

# **ASX & OSE Media Release**

26 September 2023

# **Notice of 2023 Annual General Meeting and Proxy Form**

In accordance with Listing Rule 3.17, Clean Seas Seafood Limited attaches a copy of the following documents:

- 1. Letter to Shareholders regarding arrangements for Annual General Meeting;
- 2. Notice of Annual General Meeting; and
- 3. Proxy Form

Authorised for release by the Board of Clean Seas Seafood Limited.

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# About Clean Seas Seafood (ASX:CSS, OSE: CSS)

Clean Seas Seafood is a fully integrated Australian Aquaculture business listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) and with a secondary listing on Euronext Growth Oslo (OSE) – the leading exchange for high growth seafood companies.

Clean Seas is the global leader in full cycle breeding, farming, processing and marketing of its Hiramasa or Yellowtail Kingfish (*Seriola lalandi*) and is renowned amongst leading chefs and restaurants around the world for its exceptional quality.

Clean Seas is recognised for innovation in its sustainable Yellowtail Kingfish farming and has become the largest producer of aquaculture Yellowtail Kingfish outside Japan.

Clean Seas is headquartered at its processing facility in Royal Park in Adelaide, South Australia while its hatchery is at Arno Bay and its fish farms are at Port Lincoln, Arno Bay and Fitzgerald Bay on the Eyre Peninsula of South Australia.

For more information, visit www.cleanseas.com.au

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Dear Shareholder,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the Annual Meeting of Clean Seas Seafood Limited (the **Company**) scheduled to be held on Friday **27 October 2023**, **commencing at 10.00am (Adelaide time) (10.30am AEDT) (Meeting**) at Mayfair Hotel, 45 King William Street, Adelaide, SA 5000.

Following the passing of the Corporations Amendment (Meetings and Documents) Act 2022 (Cth) in February 2022, the Company has been issuing notices of annual general meetings electronically unless a shareholder has made an election to receive a paper copy of these documents. The Notice of Meeting, Annual Report and other meeting documents are available online at the Company's website at <a href="http://www.cleanseas.com.au/investors/asx-releases.">http://www.cleanseas.com.au/investors/asx-releases.</a>. A copy of the Notice of Meeting has also been posted to the Company's ASX Market Announcements page. You can request a paper copy of the Notice of Meeting by contacting BoardRoom on 1300 737 760 (within Australia) or +61 2 9290 9600 (outside Australia).

We strongly encourage all shareholders to lodge a directed proxy form and ask the Chair a question regarding the business of the Meeting, prior to the Meeting. This will allow your directed proxy vote to be counted, and your question considered, if for any reason you cannot attend on the day.

Shareholders will be able to participate in the meeting prior to the Meeting by lodging their proxy in accordance with the instructions set out in the Notice of Meeting and the proxy form attached to this letter by no later than 10.00am (Adelaide time) on **Wednesday**, 25 October 2023.

To ask a question before AGM, please submit your written questions to the Company by email to the Company Secretary at <a href="mailto:company.secretary@boardroomlimited.com.au">company.secretary@boardroomlimited.com.au</a> no later than 5pm (Adelaide time) on Friday, 20 October 2023.

Any further updates required to be given in relation to the Meeting will be made available to shareholders on the Company's website and the Company's ASX announcements platform.

Yours faithfully,

Travis Dillon

Chairman

For and on behalf of the Board



# **CLEAN SEAS SEAFOOD LIMITED**

ABN 61 094 380 435

# **Notice of 2023 Annual General Meeting**

Friday, 27 October 2023 at 10:00am (Adelaide time) (10.30 am AEDT)

# THIS IS AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

**NOTICE OF 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** 

Notice is hereby given that the 2023 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Clean Seas Seafood

Limited (Company) will be held as an in-person Meeting as follows:

Time:

10.00am (Adelaide time) (10.30am AEDT)

Date:

Friday, 27 October 2023

Place:

Mayfair Hotel, 45 King William Street, Adelaide, SA 5000.

