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Fisheries (Recreational) (Bream) Regulations 1997

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 (Recreational) (Bream) Regulations 1997.

The objective to be achieved by the proposed Regulations is to ensure the long term sustainability of bream stocks in Victoria by facilitating recovery of declining bream stocks.

The reason for the proposed Regulations is to make changes to the Fisheries (Recreational) Regulations 1992 to increase the minimum size limit on bream taken recreationally from Victorian waters from 24 cm (total length) to 26 cm (total length). In addition, it is proposed to introduce a bag limit applicable to all Victorian waters of a maximum of 10 bream per day including no more than 2 bream measuring 36 cm total length or greater.

The RIS examined three alternatives to the proposed Fisheries (Recreational) (Bream) Regulations 1997:

use of voluntary measures (e.g. Code of Practice) to achieve compliance with a bream bag limit and minimum size limit controls;

implementation of a bream bag limit and minimum size limit controls in the Gippsland Lakes only; and

use of other measures to control bream fishing such as maximum size limits, area/season closures.

The RIS clearly demonstrates that the proposed Regulations are the most effective means of meeting the objective.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained by contacting Dr Murray MacDonald on (03) 9412 4870 between 9am and 5 pm weekdays, or collected from Level 6, 250 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne, 3002.

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 the above address by no later than 5 pm on 16 June 1997.

All submissions will be treated as public documents.

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The reason for the proposed Regulations is to make changes to the Fisheries (Commercial) Regulations 1992 to increase the minimum size limit on bream taken commercially from Victorian waters from 25.5 cm (total length) to 26 cm (total length).

The RIS examined two alternatives to the proposed Fisheries (Commercial) (Bream) Regulations 1997:

an increase in size in the minimum size limit for taking bream in the Gippsland Lakes area only; and

introduction of a monthly catch limit for bream in the Gippsland Lakes only.

The RIS clearly demonstrates that the proposed Regulations are the most effective means of meeting the objective.

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