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## MINISTERIAL DIRECTIONS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 61 AND 62 OF THE FISHERIES ACT 1995

I, Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, having consulted with the Fisheries Co-Management Council and other relevant consultative bodies, direct that no additional fishery access licences for the following fisheries (listed below) are to be issued following the conversion of existing licences under the **Fisheries Act 1968** to new licences under the **Fisheries Act 1995**:

List of fisheries to which this Direction applies-

Abalone Fishery  
Anderson's Inlet Fishery  
Corner Inlet Fishery  
Eel Fishery  
Gippsland Lakes Fishery  
Inland Fishery  
Lake Tyers Fishery  
Mallacoota Lower Lake Fishery  
Rock Lobster Fishery  
Scallop Ocean Fishery  
Shallow Inlet Fishery  
Tamboon Inlet Fishery  
Trawl (Inshore) Fishery  
Westernport/Port Phillip Bay Fishery  
Wrasse (Ocean) Fishery

This Direction commences on 1 April 1998 and remains in force until revoked.

Dated 25 March 1998

PATRICK McNAMARA  
Minister for Agriculture and Resources

## MINISTERIAL DIRECTIONS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 61 AND 62 OF THE FISHERIES ACT 1995

I, Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, having consulted with the Victorian Fishing Industry Federation, the Commercial Abalone Fishery Committee and the Fisheries Co-Management Council, and

having considered comments made by those bodies, give the following directions in relation to the abalone fishery in the central abalone zone.

The number of Abalone Fishery Access Licences for the central abalone zone is not to exceed 34.

The commercial fishing area in the central abalone zone includes marine waters other than any area of Victorian water within 3 nautical miles of any land in the Hogan Group of Islands in Bass Strait.

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Dated 25 March 1998

PATRICK McNAMARA  
Minister for Agriculture and Resources

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I, Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, having consulted with the Victorian Fishing Industry Federation, the Commercial Abalone Fishery Committee and the Fisheries Co-Management Council, and having considered comments made by those bodies, give the following direction in relation to the abalone fishery in the eastern abalone zone.

The number of Abalone Fishery Access Licences for the eastern abalone zone is not to exceed 23.

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Dated 25 March 1998

PATRICK McNAMARA  
Minister for Agriculture and Resources

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I, Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, having consulted with the Victorian Fishing Industry Federation,

the Commercial Abalone Fishery Committee and the Fisheries Co-Management Council, and having considered comments made by those bodies, give the following directions in relation to the Abalone Fishery in the western abalone zone.

The number of Abalone Fishery Access Licences for the western abalone zone is not to exceed 14.

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Dated 25 March 1998

PATRICK McNAMARA  
Minister for Agriculture and Resources

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I, Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, having consulted with the Fisheries Co-Management Council and the Commercial Bays and Inlets Fishery Committee, and having considered comments made by those bodies, give the following directions in relation to the Anderson's Inlet fishery.

The Anderson's Inlet fishery is to continue to be subject to licence reduction with no new licences being issued on the lapse of current licences.

The number of Anderson's Inlet Access Licences is not to exceed 4.

Management of Bay and Inlet Fisheries in Victoria is currently being reviewed. On completion of the review, Ministerial Directions for Bay and Inlet Fisheries will be amended as necessary to reflect any decisions by the Government in respect of Bay and Inlet Fisheries.

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Dated 25 March 1998

PATRICK McNAMARA  
Minister for Agriculture and Resources

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I, Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, having consulted

with the Fisheries Co-Management Council and the Commercial Bays and Inlets Fishery Committee, and having considered comments made by those bodies, give the following directions in relation to the Corner Inlet Fishery.

The Corner Inlet Fishery is to continue to be subject to licence reduction in which the number of Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licences will be reduced until all licences in the fishery become consolidated licences which are derived from two previous unconsolidated licences.

On the issue of Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licences on 1 April 1998, the Secretary is to designate the status of each licence as being either consolidated or unconsolidated in accordance with previous licence records held by the Secretary under the **Fisheries Act 1968**.

Any two holders of unconsolidated Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licences and a person seeking the transfer from them of their licences may apply to the Secretary for approval to consolidate the two licences and have the consolidated licence issued to the person seeking the transfer from the existing licence holders.

