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### **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Fisheries (Salmonid) Regulations 2001

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 Fisheries (Salmonid) Regulations 2001.

The objectives of, and reasons for, the proposed Regulations are to improve compliance by simplifying the salmonid regulations where possible, and to remedy specific problems with the salmonid regulations that have been identified by Fisheries Officers and anglers.

Proposed regulatory changes include:

- Extend the duration of the trout closed season
- Total ban on all recreational hook and line fishing in specified sections of the Goulburn River, Tanjil River, Kiewa River and Mitta Mitta River, during the trout closed season.
- Reduce the salmonid bag limit in all streams to 5 fish per day of which no more than 2 may be greater than 35cm.
- Group rainbow trout, brown trout, Chinook salmon and Atlantic salmon in combined bag limits for salmonids.
- Permit the taking of sea-run trout from coastal streams during the trout closed season
- Define the boundary between lakes and rivers

The RIS discusses possible alternatives to the proposed Regulations, including alternative types of regulation. The proposed regulations are considered the best means of achieving the objectives as they are likely to be more effective and/or less costly than the alternatives.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained by telephoning (03) 5226 4561 during business hours or by sending an email to Sandra.Creighton@nre.vic.gov.au or on the Internet at http://www.nre.vic.gov.au/fishing/

Public comments are invited on the RIS and accompanying Regulations. All comments must be in writing and sent to Mr Marc Ainsworth, Manager – Inland Recreational Fisheries, Fisheries Victoria, PO Box 103, Geelong, Vic. 3220 no later than Wednesday 6 June 2001.

Dated 1 May 2001

CANDY BROAD Minister for Energy and Resources 2

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