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Trawling the nation to find our best seafood

Australian tiger prawn and barramundi producers will be hoping to score the ultimate catch of a champion trophy, with entries opening today for the 2025 Royal Queensland Aquaculture Awards (RQAA).

The competition features three classes for farmed small and large barramundi and cooked tiger prawns, with the prestigious titles of Champion Barramundi of Show and Champion Tiger Prawn of Show up for grabs.

Entries will be judged in March, with the judging panel featuring a diverse range of industry experts including fisheries managers, farmers, wholesalers, retailers, chefs and food scientists.

International seafood expert and Chief Judge John Susman said 2024 was the first year of the RQAA and he was looking forward to once again judging the best of Australia's seafood.

"The inaugural awards were a resounding success, showcasing exceptional entries that highlighted the innovation and quality within the industry," he said.

"Australian-grown seafood stands out for its pristine provenance, sustainable farming practices, and unparalleled culinary quality, reflecting the nation's commitment to world-class aquaculture standards."

The awards give producers a platform to benchmark themselves against their industry peers and promote their top quality products.

"Winning a Royal Queensland Aquaculture Award offers farmers unparalleled recognition, bolsters their reputation for excellence, and provides a powerful marketing edge to elevate their business," Mr Susman said.

Entries close Monday 17 February 2025. Aquaculture producers can enter now at www.rqa.com.au/competitions/aquaculture-awards

For more information on the Royal Queensland Awards visit www.rqa.com.au.

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