The Secretary must not consider any application for the transfer of a Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence unless -

- (a) the applicant satisfies the Secretary, by examination or otherwise, that the applicant or the person nominated on the licence has a competent knowledge of the provisions of the **Fisheries Act 1995** and the Regulations made under that Act which are relevant to the Corner Inlet Fishery; and
- (b) the applicant or the person nominated on the licence to carry out the activities authorised by the licence has a relevant licence or certificate of competency under the **Marine Act 1988**.

Management of Bay and Inlet Fisheries in Victoria is currently being reviewed. On completion of the review, Ministerial Directions for Bay and Inlet Fisheries will be amended as necessary to reflect any decisions by the Government in respect of Bay and Inlet Fisheries.

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Dated 25 March 1998

PATRICK McNAMARA  
Minister for Agriculture and Resources

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I, Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, having consulted with the Fisheries Co-Management Council and the Inland Fishery Committee, and having considered comments made by those bodies, give the following directions in relation to the Eel Fishery.

On the issue of Eel Fishery Access Licences on 1 April 1998, the Secretary is to designate on the licence the status of those licences as being either transferable or non-transferable in accordance with the decision of the Secretary and the catch criteria stated in the Eel Fishery Management Plan.

The Eel Fishery is to continue to be subject to licence reduction by no new licences being issued on the lapse of current non-transferable licences.

The gear entitlement for all non-transferable Eel Fishery Access Licences is to be reduced as a condition on the licence to 25 fyke nets from 1 April 1999.

The Secretary must not grant any application for the transfer of any transferable Eel Fishery Licence unless -

- (a) the applicant satisfies the Secretary, by examination or otherwise, that the applicant has a competent knowledge of the provisions of the **Fisheries Act 1995** and the Regulations made under that Act which are relevant to the fishery; or
- (b) that the applicant or the person nominated on the licence to carry out the activities authorised by the licence has a relevant licence or certificate of competency under the Marine Act 1988.

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Dated 25 March 1998

PATRICK McNAMARA  
Minister for Agriculture and Resources

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I, Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, having consulted with the Fisheries Co-Management Council and the Commercial Bays and Inlets Fishery Committee, and having considered comments made by those bodies, give the following directions in relation to the Gippsland Lakes Fishery.

The Gippsland Lakes Fishery is to continue to be subject to licence reduction in which the number of Gippsland Lakes Fishery Access Licences will be reduced until all licences in the fishery become consolidated licences which are derived from two previous unconsolidated licences.

On the issue of Gippsland Lakes Fishery Access Licences on April 1 1998, the Secretary is to designate the status of each licence as being either consolidated or unconsolidated in accordance with previous licence records held by the Secretary under the **Fisheries Act 1968**.

Any two holders of unconsolidated Gippsland Lakes Fishery Access Licences and a person seeking the transfer from them of their licences may apply to the Secretary for approval to consolidate the two licences and have the consolidated licence issued to the person seeking the transfer from the existing licence holders.

The Secretary must not consider any application for the transfer of a Gippsland Lakes Fishery Access Licences unless -

- (a) the applicant satisfies the Secretary, by examination or otherwise, that the applicant or the person nominated on the licence to carry out the activities authorised by the licence has a competent knowledge of the provisions of the **Fisheries Act 1995** and the Regulations made under that Act which are relevant to the fishery; and
- (b) the applicant or the person nominated on the licence to carry out the activities authorised by the licence has a relevant licence or certificate of competency under the **Marine Act 1988**.

Management of Bay and Inlet Fisheries in Victoria is currently being reviewed. On

completion of the review, Ministerial Directions for Bay and Inlet Fisheries will be amended as necessary to reflect any decisions by the Government in respect of Bay and Inlet Fisheries.

This Direction commences on 1 April 1998 and remains in force until revoked.

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PATRICK McNAMARA  
Minister for Agriculture and Resources

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I, Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, having consulted with the Fisheries Co-Management Council and the Commercial Bays and Inlets Fishery Committee, and having considered comments made by those bodies, direct that Gippsland Lakes Fishery (Bait) Access Licences in the Gippsland Lakes Fishery are to be managed separately from Gippsland Lakes Fishery Access Licences.

The maximum number of Gippsland Lakes Fishery (Bait) Access Licences is not to exceed 10.

