

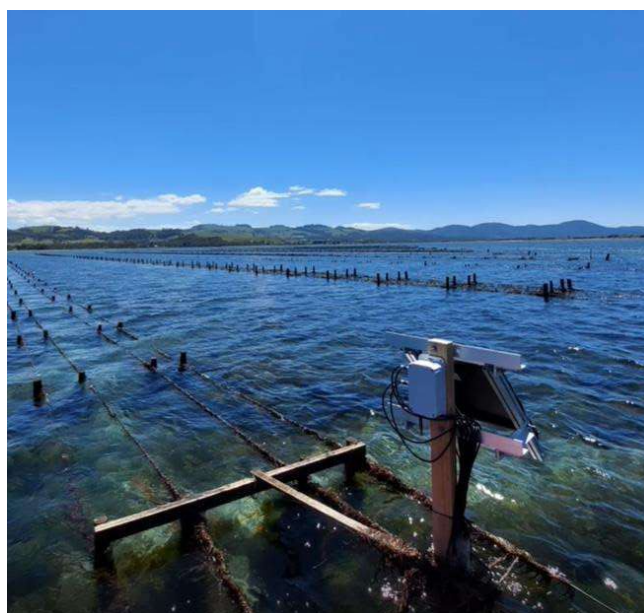


Request for Quote: Tasmanian Smart Seafood Partnership Project Evaluation

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NRM South seeks to engage a professional service to undertake a project-level evaluation of its Tasmanian Smart Seafood Partnership project.



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Background

The Tasmanian Smart Seafood Partnership (TSSP) is a partnership project between NRM South and the Tasmanian Seafood Industry Council (TSIC) which aims to improve the sustainability of processes and practices in the seafood industry to achieve positive outcomes for marine biodiversity in Tasmanian waters. To achieve this, the project creates links between education, training, research, and ecological restoration within the Tasmanian seafood industry.

The project was funded by the Australian Government through its Smart Farming Partnerships Program in 2018 and commenced in 2019. It is a unique partnership model for both a natural resource management organisation and a seafood industry peak body. The project has been actively supported by both the Australian and Tasmanian Governments, research, and private enterprise across both wild-catch and marine farming sectors.

Throughout almost 4 years of project delivery, the project has created training outputs for the seafood industry, school and community education resources, and supported research and ecological restoration activities. Each of the activities and outputs was determined by the Tasmanian seafood industry through stakeholder engagement processes. During this time, it has also adaptively managed disruption including the pandemic and market closures which heavily impacted the Tasmanian seafood industry, and changes in project partners.

Tasks and Outputs

NRM South seeks to engage a suitably qualified evaluator to understand the impact of the Tasmanian Smart Seafood Partnership project. The evaluator should:

- Engage with project managers, governance, and delivery partners.
- Review project agreements, outputs and reporting in relation to the objectives of the project.
- Describe project outcomes and impact in relation to the aims of the project.
- Assess how the project has added value to existing activities, and the impact of project support to those activities.
- Assess how the project has enabled the success of additional project opportunities.
- Reflect on how the project has adaptively managed disruption and where impact was not achieved.
- Provide recommendations to build on project outcomes which can be used for future funding purposes.

The successful evaluator will present a written response to this Request for Quote (see Form of Response).

Budget and Timeframe

Proposals close	5.00 pm Thursday 3 February 2023
Consultant appointed	Wednesday 8 February 2023
Activity initiation meeting	Wednesday 15 February 2023
Activity Completion	Friday 24 March 2023 (extensions cannot be granted)

The budget for evaluation is expected to be in the order of \$30,000 or less.

Consultation

Consultation is vital for the successful evaluation of the Tasmanian Smart Seafood Partnership project. Primary contact and consultation will be with Jennifer Hemer, Program Manager – Water and Marine at NRM South. Consultation will also be required with key staff at the Tasmanian Seafood Industry Council, the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania, Oysters Tasmania, the University of Tasmania, the Tasmanian Salmonid Growers Association, and others.

Form of Response

Please respond with an itemised quote and include details of how the proposed approach will deliver the project evaluation. Please also include rates to undertake additional case studies of related projects. Also include the knowledge and skills you and your team (if appropriate) possess, your availability to conduct the activity within the timeframe, and examples of previous work as evidence of experience. The lowest cost proposal will not necessarily be the proposal accepted.

If you have suggestions regarding ways to achieve the tasks and outputs outside of the quote using another contractor, please provide information to NRM South.

Payment

NRM South will pay tax invoices within 45 days of the date of issue of each tax invoice.

If tasks are not completed and outputs not received at the time of invoice receipt, processing of the invoice will not occur, NRM South will not be held accountable for delays in payment.

Unless otherwise agreed with NRM South, all charges and expenses payable by NRM South will be exclusive of GST but inclusive of any other applicable taxes, duties, imposts, and other similar charges payable in respect of the Contract Activity.

If GST is payable on any supply made by the contractor, NRM South will pay to the contractor, an additional amount equivalent to the GST at the time payment to the contractor is due.

Insurance

In addition to the proposal please provide evidence (if appropriate) of policies of insurance for:

- Contractor's public liability insurance;
- Professional indemnity insurance; and
- Workers Compensation.

Criteria for Assessment

Proposals will be assessed according to the following criteria – assessment weightings will apply as indicated in brackets for each criterion.

1. Merit of proposed approach and understanding of the tasks and issues involved (30%)
2. Relevant experience conducting similar work and project team experience (30%)
3. Value for Money (20%)
4. Availability to conduct the work within the identified timeframe (10%)
5. Ability to work effectively with the project team and partners (10%)

Closing Date

All proposal must be received by 5.00 pm Thursday 3 February 2023

Late responses may not be considered.

Lodgement can be made by email to jhemer@nrmsouth.org.au