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SYDNEY FISH MARKET  
**SEAFOOD  
EXCELLENCE  
AWARDS 2026**

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## **FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2026 SYDNEY FISH MARKET SEAFOOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

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With less than a month to go until the biennial Sydney Fish Market Seafood Excellence Awards, Sydney Fish Market is pleased to announce and congratulate this year's honoured finalists.

The Seafood Excellence Awards showcase the seafood industry's top players for their contribution to the economy, professionalism, and commitment to supplying high quality seafood to local, national and international markets.

This year's finalists are as follows:

**Astakos Fish Market**  
**Coffs Harbour Fishermen's Cooperative**  
**Commonwealth Fisheries Association**  
**Darron Foley**  
**David Ellis**  
**Ecomarine**  
**Felons Seafood**  
**Hamsi Taverna**  
**James Wheeler**  
**Kristin Hoel**  
**Merimbula Gourmet Oysters**  
**Michael Messiou**  
**NSW Farmers Association**  
**OceanWatch Australia**  
**Pipit Restaurant**  
**Trans Tasman Fisheries / Get Fish**  
**Tuna Australia**  
**Wheeler's Oyster Farm**  
**Yumbah Aquaculture**

These finalists are invited to a prestigious cocktail event to take place on **Wednesday 20th May 2026** at the new Sydney Seafood School, where the winners of each category will be announced.

This exclusive evening is the premier seafood event in New South Wales, welcoming the industry's top players, including commercial fishers and aquaculturists, retailers, exporters, wholesalers, and restaurateurs, as well as key government and environmental agencies and media.

After the event, many of the winners of the Sydney Fish Market Seafood Excellence Awards will be put forward as the NSW nominees for the National Seafood Industry Awards.

Sydney Fish Market CEO Daniel Jarosch says, *"The Seafood Excellence Awards are a highlight of our calendar, and this year's finalists are a testament to the extraordinary talent and dedication that drives our industry forward. From those working on the water to those bringing world-class seafood experiences to the table, every finalist represents the very best of what our industry has to offer. We look forward to celebrating with them on the night."*

*"I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our valued sponsors, without whom this event would not be possible."*

Sydney Fish Market heartily congratulates all finalists for their fantastic work, their passion for the seafood industry, their professionalism, and their commitment to supplying some of the finest seafood in the world to local, national, and international markets.