The Secretary must not consider any application for the transfer of a Gippsland Lakes Fishery (Bait) Fishery Access Licence unless -

- (a) the applicant satisfies the Secretary, by examination or otherwise, that the applicant or the person nominated on the licence to carry out the activities authorised by the licence has a competent knowledge of the provisions of the **Fisheries Act 1995** and the Regulations made under that Act which are relevant to the fishery; and
- (b) where the applicant intends to operate from a vessel, that the applicant or the person nominated on the licence to carry out the activities authorised by the licence has a relevant licence or certificate of competency under the **Marine Act 1988**.

Management of Bay and Inlet Fisheries in Victoria is currently being reviewed. On completion of the review, Ministerial

Directions for Bay and Inlet Fisheries will be amended as necessary to reflect any decisions by the Government in respect of Bay and Inlet Fisheries.

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PATRICK McNAMARA Minister for  
Agriculture and Resources

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I, Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, having consulted with the Fisheries Co-Management Council and the Commercial Bays and Inlets Fishery Committee, and having considered comments made by those bodies, give the following directions in relation to the Mussel Dive Fishery in Gippsland Lakes and the Mussel Bait Fishery in Port Phillip Bay:

The Mussel Dive Fisheries in Gippsland Lakes and the Mussel Bait Fishery in Port Phillip Bay are to be subject to licence reduction with no new Gippsland Lakes (Mussel Dive) Fishery Access Licences or Port Phillip Bay (Mussel Bait) Fishery Access Licences being issued on the lapse of current licences.

The number of Gippsland Lakes (Mussel Dive) Fishery Access Licences is not to exceed 4 and the number of Port Phillip Bay (Mussel Bait) Fishery Access Licences is not to exceed 3.

Management of Bay and Inlet Fisheries in Victoria is currently being reviewed. On completion of the review, Ministerial Directions for Bay and Inlet Fisheries will be amended as necessary to reflect any decisions by the Government in respect of Bay and Inlet Fisheries.

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PATRICK McNAMARA  
Minister for Agriculture and Resources

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I, Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, having consulted with the Fisheries Co-Management Council and the Inland Fishery Committee, and having considered comments made by those bodies, give the following directions in relation to the Inland fishery in waters under Schedule 8 of the Fisheries Regulations 1998:

The Inland fishery is to be subject to licence reduction with no new Inland Fishery Access Licences being issued on the lapse of current licences.

The number of Inland Fishery Access Licences is not to exceed 6.

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Minister for Agriculture and Resources

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I, Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, having consulted with the Fisheries Co-Management Council and the Victorian Fishing Industry Federation, and having considered comments made by those bodies, give direction on the Victorian fisheries for sea urchins and jellyfish as follows:

The fisheries for sea urchins and jellyfish will be managed as developing fisheries.

General permits which are issued under section 49 of the **Fisheries Act 1995** for sea urchins or jellyfish will be issued for three years and the permits will specify conditions which must include -

- (i) the area where fishing may be undertaken;
- (ii) the equipment which may be used;
- (iii) minimum annual reporting requirements; and
- (iv) minimum verifiable catch levels which will enable the holder to be issued with a further permit or licence at the end of the period.

To be eligible for the issue of a general permit under the **Fisheries Act 1995** for the sea urchin and jellyfish fisheries, applicants must have either -

- (i) carried out fishing activities associated with that species under a permit issued under the **Fisheries Act 1968**; or
- (ii) prepared a Business Plan which satisfies the Secretary that the applicant has the ability to carry out substantial fishing activity.

The sea urchin and jellyfish fisheries will be reviewed by the Secretary before the end of the year 2002 to determine if the fisheries are sufficiently developed to justify the issue of access licences under section 38 of the **Fisheries Act 1995**.

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Dated 25 March 1998

PATRICK McNAMARA  
Minister for Agriculture and Resources

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I, Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, having consulted with the Fisheries Co-Management Council and the Commercial Bays and Inlets Fishery Committee, and having considered comments made by those bodies, give the following directions in relation to the Lake Tyers fishery.

The Lake Tyers fishery is to continue to be subject to licence reduction with no new licences being issued on the lapse of current licences.

The number of Lake Tyers Fishery Access Licences is not to exceed 10.

Management of Bay and Inlet Fisheries in Victoria is currently being reviewed. On completion of the review, Ministerial Directions for Bay and Inlet Fisheries will be amended as necessary to reflect any decisions by the Government in respect of Bay and Inlet Fisheries.

