

Subordinate Legislation Act 1962 PROPOSED FISHING (SCALLOP) (AMENDMENT No. 2) REGULATIONS 1988

Notice is hereby given that a Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared in relation to the Fishing (Scallop) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1988.

The purpose of the proposed Regulations is to set the minimum mesh size for scallop dredges. The objective of these Regulations is to manage and protect Victoria's scallop stocks from over exploitation by ensuring that scallops of a commercial size will be taken and that a high proportion of small scallops which form the basis of commercial scallops for the following year remain in the scallop beds.

The Regulatory Impact Statement concludes that Regulations are required to enforce minimum mesh size in scallop dredges and that the long-term benefits to the industry outweigh the costs.

Copies of the Regulatory Impact Statement and proposed Regulations may be obtained from Mr F. Forte, Economics Branch, Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands, 240 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne (telephone (03) 412 4588).

Public comments are invited on the Regulatory Impact Statement and the proposed Regulations. Written submissions will be received at the above address up to 21 days from the date of publication of this notice. All submissions will be treated as public documents.

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