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To: Macrae, Tess
Cc: [REDACTED]
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Hi Jess,

As discussed, the FRDC supports the South Australian Oyster Growers Association's (SAOGA) application for authorisations A91229 and A91230 under which oyster hatcheries charge SA oyster farmers a levy on oyster spat.

Some of the funds collected are passed by SAOGA via the SA Government to the FRDC, which invests them in RD&E for the benefit of oyster farmers (FRDC average return on investment is 5.6:1).

Currently, the FRDC invests these RD&E funds; along with oyster farmer contributions from other jurisdictions; through the Seafood Cooperative Research Centre (SCRC) which manages a suite of research projects on behalf of the "Oyster Consortium" (let me know if you would like a project listing).

Please note that participants in the SCRC commit to set levels of investment when signing the "SCRC Participant's Agreement".

Best regards John

PS: the FRDC is has no problem with this comment being made publically available

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From: Macrae, Tess [mailto:Tess.Macrae@accc.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 27 July 2010 4:52 PM
Subject: ACCC - request for interim authorisation - South Australian oyster spat levy [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please see the attached letter in relation to the request for interim authorisation by the South Australian Oyster Growers Association Inc (SAOGA). SAOGA has sought interim authorisation because their existing authorisation will run out before the ACCC makes a final decision about reauthorising the arrangements. If you have already made a submission to the ACCC about the SAOGA application, there is no need to make a further submission unless you have additional comments about interim authorisation.

Regards,

Tess Macrae

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