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PATRICK McNAMARA  
Minister for Agriculture and Resources

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I, Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, having consulted with the Fisheries Co-Management Council and the Commercial Bays and Inlets Fishery Committee, and having considered comments made by those bodies, give the following directions in relation to the Mallacoota Lower Lake Fishery.

The Mallacoota Lower Lake Fishery is to continue to be subject to licence reduction in which the number of Mallacoota Lower Lake Access Licences will be reduced until all licences in the fishery become consolidated licences which are derived from two previous unconsolidated licences.

On the issue of Mallacoota Lower Lake Fishery Access Licences on 1 April 1998, the Secretary is to designate the status of each licence as being either consolidated or unconsolidated or a reduced fee licence held by an old age or invalid pensioner in accordance with previous licence records held by the Secretary under the **Fisheries Act 1968**.

Any Mallacoota Lower Lake Fishery Access Licence which is designated as having the status of a reduced fee licence which is held by an old age or invalid pensioner is to be non transferable.

Any two holders of unconsolidated Mallacoota Lower Lake Fishery Access Licences and a person seeking the transfer from them of their licences may apply to the Secretary for approval to consolidate the two licences and have the consolidated licence issued to the person seeking the transfer from the existing licence holders.

The Secretary must not grant any application for the transfer of a Mallacoota Lower Lake Fishery Access Licence unless -

- (a) the applicant satisfies the Secretary, by examination or otherwise, that the applicant has a competent knowledge of the provisions of the **Fisheries Act 1995** and the Regulations made under that Act which are relevant to the Mallacoota Lower Lake Fishery; and

- (b) the applicant or the person nominated on the licence to carry out the activities authorised by the licence has a relevant licence or certificate of competency under the Marine Act 1988.

Management of Bay and Inlet Fisheries in Victoria is currently being reviewed. On completion of the review, Ministerial Directions for Bay and Inlet Fisheries will be amended as necessary to reflect any decisions by the Government in respect of Bay and Inlet Fisheries.

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PATRICK McNAMARA  
Minister for Agriculture and Resources

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I, Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, having consulted with the Fisheries Co-Management Council and the relevant consultative bodies, and having considered comments made by those bodies, give the following directions in relation to the Ocean Fishery.

The Ocean Fishery is to be managed to reduce the total number of licences in the fishery.

New Ocean Fishery Access Licences are not to be issued on the lapse of current licences that are held without any other Victorian fishery access licences.

A new Ocean Fishery Access Licence may be issued on the transfer of any Victorian fishery access licence which has previously been held in conjunction with another Ocean Fishery Access Licence.

The Secretary must not consider any application for the issue of an Ocean Fishery Access Licences unless-

- (a) the applicant satisfies the Secretary, by examination or otherwise, that the applicant or the person nominated on the licence to carry out the activities authorised by the licence has a competent knowledge of the provisions

of the **Fisheries Act 1995** and the Regulations made under that Act which are relevant to the Ocean Inlet Fishery; and

- (b) the applicant or the person nominated on the licence to carry out the activities authorised by the licence has a relevant licence or certificate of competency under the **Marine Act 1988**.

This Direction commences on 1 April 1998 and remains in force until revoked.

Dated 25 March 1998

PATRICK McNAMARA  
Minister for Agriculture and Resources

MINISTERIAL DIRECTIONS PURSUANT  
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I, Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, having consulted with the Fisheries Co-Management Council and the Commercial Bays and Inlets Fishery Committee, and having considered comments made by those bodies, give the following directions in relation to the Purse Seine (Port Phillip Bay) Fishery.

The Purse Seine (Port Phillip Bay) Fishery is to be subject to licence reduction with no new Purse Seine (Port Phillip Bay) Fishery Access Licences being issued on the lapse of current licences.

The number of Purse Seine (Port Phillip Bay) Fishery Access Licences is not to exceed 8.

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Dated 25 March 1998

PATRICK McNAMARA  
Minister for Agriculture and Resources

MINISTERIAL DIRECTIONS PURSUANT  
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I, Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, having consulted with the Fisheries Co-Management Council and the Commercial Bays and Inlets Fishery Committee, and having considered comments made by those bodies, give the following

directions in relation to the Westernport/Port Phillip Bay Fishery.

The Westernport/Port Phillip Bay Fishery is to continue to be subject to licence reduction in which the number of Westernport/Port Phillip Bay Access Licences will be reduced until all licences in the fishery become consolidated licences which are derived from two previous unconsolidated licences.

