



AQUACULTURE PERMIT / LEASE VARIATION PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT Fisheries Management Act 1994

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The following assessment form is to be completed by the holder of a Class A aquaculture permit and/or an aquaculture lease who wishes to:

- add a species to the permit and/or lease; or
• significantly change the methodology or intensity of activity on a lease.

The information provided by the proponent on this form, will enable NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI), to assess the proposed variation(s) to the proponents Aquaculture Permit and/or Aquaculture Lease in accordance with the departments responsibilities under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

To assist NSW DPI assess the proposed variation(s) in a timely manner, the proponent is encouraged to carefully consider each request for information and provide sufficient detail to allow NSW DPI to adequately assess the variation request.

Purpose of the Proposed Aquaculture Permit / Lease Variation

- [ ] To add a species to an aquaculture permit and/or aquaculture lease
[ ] To significantly change a cultivation method or intensify an activity on an aquaculture lease

Aquaculture Permit and/or Lease Area to be Varied

Name of Permit Holder: ..... Permit Number AP .....

Aquaculture Lease Number(s): .....
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Office Use Only
Further Assessment Required [ ] No Further Assessment Required [ ]
Comment: .....
Assessing NSW DPI Officer: ..... Date: .....

**PART 1      DETAILS OF THE VARIATION**

**1.1    Description of the Location of the Proposed Variation**

*(The proponent is encouraged to attach copies of any available maps or plans that may assist in an assessment of the proposed variation to an existing aquaculture permit or aquaculture lease).*

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**1.2    Will the proposed variation require any ancillary work and/or work stages on a lease area other than normal lease activities. If YES, please specify below.**

- Yes
- No

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**1.3    Will the proposed variation result in a significant change of methodology or intensification of activity on the aquaculture lease area? If YES, please specify below.**

**Please note:** raft cultivation to considered by NSW DPI to be a significant change in methodology. If applying to include raft cultivation on one or more oyster leases, please refer to Appendix 1 for a list of information that must be submitted as part of this application.

- Yes
- No

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**1.4 Will the proposed variation require dredging or the construction of any additional infrastructure?**

Yes

No

**Please justify assessment below.**

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**1.5 Will the proposed variation be conducted in accordance with any relevant industry or government standard, codes of practice, or guidelines? If YES, please specify below.**

Yes

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**1.6 Will the proposed variation be consistent with any existing or proposed Aquatic Reserve or Marine Park Management Plans for the area that the lease occupies or is located within. If YES, please specify below.**

Yes

No

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**1.7 Does the proposed variation involve a species not currently listed on the aquaculture permit and the aquaculture lease document? If YES, please identify the species below by common name and by scientific name if possible.**

Yes

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**1.8 Where the proposed variation involves the cultivation of a species that is not currently listed on the aquaculture permit and/or the aquaculture lease document, is the species a native of the area (indigenous to the area)?**

Yes

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**Please justify assessment below.**

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**1.9 Please indicate the area (in hectares) affected by the proposed variation in activity.**

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**1.10 Please indicate the duration and timing of the proposed activity (eg. a short term commercial viability assessment, or for the term of the lease).**

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**PART 2 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

**2.1 Where a variation will result in a significant change of methodology or intensification of activity on the aquaculture lease, will the proposed variation have the potential to impact on the biological/habitat, aesthetic, archaeological, recreational, cultural, historical, scientific, or other environmental quality or value of the locality?**

Yes

No

**Please justify assessment below.**

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**2.2 Will the proposed variation result in any potential long-term effects on the environment in the area?**

Yes

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**Please justify assessment below.**

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**2.3 Will the proposed variation pose any risk to public safety in the area (eg. Navigation).**

Yes

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**Please justify assessment below.**

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**2.4 Will the proposed variation result in any reduction in the range of beneficial uses of the environment?**

Yes

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**Please justify assessment below.**

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**2.5 Does the proposed variation have the potential to result in pollution of the environment?**

Yes

No

**Please justify assessment below.**

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**2.6 Will the proposed variation result in any environmental problems associated with the disposal of waste?**

Yes

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**Please justify assessment below.**

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**2.7 Will the proposed variation result in any impact on the local or wider community?**

Yes

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**Please justify assessment below.**

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**PART 3 THREATENED SPECIES ISSUES**

Advice regarding the possible presence of any threatened species, population, ecological communities, or habitat in the area, can be obtained from the National Parks & Wildlife Service Office in the local area, the NSW DPI Regional Conservation Manager, or the NSW DPI Website ([www.dpi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au)).

**3.1 Is the proposed variation likely to disrupt the life cycle of a threatened species, such that a viable local population of a threatened species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction?**

Yes

No

**Please justify assessment below.**

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**3.2 Is the proposed variation likely to disrupt the life cycle of a threatened species that constitutes an endangered population which is likely to be disrupted such that the viability of the population is likely to be significantly compromised?**

Yes

No

**Please justify assessment below.**

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**3.3 In relation to the regional distribution of the habitat of a threatened species, population or ecological community, will the proposed variation modify or remove a significant area of known habitat?**

Yes

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**Please justify assessment below.**

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**3.4 Will the proposed variation result in an area of known habitat becoming isolated from currently interconnecting or proximate areas of habitat for a threatened species, population or ecological community?**

Yes

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**Please justify assessment below.**

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**3.5 Will the proposed variation affect an area of critical habitat?**

Yes

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**Please justify assessment below.**

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**3.6 If a threatened species, population or ecological community or their habitats are present, are they adequately represented in conservation reserves (or other similar protected areas) in the region?**

Yes

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**Please justify assessment below.**

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**3.7 Is the activity proposed in the variation a class of activity that is recognised as a threatening process?**

Yes

No

**Please justify assessment below.**

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**3.8 Is a threatened species, populations or ecological community at the limit of its known distribution?**

Yes

No

**Please justify assessment below.**

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## PART 4. DECLARATION

We, the undersigned lodge herewith a permit/lease variation application.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_.

Lessee's/Permit holder's Name(s)

Lessee's/Permit holder's signature(s)

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**Witness name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Witness signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(If insufficient room available for all signatures use space below)**

### **Company:**

Any application lodged by a company must be signed by two directors, or one director and a secretary. If the company is a sole director company, where the sole director is also the sole secretary, the sole director must state next to his/her signature that he/she is the "sole director and sole company secretary".

## Appendix 1:

### **Applications to include raft cultivation on an aquaculture lease**

For NSW DPI to assess your application to include raft cultivation on your aquaculture lease(s), the following information must be provided as part of your application:

1. A sketch plan of the lease area indicating the following information;
  - a. The proposed location of the raft(s) on the lease area;
  - b. The depth of water across the lease area at lowest low tide; and
  - c. The nature of the bottom substrate on the lease area.
2. A sketch plan of the raft design indicating the following information;
  - a. The dimensions of the raft;
  - b. The dimensions of the timbers to be used in the construction of the raft;
  - c. The type of floatation to be used;
  - d. The type and number of trays to be used in each tray drop; and
  - e. The maximum suspended depth of the tray drops.
3. A sketch plan of the raft mooring design indicating the following;
  - a. The type and dimensions of all mooring ropes;
  - b. The points of attachment of all mooring ropes to the raft; and
  - c. The location and dimensions of all mooring devices (e.g. blocks or anchors).