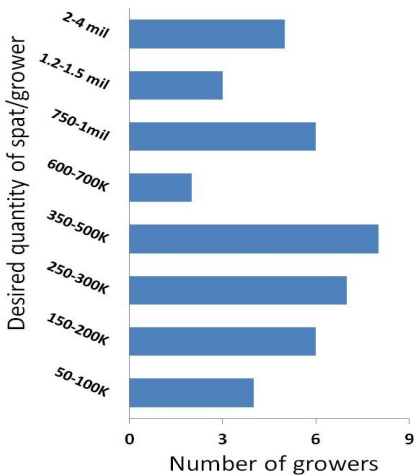




[Demand for SOCo spat over 33 million/year](#)

Our six question online survey received responses from 47 growers across NSW and southern QLD, approx. 16% of NSW permit holders. Results show that demand for SOCo stock of those respondents is 33.6 million. Traits of highest priority for the SRO-breeding program are disease resistance, growth and condition. The most popular size of spat is between 4- 8mm. Results are on the [SOCo website](#). The survey is still open. We urge growers to take it if they haven't already. Click [here](#).

Demand of SOCo SROs



[Wapengo Lake tour, BBQ and bivalves](#)

On 14th October, Sapphire Coast Wilderness Oysters and EMS Coordinator Jillian Keating, Ocean-Watch Australia Andy Myers, Landcare and Wapengo growers hosted the Wapengo Lake Farm and Estuary Tour. 58 people attended including oyster growers, local land holders, Landcare, industry organisations (OceanWatch, SOCo), researchers, NGOs (Sapphire Coast Marine Discovery Centre) and government agencies. We finished with a BBQ and some delicious local oysters. Thanks to all those who supported this day.



[SOCo AGM](#)

The SOCo Board are meeting in Sydney at NSW Farmers Association offices on 18th—19th November. We invite submissions from industry. email selectoysterco@gmail.com

[Hatchery runs](#)

Southern Cross Shellfish 0488 224 927 & 0418 134 638, and Camden Haven Oyster Supply 0427 334 649 are currently conditioning and spawning SOCo broodstock. Place orders for 2016 -17 with the nurseries, [click here](#).

[Broodstock repository](#)

SOCo have expanded our broodstock holding sites across 8 leases NSW. We thank Matt Wassnig, Tony Troup, Anthony Sciacca, Steve Verdich, Ben Malone, Dean and Steve Cole, John and Chris Ritchie and Dom and Pip Boyton for their support. Genetic integrity and quality of broodstock are key for the breeding program. Advanced technology, as that used by Pacific Oyster and salmon industries targets commercial traits.

SOCo Board meetings are held monthly

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