On the issue of Westernport/Port Phillip Bay Fishery Access Licences on 1 April 1998, the Secretary is to designate the status of each licence as being either consolidated or unconsolidated or a reduced fee licence held by an old age or invalid pensioner in accordance with previous licence records held by the Secretary under the **Fisheries Act 1968**.

Any Westernport/Port Phillip Bay Fishery Access Licence which is designated as having the status of a reduced fee licence which is held by an old age or invalid pensioner is to be non transferable.

Any two holders of unconsolidated Westernport/Port Phillip Bay Fishery Access Licences and a person seeking the transfer from them of their licences may apply to the Secretary for approval to consolidate the two licences and have the consolidated licence issued to the person seeking the transfer from the existing licence holders.

The Secretary must not grant any application for the transfer of a Westernport/Port Phillip Bay Fishery Access Licence unless -

- (a) the applicant satisfies the Secretary, by examination or otherwise, that the applicant has a competent knowledge of the provisions of the **Fisheries Act 1995** and the Regulations made under that Act which are relevant to the Westernport/Port Phillip Bay Fishery; and
- (b) the applicant or the person nominated on the licence to carry out the activities authorised by the licence has a relevant licence or certificate of competency under the **Marine Act 1988**.

Management of Bay and Inlet Fisheries in Victoria is currently being reviewed. On completion of the review, Ministerial Directions for Bay and Inlet Fisheries will be



amended as necessary to reflect any decisions by the Government in respect of Bay and Inlet Fisheries.

This Direction commences on 1 April 1998 and remains in force until revoked.

Dated 25 March 1998

PATRICK McNAMARA  
Minister for Agriculture and Resources

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I, Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, having consulted with the Fisheries Co-Management Council and the Commercial Rock Lobster Fishery Committee, and having considered comments made by those bodies, give the following directions in relation to the rock lobster fishery in the eastern rock lobster zone.

The commercial rock lobster fishery in the eastern rock lobster zone is defined as the fishery to which Rock Lobster Fishery Access Licence holders have access east of longitude 143° 40' and includes the landings of all rock lobster, giant crabs and finfish which are taken by the use of rock lobster pots.

On the issue of Rock Lobster Fishery Access Licences on 1 April 1998, the Secretary is to designate the status of each licence in relation to any associated entitlement to take giant crabs in accordance with previous licence records held by the Secretary under the **Fisheries Act 1968**, and records of the Australian Fisheries Management Authority. Any entitlement to take king crabs must not be separated from an endorsed Rock Lobster Fishery Access Licence and all such entitlements must be transferred with the relevant Rock Lobster Fishery Access Licence.

The number of Rock Lobster Fishery Access Licences in the eastern rock lobster zone is not to exceed 72.

Current fishery management arrangements will continue until 31 August 1998.

The Secretary must not consider any application for the transfer of a Rock Lobster Fishery Access Licence unless-

- (a) the applicant satisfies the Secretary, by examination or otherwise, that the applicant or the person nominated on the licence to carry out the activities authorised by the licence has a competent knowledge of the provisions of the **Fisheries Act 1995** and the Regulations made under that Act which are relevant to the fishery; and
- (b) the applicant or the person nominated on the licence to carry out the activities authorised by the licence has a relevant licence or certificate of competency under the **Marine Act 1988**.

The holder of a Rock Lobster Fishery Access Licence for the eastern zone may transfer the rock lobster pot entitlements specified on the licence to another Rock Lobster Fishery Access Licence for the same zone, unless -

- (a) after the transfer, the Rock Lobster Fishery Access Licence held by the transferor has less than 15 rock lobster pots specified on it; or
- (b) after the transfer, the Rock Lobster Fishery Access Licence held by the transferee has more than 60 rock lobster pots specified on it.

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Dated 25 March 1998

PATRICK McNAMARA  
Minister for Agriculture and Resources

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I, Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, having consulted with the Fisheries Co-Management Council and the Commercial Rock Lobster Fishery Committee, and having considered comments made by those bodies, give the following directions in relation to the rock lobster fishery in the western rock lobster zone.

The commercial rock lobster fishery in the western rock lobster zone is defined as the fishery to which Rock Lobster Fishery Access Licence holders have access west of longitude 143° 40' and includes the landings of all rock



lobster, giant crabs and finfish which are taken by the use of rock lobster pots.

