

# Pacific Oyster Mortality Syndrome (POMS)

## Movement Restrictions

### POMS: Movement Restrictions in Tasmania

To prevent the spread of Pacific Oyster Mortality Syndrome (POMS), a Control Area has been declared for the whole of Tasmania under the *Animal Health Act 1995* restricting the movement of oysters and animal materials and conveyances used in the production of oysters. Movement of oysters for human consumption and for laboratory testing are not restricted.

Permits have been issued to oyster growers allowing oysters and associated equipment to be moved within individual production areas to allow for movement of boats to and from leases, etc. **All other movements will require a further, separate permit.**

A summary is provided below that describes key definitions and the movement controls that have been formally declared under the Act.

### Definitions concerning movement controls

**Oyster farming equipment:** means any equipment, conveyance and other infrastructure such as trays, baskets, catching materials, post and rail, cables vessels, floats and the like, that is used in the cultivation, farming, harvest and storage of oysters;

**Oyster:** includes the spat or seed of an oyster and includes any part of the flesh or shell of an oyster; and

**Oyster product:** means any animal product comprising wholly or partly oysters.

### Movement Restrictions

The movement of oysters or oyster products into, within or out of the control area is prohibited unless:

- a) The oysters or oyster products are moved directly to a premises or place where they are to be sold or served for human consumption, and will not at that premises or place, or during transit, come into contact with any other live oysters being used in the primary production of seafood; or
- b) The oysters or oyster products are part of a batch or sample that is moved for the purposes of testing or analysis in accordance with the requirements of the Act, the *Primary Produce Safety Act 2011* or another Act; or
- c) The oysters or oyster products are moved by or under the direction of an inspector; or
- d) The movement of the oysters or oyster products is in accordance with a permit issued by an inspector authorising the movement of the oysters or oyster products into, within or out of the control area.

For further information and advice please contact Biosecurity Tasmania on tel. (03) 6165 3777 (*bus. hrs.*), or email a completed [Application for a Movement Permit](#) to: [pomstas@nre.tas.gov.au](mailto:pomstas@nre.tas.gov.au)

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