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#### Fisheries Act 1995

#### INITIAL QUOTA ORDER UNDER SECTION 64 - PIPI FISHERY

I, Jaala Pulford, Minister for Fishing and Boating having undertaken consultation in accordance with section 3A of the **Fisheries Act 1995**, make the following Quota Order under section 64 of the Act for the Pipi Fishery.

- 1. The Pipi Fishery will be managed by the allocation of quota to Pipi Fishery Access Licences.
- 2. The number of individual Pipi quota units in the Discovery Bay (Eastern) pipi zone will be equal to the total allowable catch (TAC) for that zone divided by the value of an individual quota unit, as determined in a Further Quota Order for the Discovery Bay (Eastern) pipi zone pursuant to section 64A of the **Fisheries Act 1995**.
- 3. The number of individual pipi quota units in the Discovery Bay (Western) pipi zone will be equal to the total allowable catch (TAC) for that zone divided by the value of an individual quota unit, as determined in a Further Quota Order for the Discovery Bay (Western) pipi zone pursuant to section 64A of the **Fisheries Act 1995**.
- 4. The number of individual pipi quota units in the Venus Bay commercial pipi zone will be equal to the total allowable catch (TAC) for that zone divided by the value of an individual quota unit, as determined in a Further Quota Order for the Venus Bay commercial pipi zone pursuant to section 64A of the **Fisheries Act 1995**.
- 5. The quota units in the Discovery Bay (Eastern) pipi zone are to be allocated to those licence holders holding a Pipi Fishery Access Licence authorised to fish in the Discovery Bay (Eastern) pipi zone on or before 1 April 2020, as determined by the following formula:

Discovery Bay (Eastern) pipi zone quota allocation =  $(A^{E} \times B^{E}) + (C^{E} \div D^{E})$ 

where  $A^{E}$  is equal to the total number of pipi quota units for the Discovery Bay (Eastern) pipi zone multiplied by 0.75;

where  $\mathbf{B}^{E}$  is equal to the total number of days fished in the Discovery Bay (Eastern) pipi zone by the individual Pipi Fishery Access Licence holder authorised to fish in the Discovery Bay (Eastern) pipi zone (as determined by the Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Fisheries Authority) divided by the total number of days fished in the Discovery Bay (Eastern) pipi zone by all licence holders authorised to fish in the Discovery Bay (Eastern) pipi zone (as determined by the Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Fisheries Authority);

where  $C^{E}$  is equal to the total number of pipi quota units for the Discovery Bay (Eastern) pipi zone multiplied by 0.25; and

where  $D^{E}$  is equal to the total number of Pipi Fishery Access Licence holders authorised to fish in the Discovery Bay (Eastern) pipi zone.

6. The quota units in the Discovery Bay (Western) pipi zone are to be allocated to those licence holders holding a Pipi Fishery Access Licence authorised to fish in the Discovery Bay (Western) pipi zone on or before 1 April 2020, as determined by the following formula:

### Discovery Bay (Western) pipi zone quota allocation = $(A^w \times B^w) + (C^w \div D^w)$

where  $A^w$  is equal to the total number of individual pipi quota units in the Discovery Bay (Western) pipi zone multiplied by 0.75;

where  $\mathbf{B}^{w}$  is equal to the total number of days fished in the Discovery Bay (Western) pipi zone by the individual Pipi Fishery Access Licence holder authorised to fish in the Discovery Bay (Western) pipi zone (as determined by the Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Fisheries Authority) divided by the total number of days fished in the Discovery Bay (Western) pipi zone by all licence holders authorised to fish in the Discovery Bay (Western) pipi zone (as determined by the Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Fisheries Authority);

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where  $C^w$  is equal to the total number of individual pipi quota units in the Discovery Bay (Western) pipi zone multiplied by 0.25; and

where  $\mathbf{D}^{w}$  is equal to the total number of Pipi Fishery Access Licence holders authorised to fish in the Discovery Bay (Western) pipi zone.

- 7. The quota units in the Venus Bay commercial pipi zone are to be allocated evenly to those licence holders holding a Pipi Fishery Access Licence authorised to fish in the Venus Bay commercial pipi zone on or before 1 April 2020.
- 8. All quota units are to be allocated to those licence holders holding a Pipi Fishery Access Licence on or before 1 April 2020.
- 9. No quota units are to be allocated to those licence holders granted a Pipi Fishery Access Licence after 1 April 2020. These licence holders need to acquire individual quota units by transfer pursuant to section 65A of the **Fisheries Act 1995**.
- 10. Individual pipi quota units may be transferred permanently or temporarily to a holder of a Pipi Fishery Access Licence.
- 11. Individual pipi quota units that are not taken during a quota period cannot be carried over in the next quota period.
- 12. If the holder of a Pipi Fishery Access Licence has caught or landed in excess of his or her quota allocation by 20 kilograms or less at the end of a quota period, the amount by which the access licence holders is in excess will be deducted from his or her quota allocation for the next quota period. At no time can an access licence holder catch or land more than 20 kilograms in excess of his or her quota allocation.
- 13. For the purposes of paragraphs 5 and 6 of this Order, the total number of days fished by each licence holder is to be determined by the Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA CEO) based on the total number of days fished that were reported to the Victorian Fisheries Authority (or its predecessor(s)) by each relevant licence holder for the period of 1 January 2012 to 30 September 2013 and which is recorded and held on the Victorian Fisheries Authority's Integrated Catch and Effort system. The total number of days fished may be adjusted for a licence holder by the VFA CEO following consideration of any exceptional circumstances that may have impacted the licence holder's ability to fish during the period of 1 January 2012 to 30 September 2013 and which are identified in writing by the licence holder and supported by evidence satisfactory to the VFA CEO.

Dated 13 February 2020

JAALA PULFORD MP Minster for Fishing and Boating

#### Fisheries Act 1995

#### INITIAL QUOTA ORDER UNDER SECTION 64 – BANDED MORWONG FISHERY

I, Jaala Pulford, Minister for Fishing and Boating having undertaken consultation in accordance with section 3A of the **Fisheries Act 1995**, make the following Quota Order under section 64 of the Act for the Banded Morwong Fishery.

- 1. The Banded Morwong Fishery will be managed by the allocation of quota to Banded Morwong Fishery Access Licences.
- 2. The number of individual Banded Morwong quota units in the Banded Morwong Fishery will be equal to the total allowable catch (TAC) divided by the value of an individual quota unit, as determined in a Further Quota Order pursuant to section 64A of the **Fisheries Act 1995**.
- 3. The quota units are to be allocated as follows:
  - a. All quota units are to be allocated evenly to those licence holders holding a Banded Morwong Fishery Access Licence on or before 1 April 2020.
  - b. No quota units are to be allocated to those licence holders granted a Banded Morwong Fishery Access Licence after 1 April 2020. These licence holders need to acquire individual quota units by transfer pursuant to section 65A of the **Fisheries Act 1995**.
- 4. Individual Banded Morwong quota units may be transferred permanently or temporarily to a holder of a Banded Morwong Fishery Access Licence.
- 5. Individual quota units that are not taken during a quota period cannot be carried over in the next quota period.

Dated 13 February 2020

JAALA PULFORD MP Minster for Fishing and Boating

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