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## **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT Fisheries Regulations 1998**

Notice is given under section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the proposed Fisheries Regulations 1998.

The objectives to be achieved by the proposed Regulations are—

- (a) to provide for the control and management of fisheries in Victoria on a sustainable basis; and
- (b) to prescribe certain matters required to be prescribed for the purposes of the **Fisheries Act 1995**; and
- (c) to prescribe other matters to assist in the implementation of the **Fisheries Act 1995**; and
- (d) to facilitate the smooth transition of existing licences under the **Fisheries Act 1968** to licences with equivalent entitlements under the **Fisheries Act 1995**.

The reasons for the proposed Regulations are to replace and consolidate 51 sets of existing Regulations under the **Fisheries Act 1968** and to establish new commercial and recreational fishing licences, entitlements, conditions, and charges under the **Fisheries Act 1995** consistent with the preservation of fisheries management measures which were successfully regulated under the **Fisheries Act 1968**.

The RIS has examined a range of alternatives to the various aspects of the proposed Fisheries Regulations 1998. These alternatives include universal quota management, codes of practice, recreational catch controls without gear restrictions and the replacement of administrative regulations with guidelines. It is clearly demonstrated that the proposed Regulations are the most effective means of meeting the objectives.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained from the Information Centre, Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Ground Floor, 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne, 3002 (phone 9637 8080) between 8:30 am and 5:30 pm, or at <http://www.nre.vic.gov.au/ris/>

Public comments or submissions on the proposed Regulations and RIS are invited. All comments or submissions must be in writing and must be received at Fisheries Victoria (Attention: Mr M. Houghton), Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Level 15, 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne, 3002 or email [ris.fishl@nre.vic.gov.au](mailto:ris.fishl@nre.vic.gov.au) by no later than 5pm on Wednesday 31 December 1997.

All submissions will be treated as public documents.

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