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## Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

### NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

#### Fisheries (Aquaculture Licences, Fees, Levies and Royalties) Regulations 2007

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 (Aquaculture Licences, Fees, Levies and Royalties) Regulations 2007. This RIS describes changes to fees and levies affecting fishery access licence holders in wild capture fisheries and aquaculture licence holders and changes to Regulation 620 of the Fisheries Regulations 1998 pertaining to the collection of abalone royalty (inclusion of greenlip abalone in the calculation of royalty). The RIS also describes additional aquaculture licences that more adequately reflect the nature of the industry, and new regulations pertaining to the recovery of maintenance costs associated with marine fisheries reserves.

The reason for, and objective of, the proposed regulations is to amend the Fisheries Regulations 1998 to provide for the implementation of cost recovery in the form of fisheries management services levies. The proposed regulations will amend various fees and levies charged annually for commercial fisheries access licences, fish receivers' licences, aquaculture licence's 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 that are not subject to this RIS. The focus of the RIS is on the provision of levies associated with management, compliance and research, and the levies 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.
- Addition of four new classes of aquaculture licences.
- The FRDC levy has been proportionally set according to the value of the fishery based on the gross value of product for wild sector fisheries.
- A change to the formulation of the abalone royalty regime. The royalty will now apply to all abalone caught (blacklip and greenlip).
- A new fee associated with the nomination of the holder of an abalone access licence.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed regulations may be obtained from the Information Centre, Department of Primary Industries, Level 16, 1 Spring St, 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 sent to Peter Rawlinson, Policy and Licensing Branch, Fisheries Victoria, GPO Box 4440, Melbourne, Vic. 3001, or via email to [Peter.Rawlinson@dpi.vic.gov.au](mailto:Peter.Rawlinson@dpi.vic.gov.au) by 5 pm Wednesday 28 February 2006.

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