Proxy appointments must be received by 10.00am (Adelaide time) on Wednesday, 25 October 2023. Even

if you plan to attend the Meeting in person, we encourage you to submit a directed proxy vote so that

your vote will be counted if for any reason you cannot attend on the day.

We also invite you to submit questions to the Company or auditor in advance of the Meeting. Questions

must be received by no later than 5pm (Adelaide time) on Friday, 20 October 2023. The Company will

endeavour to address as many frequently raised relevant questions as possible during the Meeting.

However, there may not be sufficient time to address all questions raised. Please note that individual

responses will not be sent to shareholders.

Please submit any written questions to the Company by e-mail to the Company Secretary at

company.secretary@boardroomlimited.com.au.

If it becomes necessary for the Company to give further updates about the Meeting, information will be

lodged with the ASX and posted on the Company's website.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS** 

1. Financial Statements and Reports

To receive and consider the Financial Statements, Directors' Report and Independent Auditor's Report for

the Company and its controlled entities for the year ended 30 June 2023.

2. Resolution 1: Adoption of Remuneration Report

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as a non-binding resolution:

"That the Remuneration Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 (as set out in the Directors"

Report) be adopted."

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#### 3. Resolution 2: Re-election of Marcus Stehr as a Director

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

"That Marcus Stehr who retires as a Director in accordance with rule 6 of the Constitution of the Company, ASX Listing Rule 14.4 and for all other purposes and, being eligible, is re-elected as a Director of the Company."

The Notes to Shareholders and Explanatory Statement providing details on each item of business form part of this Notice of Meeting.

# Dated 26 September 2023

By Order of the Board

**Robert Gratton** 

Joint Company Secretary

#### NOTES TO SHAREHOLDERS

#### 1. Explanatory Statement

Additional information concerning the items of business is contained in the Explanatory Statement which accompanies this Notice of Annual General Meeting, and which is incorporated in and comprises part of this Notice and should be read in conjunction with this Notice.

Shareholders are specifically referred to the Glossary in the Explanatory Statement which contains definitions of capitalised terms used both in this Notice and the Explanatory Statement.

# 2. Eligibility to attend and vote at the Meeting

The Company may specify a time at which a 'snapshot' of Shareholders will be taken for the purposes of determining Shareholder entitlements to vote at the Meeting. The Directors have determined that all Shares of the Company that are on issue as at 6.30pm (Adelaide time) on **Wednesday, 25 October 2023** shall, for the purposes of determining voting entitlements at the Meeting, be taken to be held by the persons registered as holding the Shares at that time.

#### 3. Voting Method

Each resolution considered at the Meeting will be conducted by a poll. On a poll, shareholders have one vote for every fully paid ordinary share held (subject to the restrictions on voting referred to below).

# 4. Voting exclusion statements

#### (a) Resolution 1 (Adoption of Remuneration Report)

The Corporations Act restricts members of Key Management Personnel (as that expression is defined in the Glossary) of the Company and their Closely Related Parties (as that expression is defined in the Glossary) from voting in relation to Resolution 1 (Adoption of Remuneration Report) in certain circumstances.

The Company will disregard any votes cast on Resolution 1:

- (i) by or on behalf of a member of the Key Management Personnel, details of whose remuneration are included in the Remuneration Report for the year ended 30 June 2023, or a Closely Related Party of such a member (regardless of the capacity in which the vote is cast); or
- (ii) as a proxy by a person who is a member of the Key Management Personnel on the date of the Meeting, or a Closely Related Party of such a member

unless the vote is cast as proxy for a person entitled to vote on Resolution 1:

- (i) in accordance with a direction on the proxy form; or
- (ii) by the Chairman of the Meeting, in accordance with an express authorisation to exercise the proxy even though Resolution 1 is connected with the remuneration of members of Key Management Personnel.

Shareholders are encouraged to lodge a proxy by 10.00am (Adelaide time) on **Wednesday, 25 October 2023** even if they plan to attend the Meeting.

