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Feral Oyster Removal Program

Offshore

On Friday 4th November the first planned oyster removal was conducted by the industry. This involved the use of Oyster growers' boats and other resources, with:

- The removal of around fifteen Tonnes of feral oysters.
- Participation by most of the oyster farming businesses - including Tas Oyster Co, South Seas, Albatross Fishing and Clifton Pacific.
- The Tasmanian Oyster Company contributing fifteen people X 4 hours each.

Onshore

Natural Resources & Environment Tasmania have issued a permit to *Wildcare: Friends of Lumeah Point* to manage live-bearing sea stars while removing feral oysters. This requires us to place sea stars back in the water appropriately and to retain and pass any deceased sea stars to an approved authority.

Onshore feral oyster removal planning details:

- All participants must register with the organisers and have received training in identifying, handling, and returning sea stars as they are found. This training can be delivered on site within a 20-minute briefing that will also include instructions on personal safety and effective oyster removal.
- *Wildcare: FOLP* has a supply of hammers, chisels, safety goggles, gloves, sunscreen, and a first aid kit. We also have hi-vis vests for those who want to play dress-ups.
- It is required that participants dress appropriately for the task and conditions. Wear solid footwear that you are willing to get wet. Be sure to bring water to stay hydrated.
- The activity takes between three and four hours, centred on the low-tide time. Low tides of 0.4m and less have been chosen.
- **Registration** will be located by the old boat ramp.

Date	Start	Low Tide	Finish
Sat 10 th Dec 2022	3:45pm	5:45pm 0.36m	7:00pm
Fri 23 rd Dec 2022	1:45pm	3:48pm 0.18m	5:00pm
Sat 7 th Jan 2023	2:30pm	4:35pm 0.38m	6:00pm
Sat 21 st Jan 2023	1:30pm	3:37pm 0.13m	5:00pm
Sat 18 th Feb 2023	12:00pm	2:04pm 0.19m	3:30pm
Sat 15 th April 2023	8:15am	10:21am 0.33m	12:00pm
Sat 13 th May 2023	7:30am	9:11am 0.33m	11:00am

Here's hoping you can make it along,

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