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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Fisheries 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 Regulations 2008. This RIS describes and justifies the need for the regulations and the changes from the Fisheries Regulations 1998. The Regulations affect, in particular, recreational and commercial fishers, and aquaculturalists.

By virtue of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, all regulations need to be re-made after 10 years of operation. The Fisheries Regulations 1998 will expire in March 2009 and will be replaced with the propose Fisheries Regulations 2008.

Key changes from the 1998 Regulations include:

- new catch and size limits for some fish species;
- the introduction of mandatory daily catch and effort recording for all commercial fishery access licences;
- additional reporting requirements for commercial eel fishers; and
- recording of source of stock by aquaculture operators.

A number of other changes from the 1998 Regulations are proposed principally to clarify, simplify and/or aid enforcement of the legislation.

The proposed new Regulations do not deal with fees, levies or royalties associated with fisheries administration; the Fisheries (Fees, Royalties and Levies) Regulations 2008 were made separately earlier this year.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed regulations may be obtained from the Information Centre, Department of Primary Industries, Level 16, 1 Spring Street, 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 comment is invited on the RIS and accompanying draft Regulations. All comments must be in writing and sent to Fisheries Regulations Submissions, Fisheries Victoria, GPO Box 4440, Melbourne, Victoria 3001, or via email to fish.regs@dpi.vic.gov.au by 5.00 pm Friday 1 August 2008.

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