# 5. Voting by proxy

If you are entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting, you have a right to appoint a person to attend and vote for you at the Meeting as your proxy. To appoint a proxy:

- Online: <a href="https://www.votingonline.com.au/cleanseasagm2023">https://www.votingonline.com.au/cleanseasagm2023</a>
- By Mail: Please request an Appointment of Proxy Form from Boardroom by:
  - o calling 1300 737 760 (within Australia) or +61 2 9290 9600 (outside Australia); or
  - o e-mailing enquiries@boardroomlimited.com.au

and return it in accordance with the instructions set out on that form. A proxy need not be a Shareholder of the Company and may be an individual or a body corporate. A body corporate-appointed proxy may appoint a representative to exercise the powers that the body corporate may exercise as the Shareholder's proxy.

A Shareholder entitled to cast two or more votes is entitled to appoint up to two proxies to attend the Meeting and vote and may specify the proportion or number of votes each proxy is appointed to exercise. If the appointments do not specify the percentage or number of votes that each proxy may exercise, each proxy may exercise half your votes. Fractions of votes will be disregarded.

Please note that if the Chairman of the Meeting is your proxy (or becomes your proxy by default), you expressly authorise the Chairman to exercise your proxy on Resolution 1 even though it is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel, which includes the Chairman. If you appoint the Chairman as your proxy, you can direct the Chairman to vote for or against or abstain from voting on Resolution 1 by marking the appropriate box for each resolution.

The Chairman intends to vote all undirected proxies in favour of Resolutions 1-2.

# 6. Lodging Your Proxy Form

Any duly executed appointment of Proxy Form (and the power of attorney (if any) under which it is signed or a certified copy thereof) must be received by one of the methods described below no later than **10.00am** (Adelaide time) on **Wednesday, 25 October 2023.** 

Any Appointment of Proxy Form received after that time will not be valid for the scheduled Annual General Meeting.

#### Proxies may be lodged as follows:

BY MAIL - Boardroom Pty Limited

GPO Box 3993

Sydney NSW 2001 Australia

**BY FAX** - + 61 2 9290 9655

**ONLINE** - https://www.votingonline.com.au/cleanseasagm2023

# 7. Corporate Shareholders

Any corporate Shareholder who has appointed a person to act as its corporate representative at the Meeting must provide that person with a certificate or letter executed in accordance with the Corporations Act authorising him or her to act as that company's representative. The authority must be sent to the Company and/or its securities registry in advance of the Meeting by fax to +61 2 9290 9655, e-mail to enquiries@boardroomlimited.com.au or post to the address above.

# 8. Asking Questions at the Meeting

Shareholders as a whole will have a reasonable opportunity to ask questions during the AGM, including an opportunity to ask questions of the Company's external auditor, Grant Thornton relating to the audit.

# EXPLANATORY STATEMENT TO NOTICE OF 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CLEAN SEAS SEAFOOD LIMITED

#### Introduction

This Explanatory Statement sets out information in connection with the business to be considered at the 2023 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Clean Seas Seafood Limited to be held on Friday, 27 October 2023 commencing at 10.00am (Adelaide time) (10.30am AEDT).

#### 1. Financial Statements and Reports

The Corporations Act requires:

- the reports of the Directors and auditor; and
- the annual financial report, including the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2023, to be laid before the Annual General Meeting. The Corporation's Act does not require Shareholders to approve the reports or statements. Accordingly, no resolution will be put to Shareholders on this item of business.

The Company's 2023 Annual Report will be presented to the meeting. Shareholders can access a copy of the Company's 2023 Annual Report on the Company's website at <a href="http://www.cleanseas.com.au/investors/asx-releases">http://www.cleanseas.com.au/investors/asx-releases</a>.

As permitted by legislation, a printed copy of the Company's Annual Report has been sent only to those Shareholders who have elected to receive a printed copy.

Shareholders will be given a reasonable opportunity to raise questions or comments on the management of the Company.

