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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Fisheries (Fees and Levies) Regulations 2005

Notice is given in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the Fisheries (Fees and Levies) Regulations 2005.

The reason for, and objective of the proposed regulations is to amend the Fisheries Regulations 1998 to provide for the implementation of the second phase of a cost recovery program. The proposed regulations will amend various fees and levies charged annually for commercial fisheries access licences and specified general permits under the **Fisheries Act 1995**.

The proposed regulations contain a consumer price index increase on a number of fees and levies which are not subject to this RIS. The focus of this RIS is on the provision to increase the levies associated with management, compliance and research, and the levy collected on behalf of the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation ('FRDC'), a federal agency.

The proposed regulatory changes include:

- changes to fisheries management services levies. These levies have been categorised into three broad areas: (i) management, (ii) compliance and (iii) research;
- the FRDC levy has been proportionally set according to the value of the fishery based on gross value product (GVP). The total amount of funds gathered through this levy will equal approximately 0.25% of total GVP.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed regulations may be obtained from the Information Centre, Department of Primary Industries, Ground Floor, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne or by telephoning 13 61 86 between 8.30 am and 5.30 pm Monday to Friday or via the Internet at http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fishing.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and accompanying Regulations. All comments must be in writing and be sent to Peter Rawlinson, Senior Policy Officer, Fisheries Victoria, GPO Box 4440, Melbourne, Vic. 3001, by no later than 5.00 pm, Friday 28 January 2005.

Dated 9 December 2004

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