photos and leg band information?

- Was the bird found floating in the water, on infrastructure or entangled? -Floating in water within pen
- Potential entry points into the pen that the bird could have used- a small section of the bird net had a 300mm gap where it meets the outer seal fence. Corrected today.
- Carcass condition including signs of decomposition and/or injury- no identifiable injuries to the bird.
- Photo of the carcass for species ID
- Leg tag had Write wildlife box 2601 Australia 073-16250





Kind regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
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Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your advice on disposal.

I will provide the additional information you have requested as soon as it comes to hand.

My understanding from the verbal notification I received this morning was that the bird was floating in the pen and not entangled, but I will formally confirm this when I receive a report from the site manager. The bird was not noted as being in the pen when staff were on site the day before.

Kind regards,

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Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for notifying NRE of the deceased bird. Could you please provide the following information in relation to the interaction:

- Was the bird found floating in the water, on infrastructure or entangled?

- Potential entry points into the pen that the bird could have used
- Carcass condition including signs of decomposition and/or injury
- Photo of the carcass for species ID

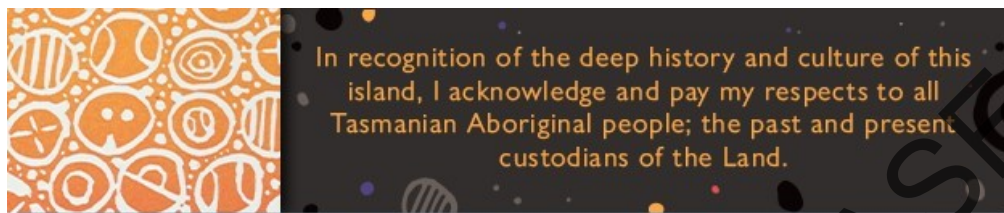
We will not require the deceased bird for necropsy, it can be disposed of through standard farm waste management procedures.

Best regards,

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Dear Conservations Assessment Team

In accordance with wildlife interaction reporting requirements in the approved Wildlife Management Plan (WMP) for the BEZ Aquaculture Research Trial in Commonwealth Waters in Bass Strait, I am advising that a deceased bird has been sighted in the pen holding Atlantic salmon at approximately 8am this morning. The WMP requires BECRC to notify NRE Tas within 4 hours of the discovery.

The bird appears to be a silver gull or crested tern from the distance observed. Staff are expecting to be able to recover and retain the carcass today, at which time I will be in a better position to provide a positive species identification, and details will be recorded in the Wildlife Management App and reported in our monthly reporting to NRE Tas.

In accordance with section 2.4 in the WMP, I am seeking advice regarding disposal of the carcass, including whether any regulatory approvals are required prior to disposal.

Kind regards,

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