Shareholders will also be given a reasonable opportunity to ask the Company's auditor questions relevant to the conduct of the audit, the preparation and content of the auditor's report, the accounting policies adopted by the Company in relation to the preparation of the financial statements and the independence of the auditor in relation to the conduct of the audit.

### 2. Resolution 1: Adoption of Remuneration Report

The Remuneration Report is in the Directors' Report section of the Company's Annual Report. Listed companies are required by section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act to put the Remuneration Report to the vote for adoption at the Company's Annual General Meeting.

The resolution will be determined as an ordinary resolution but is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or the Company. However, the Directors will consider the outcome of the vote and comments

made by Shareholders on the Remuneration when reviewing the Company's remuneration practices and policies.

Resolution 1 is a non-binding resolution.

The Board recommends that shareholders vote in favour of this resolution.

The Chairman of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of Resolution 1.

#### 3. Resolution 2: Re-election of Marcus Stehr as Director

In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 14.4 and Rule 6 of the Company's Constitution, Marcus Stehr retires by rotation as a Director of the Company effective at the conclusion of this Meeting and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election as a Director.

Mr Stehr was appointed to the Company Board on 5 September 2000.

Mr Stehr's technical qualifications include Master Class 4 Fishing/Trading Skippers certificates, MED 1 and Dive Master certificates. Commercial qualifications include business management courses spanning post graduate studies in Business and completion of the Company Director's Course. He is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Mr. Stehr has more than 25 years hands on experience in marine finfish aquaculture operations encompassing Tuna, Kingfish and Mulloway.

In addition to being Managing Director of Australian Tuna Fisheries Pty Ltd (a major shareholder in Clean Seas), Stehr Group Pty Ltd and Sanchez Tuna Pty Ltd, Mr Stehr makes a strong contribution to the Australian fishing and aquaculture industries as:

- Board member of the Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna Industry Association Ltd;
- Director of the Australian Maritime and Fisheries Academy (Australian Fisheries Academy Ltd);
- Industry member of Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery Management Advisory Committee; and
- Industry representative on the Southern Bluefin Tuna Management Advisory Committee.

Mr Stehr is considered to be an Independent Director.

Resolution 2 is an ordinary resolution.

The Board (with Mr Stehr abstaining) recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of this resolution.

The Chairman of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of Resolution 2.

#### Glossary

In this Explanatory Statement, unless the context otherwise requires:

ASX means ASX Limited ACN 008 624 691;

**Board** means the Board of Directors of the Company;

**Closely Related Party** of a member of the Key Management Personnel for an entity has the meaning given in the Corporations Act;

Company means Clean Seas Seafood Limited ACN 094 380 435;

Constitution means the existing constitution of the Company;

Corporations Act means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth);

**Directors** means the directors of the Company;

**Key Management Personnel** has the same meaning as in the accounting standards as defined in section 9 of the Corporations Act (so the term broadly includes those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, directly or indirectly, including any director, whether executive or otherwise, of the Company);

Listing Rules means the official listing rules of ASX;

Meeting means the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders convened by the Notice;

Notice means the Notice of Annual General Meeting to which this Explanatory Statement is attached;

Related party has the meaning given to that term in section 228 of the Corporations Act;

**Share** means a fully paid ordinary share in the capital of the Company; and

Shareholder means a holder of a Share.



#### All Correspondence to:

By Mail Boardroom Pty Limited

GPO Box 3993

Sydney NSW 2001 Australia

**By Fax:** +61 2 9290 9655

Online: www.boardroomlimited.com.au

By Phone: (within Australia) 1300 737 760

(outside Australia) +61 2 9290 9600

# YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

For your proxy appointment to be effective it must be recorded before 10:00am (Adelaide time) on Wednesday, 25 October 2023.

 ☐ TO VOTE ONLINE

BY SMARTPHONE

STEP 1: VISIT https://www.votingonline.com.au/cleanseasagm2023

STEP 2: Enter your Postcode OR Country of Residence (if outside Australia)

STEP 3: Enter your Voting Access Code (VAC):



Scan QR Code using smartphone QR Reader App

# TO VOTE BY COMPLETING THE PROXY FORM

#### STEP 1 APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

Indicate who you want to appoint as your Proxy.

