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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO SURRENDER WESTERN PORT/PORT PHILLIP BAY FISHERY ACCESS LICENCE

I, Jaala Pulford, Minister for Agriculture and Minister responsible for administering the **Fisheries Act 1995**, give notice under Clause 6 of Part 2 of Schedule 4 of the **Fisheries Act 1995** as follows:

Each holder of a Western Port/Port Phillip Bay Fishery Access Licence, other than a licence holder who was notified by the Secretary that their election to retain their licence after 1 April 2022 was successful, may elect to surrender their licence in accordance with this notice.

To be eligible to surrender their licence, the licence holder must make their election in writing addressed to Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA), 1 Spring Street, Melbourne 3000.

The election must include the name of the licence holder and the licence number which is being elected to be surrendered and must be signed by the licence holder.

The time for making an election to surrender opens on 28 November 2017 and closes on 30 January 2018. An election must be received by the VFA prior to 30 January 2018.

If the election to surrender is successful the licence holder will be notified by the VFA that their election was successful.

In accordance with section 153H of the **Fisheries Act 1995**, if a licence holder is successful in their election to surrender the licence, the licence will be cancelled before 1 April 2018.

A licence holder whose licence is cancelled by the CEO of the VFA under section 153H in this election period is entitled to be paid compensation calculated in accordance with, and limited to, Part 3 of Schedule 4 of the **Fisheries Act 1995**. For this election period, the amount of compensation to be paid is $A \times 0.9$, where A is equal to \$385,000 plus three times the annual average catch value of the catch taken under the licence over the survey period (where survey period is defined as the 5 year period from 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2014), as calculated pursuant to Part 3 of Schedule 4 of the **Fisheries Act 1995**.

All holders of a Western Port/Port Phillip Bay Fishery Access Licence will also be individually notified in writing of the total amount of compensation that would be payable as compensation in this election period in respect of their licence if it were to be cancelled in this election period, as calculated pursuant to Part 3 of Schedule 4 of the **Fisheries Act 1995**.

The making of this election does not entitle the licence holder to surrender their licence unless the VFA notifies the licence holder in writing that the election is successful.

Dated 21 November 2017

JAALA PULFORD
Minister for Agriculture

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