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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Fisheries (Fees, Royalties and Levies) Regulations 2008

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, Royalties and Levies) Regulations 2008. This RIS describes changes to fees, levies and other charges affecting fishery access licence holders in wild-capture and aquaculture fisheries.

The reason for, and objective of, the proposed regulations is to re-make and amend the fees, levies and charges components of Fisheries Regulations 1998 to, amongst other things, provide for the implementation of the cost recovery program for Fisheries Victoria. The proposed regulations will amend various fees and levies charged annually for commercial fisheries access licences, specified general permits and aquaculture licences under the **Fisheries Act 1995**.

The proposed regulations will also carry over various fees and charges from the Fisheries Regulations 1998 to the new Fisheries (Fees, Royalties and Levies) Regulations 2008. These will not change in real terms and are placed in these proposed regulations to ensure continuity between the sun-setting Fisheries Regulations 1998 and the new 2008 Regulations.

The proposed new regulations contain a consumer price index increase on a number of fees and levies. However, the focus of the RIS is on the provisions to adjust the levies associated with management, compliance and research, and the levies collected on behalf of the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC) and Seafood Industry Victoria.

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 for each fishery according to the gross value of product from the fishery.

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 6.00 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 Dr Terry Truscott, Manager Executive Services, Fisheries Victoria, GPO Box 4440, Melbourne, Vic. 3001, or via email to Terry.Truscott@dpi.vic.gov.au by 5 pm 21 December 2007.

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