If you wish to appoint the Chair of the Meeting as your proxy, mark the box. If you wish to appoint someone other than the Chair of the Meeting as your proxy please write the full name of that individual or body corporate. If you leave this section blank, or your named proxy does not attend the Meeting, the Chair of the Meeting will be your proxy. If your named proxy attends the Meeting but does not vote on a poll on a resolution in accordance with your directions, the Chair of the Meeting will become your proxy in respect of that resolution. A proxy need not be a securityholder of the company. Do not write the name of the issuer company or the registered securityholder in the space.

### **Appointment of a Second Proxy**

You are entitled to appoint up to two proxies to attend the Meeting and vote. If you wish to appoint a second proxy, an additional Proxy Form may be obtained by contacting the company's securities registry or you may copy this form.

To appoint a second proxy you must:

(a) complete two Proxy Forms. On each Proxy Form state the percentage of your voting rights or the number of securities applicable to that form. If the appointments do not specify the percentage or number of votes that each proxy may exercise, each proxy may exercise half your votes. Fractions of votes will be disregarded.

(b) return both forms together in the same envelope.

# STEP 2 VOTING DIRECTIONS TO YOUR PROXY

To direct your proxy how to vote, mark one of the boxes opposite each item of business. All your securities will be voted in accordance with such a direction unless you indicate only a portion of securities are to be voted on any item by inserting the percentage or number that you wish to vote in the appropriate box or boxes. If you do not mark any of the boxes on a given item, your proxy may vote as he or she chooses (subject to any voting restrictions). If you mark more than one box on an item for all your securities your vote on that item will be invalid.

#### Voting restrictions for KMP

Please note that if you appoint a member of the Company's key management personnel (KMP) (which includes each of the directors) or one of their closely related parties as your proxy, they will not be able to cast your vote on **Resolution 1**, unless you direct them how to vote or the Chair of the Meeting is your proxy. If you appoint the Chair of the Meeting as your proxy or the Chair of the Meeting is appointed as your proxy by default, but you do not mark a voting box for Resolution 1, by completing and submitting this Proxy Form, you will be expressly authorising the Chair of the Meeting to exercise your proxy in respect of the relevant Item, even though the Item is indirectly or directly connected with the remuneration of the KMP.

#### Proxy which is a Body Corporate

Where a body corporate is appointed as your proxy, the representative of that body corporate attending the Meeting must have provided an "Appointment of Corporate Representative" prior to the Meeting. An Appointment of Corporate Representative form can be obtained from the company's securities registry.

#### STEP 3 SIGN THE FORM

The form **must** be signed as follows:

Individual: This form is to be signed by the securityholder.

Joint Holding: where the holding is in more than one name, all the securityholders should sign.

**Power of Attorney:** to sign under a Power of Attorney, you must have already lodged it with the registry. Alternatively, attach a certified copy of the Power of Attorney to this form when you return it.

Companies: this form must be signed by a Director jointly with either another Director or a Company Secretary. Where the company has a Sole Director who is also the Sole Company Secretary, this form should be signed by that person. Please indicate the office held by signing in the appropriate place.

#### STEP 4 LODGEMENT

Proxy forms (and any Power of Attorney under which it is signed) must be received no later than 48 hours before the commencement of the Meeting, therefore by 10:00am (Adelaide time) on Wednesday, 25 October 2023. Any Proxy Form received after that time will not be valid for the scheduled meeting.

#### Proxy forms may be lodged by one of the following methods:

■ Online https://www.votingonline.com.au/cleanseasagm2023

**■ By Fax** + 61 2 9290 9655

Boardroom Pty Limited GPO Box 3993,

Sydney NSW 2001 Australia

#### Attending the Meeting

If you wish to attend the meeting please bring this form with you to assist registration.

# Clean Seas Seafood Limited ABN 61 094 380 435

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