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AMENDING ORDER – FURTHER QUOTA ORDER FOR THE ABALONE FISHERY (Central Abalone Zone)

I, Travis Dowling, Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Fisheries Authority, as a delegate of the Minister for Boating and Fishing, and having undertaken consultation in accordance with section 3A of the **Fisheries Act 1995**, make the following Order under section 66D of the Act.

1. This Order amends the Further Abalone Quota Order under section 66D of the Act for the Central Zone of the Victorian abalone (commercial) fishery dated 30 May 2022 and published in the Victoria Government Gazette number G24 on 16 June 2022 (Original Order).
2. The Original Order is amended by substituting clause 4 with the following:
 - 4(a) The quantity of fish comprising an individual blacklip abalone quota unit in the central abalone zone for the quota period is 354.11 kilograms of unshucked blacklip abalone.

This order commences 1 July 2022 and remains in force until 30 June 2023.

Dated 3 November 2022

TRAVIS DOWLING
Chief Executive Officer
Victorian Fisheries Authority

Fisheries Act 1995

AMENDING ORDER – FURTHER QUOTA ORDER FOR THE ABALONE FISHERY (Western Abalone Zone)

I, Travis Dowling, Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Fisheries Authority, as a delegate of the Minister for Boating and Fishing, and having undertaken consultation in accordance with section 3A of the **Fisheries Act 1995**, make the following Order under section 66D of the Act.

1. This Order amends the Further Abalone Quota Order under section 66D of the Act for the Western Zone of the Victorian abalone (commercial) fishery dated 30 May 2022 and published in the Victoria Government Gazette number G24 on 16 June 2022 (Original Order).
2. The Original Order is amended by substituting clause 4 with the following:
 - 4(a) The quantity of fish comprising an individual blacklip abalone quota unit in the central abalone zone for the quota period is 120.71 kilograms of unshucked blacklip abalone.
3. The Original Order is amended by substituting clause 5 with the following:
 - 5(a) The quantity of fish comprising an individual greenlip abalone quota unit in the western abalone zone for the quota period is 135.71 kilograms of unshucked greenlip abalone.

This order commences 1 July 2022 and remains in force until 30 June 2023.

Dated 3 November 2022

TRAVIS DOWLING
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Fisheries Act 1995

INITIAL ABALONE QUOTA ORDER

I, Travis Dowling, Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Fisheries Authority, as a delegate of the Minister for Fishing and Boating and having undertaken consultation in accordance with section 3A of the **Fisheries Act 1995**, make the following Order under section 66C of the Act.

1. I declare under section 66C(1)(a) of the **Fisheries Act 1995** that the abalone fishery is to be managed by the allocation of quotas.
2. The total number of individual blacklip abalone quota units for the quota fishery is determined by multiplying the number of individual blacklip abalone quota units initially allocated for each Abalone Fishery Access Licence held by the holder of an Abalone Fishery Access Licence (Access Licence holder) for the quota fishery on 1 April 2006 by 71.¹
3. The total number of individual greenlip abalone quota units for the quota fishery is determined by multiplying the number of individual greenlip abalone quota units initially allocated for each Abalone Fishery Access Licence held by the Access Licence holder in the western and central abalone zones for the quota fishery on 1 April 2006 by 48.¹
4. Each Access Licence holder for the eastern abalone zone is to be initially allocated the same number of individual blacklip abalone quota units for each Abalone Fishery Access Licence held by that holder for that zone as of 1 August 2022.
5. Each Access Licence holder for the central abalone zone is to be initially allocated the same number of individual blacklip abalone quota units and individual greenlip abalone quota units for each Abalone Fishery Access Licence held by that holder for that zone as of 1 August 2022.
6. Each Access Licence holder for the western abalone zone is to be initially allocated the same number of individual blacklip abalone quota units and individual greenlip abalone quota units for each Abalone Fishery Access Licence held by that holder for that zone as of 1 August 2022.
7. The Access Licence holder must at all times hold at least 5 individual blacklip abalone quota units in respect of each Abalone Fishery Access Licence it holds.
8. The circumstances in which individual quota units for the central abalone zone can be carried over are set out below:
 - (a) One fifth of each individual quota unit for the central abalone zone not taken during the quota period between 1 April 2020 and 30 June 2021 may be carried over to the central abalone zone quota period between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022.
 - (b) One fifth of each individual quota unit for the central abalone zone not taken during the quota period between 1 April 2020 and 30 June 2021 may be carried over to the central abalone zone quota period between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023.

