

GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE VICTORIAN PIFI FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Fisheries Act 1995

I, Travis Dowling, Executive Director Regulation and Compliance (Fisheries), as delegate of the Minister for Agriculture, pursuant to section 28(2) of the *Fisheries Act 1995* (the Act), issue the following guidelines with respect to the preparation of a Victorian Pifi Fishery Management Plan.

1. The Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR) is responsible for the preparing the *Victorian Pifi Fishery Management Plan* (the Fishery Management Plan). The Fishery Management Plan will be consistent with the Act and its objectives.
2. The Pifi Fishery Management Plan Steering Committee will advise the Executive Director Fisheries, DEDJTR, in preparing the Fishery Management Plan.
3. The Fishery Management Plan will recognise the ongoing economic and social importance of all sectors, including commercial, recreational, traditional owner and conservation interests.
4. DEDJTR will consult consistent with the consultation principles in section 3A of the *Fisheries Act 1995*.
5. The Fishery Management Plan should seek to provide for the economic and social benefits from the harvesting of pifis while ensuring a responsible biological harvest and minimising ecological impacts.
6. The Fishery Management Plan will take into account existing regulations and legislation relating to access to coastal parks.
7. The Fishery Management Plan will set out strategies and management arrangements to achieve the objectives including a harvest strategy, research and development strategy, implementation plan and an evaluation and review process.
8. The harvest strategy will be guided by the *National Guidelines to Develop Fishery Harvest Strategies*.
9. The harvest strategy will specify decision rules to determine the total catch and the total commercial catch limit.
10. The Fishery Management Plan will take account of the Australian Government's *Guidelines for Assessing the Ecologically Sustainable Management of Fisheries*.
11. The Fishery Management Plan will remain in place until a new Fishery Management Plan is declared.



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