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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Proposed Fisheries Regulations 2019

Notice is given that, in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the proposed Fisheries Regulations 2019 (the proposed Regulations).

The reason for the proposed Regulations is to re-make and replace the existing Fisheries Regulations 2009 which sunset on 2 February 2020. The proposed Regulations are made under the **Fisheries Act 1995**. The objectives of the proposed Regulations are:

- to provide for the control and management of fisheries in Victoria on a sustainable basis; and
- to provide for matters authorised to be prescribed under the **Fisheries Act 1995**.

The proposed Regulations will ensure continuation of recreational and commercial fishing and aquaculture production in Victoria. In this regard, the proposed Regulations do a number of important things:

- they define the fisheries licence classes, which is necessary for people to be able to hold and use licences;
- they set controls on each type of fishing, including catch limits, size limits, closed seasons, and restrictions for specific areas; and
- they outline a range of measures to allow the regulator (the Victorian Fisheries Authority) to monitor and enforce the management controls.

Key changes from the Fisheries Regulations 2009 include:

- creation of new fisheries and associated access licence classes;
- new catch and size limits for some fish species;
- expansion of mandatory vessel monitoring system requirements for commercial access licences;
- introduction of mandatory electronic reporting for some commercial access licences; and
- introduction of a consistent form of fish receipt and fish movement record.

The RIS assesses the benefits and costs of the proposed regulations and possible alternatives, concluding that the benefits of the proposed regulations outweigh the expected costs.

Copies of the proposed regulations and the RIS can be obtained from <https://getinvolved.transport.vic.gov.au/fishreg2019>. You may also telephone the Department of Transport on (03) 8392 6854.

The Department of Transport invites public comments or submissions on the proposed regulations and the accompanying RIS by no later than 5 pm on 29 October 2019.

Comments or submissions should be submitted through the above website or via email to fisheries.regulations2019@transport.vic.gov.au. Submissions can also be sent by post, marked 'Fisheries Regulations 2019' and addressed to:

Attention: Mr Scott Lawrence
Department of Transport
Level 8, 8 Exhibition Street
Melbourne, Victoria 3000.

All comments and submissions will be treated as public documents, unless the person making the comment or submission requests that it not be publicly available.

Dated 23 September 2019

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Minister for Fishing and Boating

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