On the issue of Rock Lobster Fishery Access Licences on 1 April 1998, the Secretary is to designate the status of each licence in relation to any associated entitlement to take giant crabs in accordance with previous licence records held by the Secretary under the **Fisheries Act 1968**, and records of the Australian Fisheries Management Authority. Any entitlement to take king crabs must not be separated from an endorsed Rock Lobster Fishery Access Licence and all such entitlements must be transferred with the relevant Rock Lobster Fishery Access Licence.

The number of Rock Lobster Fishery Access Licences in the western rock lobster zone is not to exceed 92.

Current fishery management arrangements are to continue until 31 August 1998.

The Secretary must not consider any application for the transfer of a Rock Lobster Fishery Access Licence unless-

- (a) the applicant satisfies the Secretary, by examination or otherwise, that the applicant or the person nominated on the licence to carry out the activities authorised by the licence has a competent knowledge of the provisions of the **Fisheries Act 1995** and the Regulations made under that Act which are relevant to the fishery; and
- (b) the applicant or the person nominated on the licence to carry out the activities authorised by the licence has a relevant licence or certificate of competency under the **Marine Act 1988**.

The holder of a Rock Lobster Fishery Access Licence for the western zone may transfer the rock lobster pot entitlements specified on that licence to another Rock Lobster Fishery Access Licence for the same zone, unless after the transfer, the Rock Lobster Fishery Access Licence held by the transferor has less than 10 rock lobster pots specified on it.

This Direction commences on 1 April 1998 and remains in force until revoked.

Dated 25 March 1998

PATRICK McNAMARA  
Minister for Agriculture and Resources

MINISTERIAL DIRECTIONS PURSUANT  
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I, Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, having consulted with the Fisheries Co-Management Council and the Commercial Scallop Fishery Committee, and having considered comments made by those bodies, give the following directions on the Scallop (Ocean) Fishery.

The number of Scallop (Ocean) Fishery Access Licences is not to exceed 94.

The Secretary must not consider any application for the transfer of a Scallop (Ocean) Fishery Access Licence unless -

- (a) the applicant satisfies the Secretary, by examination or otherwise, that the applicant or the person nominated on the licence to carry out the activities authorised by the licence has a competent knowledge of the provisions of the **Fisheries Act 1995** and the Regulations made under that Act which are relevant to the fishery; and
- (b) the applicant or the person nominated on the licence to carry out the activities authorised by the licence has a relevant licence or certificate of competency under the **Marine Act 1988**.

This Direction commences on 1 April 1998 and remains in force until revoked.

Dated 25 March 1998

PATRICK McNAMARA  
Minister for Agriculture and Resources

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I, Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, having consulted with the Fisheries Co-Management Council and the Commercial Bays and Inlets Fishery Committee, and having considered comments made by those bodies, give the following directions in relation to the Shallow Inlet Fishery.

The Shallow Inlet Fishery is to continue to be subject to licence reduction with no new licences being issued on the lapse of current licences.

The number of Shallow Inlet Fishery Access Licences is not to exceed 5.

Management of Bay and Inlet Fisheries in Victoria is currently being reviewed. On completion of the review, Ministerial Directions for Bay and Inlet Fisheries will be amended as necessary to reflect any decisions by the Government in respect of Bay and Inlet Fisheries.

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PATRICK McNAMARA  
Minister for Agriculture and Resources

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I, Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, having consulted with the Fisheries Co-Management Council and the Commercial Bays and Inlets Fishery Committee, and having considered comments made by those bodies, give the following directions in relation to the Tamboon Inlet fishery.

The Tamboon Inlet fishery is to continue to be subject to licence reduction with no new licences being issued on the lapse of current licences.

The number of Tamboon Inlet Fishery Access Licences is not to exceed 4.

Management of Bay and Inlet Fisheries in Victoria is currently being reviewed. On completion of the review, Ministerial Directions for Bay and Inlet Fisheries will be amended as necessary to reflect any decisions by the Government in respect of Bay and Inlet Fisheries.

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PATRICK McNAMARA  
Minister for Agriculture and Resources

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I, Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, having consulted with the Fisheries Co-Management Council

and the relevant consultative bodies, and having considered comments made by those bodies, direct that the Wrasse (Ocean) Fishery is to continue to be subject to licence reduction with no new Wrasse (Ocean) Fishery Access Licences being issued on the lapse of current licences.

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PATRICK McNAMARA  
Minister for Agriculture and Resources

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