

Information Pack & Submission Guide

Salmon Review Draft Study Plan – July 2026

The draft Study Plan contains many positive commitments, but it currently appears to assume that salmon farming will continue in its current form. A genuinely independent review should assess whether the industry can operate without impacts on the environment, communities and other industries.

The study should follow the evidence wherever it leads – including considering industry reduction, relocation, alternative aquaculture models, or phase-out of farming in unsuitable areas.

Key points to include in your submission



Consider all future options

- Are current production levels environmentally sustainable?
- Suggest industry reduction, relocation or phase-out where necessary
- Alternative aquaculture models, including land-based systems



Communities and other industries

- Consider tourism and Tasmania's "clean, green" reputation
- Recreational fishing and public access to waterways, amenity and community wellbeing
- Ecosystem services and other uses of marine space



Strengthen community and Indigenous participation

- **Public face-to-face community consultations must occur during the study**
- Indigenous leadership throughout the study and advisory group
- Public release of information papers and preliminary findings before conclusions are finalised



Assess cumulative environmental impacts

- Cumulative impacts across all farming regions, and from ocean warming
- Ecological carrying capacity and ecosystem recovery, use of antibiotics
- Impacts on threatened species, including the Maugean skate and Red Handfish



Ensure transparent and independent science

- **How will community observations and independent science be incorporated**
- How will industry data be independently verified?
- Will monitoring data will be publicly available?
- Independent auditing should occur



Review the regulatory system itself

- **Regulatory independence and accountability**
- Community trust in decision-making processes
- Transparency around lobbying and influence
- Do current regulations adequately protect communities and the environment?

Submit your written feedback to salmonstudy@tas.gov.au

Submissions close: 5th July 2026