Note:

1. On 1 April 2006, there were 71 Abalone Fishery Access Licences in the abalone fishery (23 in the eastern abalone zone, 34 in the central abalone zone and 14 in the western abalone zone) and the initial allocation of quota units per zone on 1 April 2006 was as follows:

- eastern abalone zone: each licence holder was allocated 20 blacklip abalone quota units;
- central abalone zone: each licence holder was allocated 20 blacklip abalone quota units and 1 greenlip abalone quota unit;
- western abalone zone: each licence holder was allocated 20 blacklip abalone quota units and 1 greenlip abalone quota unit.

Therefore, the total number of individual blacklip abalone quota units and individual greenlip abalone quota units per zone is as follows:

- eastern abalone zone: 460 blacklip abalone quota units;
- central abalone zone: 680 blacklip abalone quota units and 34 greenlip abalone quota units;
- western abalone zone: 280 blacklip abalone quota units and 14 greenlip abalone quota units.

- (c) One fifth of each individual quota unit for the central abalone zone not taken during the quota period between 1 April 2020 and 30 June 2021 may be carried over to the central abalone zone quota period between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024.
 - (d) One fifth of each individual quota unit for the central abalone zone not taken during the quota period between 1 April 2020 and 30 June 2021 may be carried over to the central abalone zone quota period between 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025.
 - (e) One fifth of each individual quota unit for the central abalone zone not taken during the quota period between 1 April 2020 and 30 June 2021 may be carried over to the central abalone zone quota period between 1 July 2025 and 30 June 2026.
 - (f) Individual quota units for the central abalone zone that are not taken during any other quota period cannot be carried over to the next quota period.
9. The circumstances in which individual quota units for the eastern abalone zone can be carried over are set out below:
 - (a) One third of each individual quota unit for the eastern abalone zone not taken during the quota period between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021 may be carried over to the eastern abalone zone quota period between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022.
 - (b) One third of each individual quota unit for the eastern abalone zone not taken during the quota period between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021 may be carried over to the eastern abalone zone quota period between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023.
 - (c) One third of each individual quota unit for the eastern abalone zone not taken during the quota period between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021 may be carried over to the eastern abalone zone quota period between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024.
 - (d) Individual quota units for the eastern abalone zone that are not taken during any other quota period cannot be carried over to the next quota period.
10. The circumstances in which individual quota units for the western abalone zone can be carried over are set out below:
 - (a) Individual quota units for the western abalone zone not taken during the quota period between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021 may be carried over to the western abalone zone quota period between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022.
 - (b) Individual quota units for the western abalone zone that are not taken during any other quota period cannot be carried over to the next quota period.
11. The circumstances in which an Abalone Fishery Access Licence holder may exceed the individual quota allocated to that licence in a quota period are set out in clauses 12 and 13.
12. Subject to clause 13, an Access Licence holder may exceed the individual quota allocated to that licence by an amount of no more than 10 kilograms of abalone in a quota period. This additional amount does not apply if the quantity of fish comprising that individual abalone quota unit for the quota period is 0.
13. If, under clause 12, the Access Licence holder has landed up to 10 kilograms of abalone more than the individual quota allocated to that licence, the amount of abalone by which the quota allocated to that licence is exceeded must be deducted from the quota allocation applying to that access licence in the following quota period.

This Order commences on 1 October 2022 and revokes the previous Initial Abalone Quota Order, dated 30 April 2020, and published in the Victoria Government Gazette No. S 221 on 5 May 2020; and revokes the Amendment to Initial Abalone Quota Order, dated 24 December 2021, and published in the Victoria Government Gazette No. S 752 on 31 December 2021.

Dated 3 November 2022

TRAVIS DOWLING
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