



Fisheries (Further Corner Inlet Fishery) Notice 2022

Consultation Plan

PREAMBLE

Any submissions received in relation to the consultation being conducted by the Victorian Fisheries Authority will be published on the Authority's website. In making a submission, unless the person making the submission indicates to the contrary, they will be consenting to their submission including their name being published on the Authority's website for 90 days or more from the conclusion of the consultative process (however personal details such as phone number or email address will not be listed).

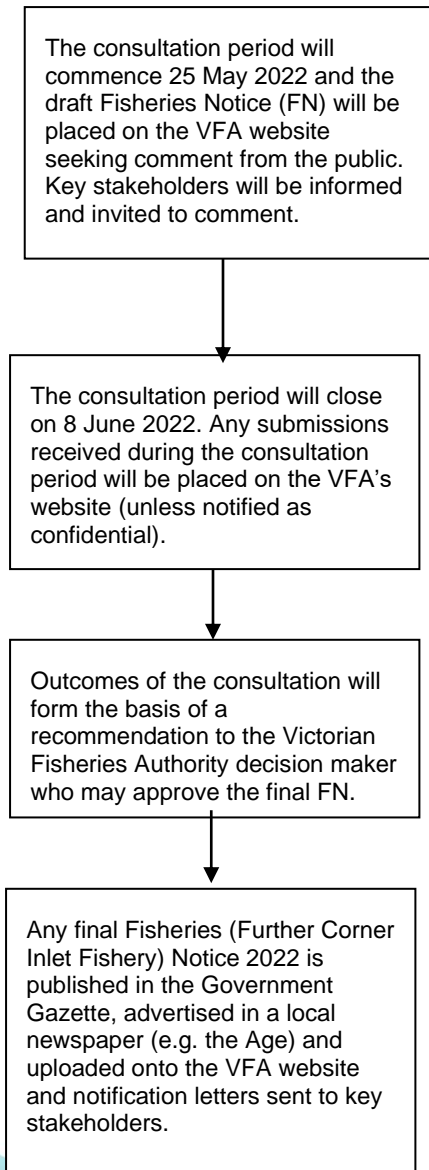
Closing date for submissions

The closing date for the receipt of submissions relating to the draft Fisheries (Further Corner Inlet fishery) Notice 2021 will be two weeks after release of the draft notice for consultation.

Consultation documents will be published on the VFA website and letters will be sent to key stakeholders seeking any comment on the proposed Notice.

The closing date for submissions will be 5pm, 8 June 2022.

FLOW CHART OF CONSULTATION



CONSULTATION PLAN

1	Consultation Title	Fisheries (Further Corner Inlet Fishery) Notice 2022
2	Representative group/s being consulted	Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence holders Seafood Industry Victoria VRFish Futurefish
3	Managing Officer	Lachlan Smith (Fishery Manager)
4	Target Start Date	25 May 2022
5	Target End Date	8 June 2022
6	Background/ History	<p>The Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) is proposing a Fisheries Notice that would replicate and replace the existing laws contained in two Fisheries Notices for the Corner Inlet commercial fishery, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Fisheries (Further Corner Inlet Fishery) Notice 2021</i> 2. <i>Fisheries (Corner Inlet Fishery) Notice 2022</i> <p>The current Notices are listed on the VFA webpage at: www.vfa.vic.gov.au/operational-policy/legislation-and-regulation/fisheries-notices</p> <p>The draft Fisheries (Further Corner Inlet Fishery) Notice 2022 is designed to extend the current management arrangements for up to a further 12 months (unless sooner revoked) and consolidate these rules into one instrument.</p> <p>In effect, there is no change proposed to the current commercial fishing management arrangements.</p> <p>These arrangements are designed for a sustainable level of fishing effort within the Corner Inlet fishery and to ensure fishing practices are responsible and safe. Following review of the latest catch and effort information, the VFA is of the view that these rules remain effective and important measures for the fishery.</p>
7	Relevant Statutory provision	Statutory consultation with stakeholders under Section 3A of the <i>Fisheries Act 1995</i> is required prior to the Minister or delegate making decisions related to Fisheries Notices.
8	Purpose/objectives/scope	To seek comment on the draft Fisheries (Further Corner Inlet Fishery) Notice 2022. Objectives of the Notice are listed in the draft instrument.
9	Method	See flow chart on page 2.
10	Communication Plan	<p>Comment will be sought by writing to key stakeholders and publishing the draft Notice on the VFA's consultation webpage.</p> <p>The decision regarding a final Fisheries Notice will be communicated by publishing any final notice in the Victoria Government Gazette, a newspaper advertisement published (e.g. in 'the Age') and on the VFA website. Letters informing key stakeholders of the decision regarding the Fisheries Notice will be sent to all 18 Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence holders, Seafood Industry Victoria, Futurefish Foundation and VRFish.</p>
11	Information provision	Stakeholders will be provided with a copy of the draft Fisheries Notice for consideration, along with a supporting letter providing further background.
12	Resources/advice (inc. purchase of advice)	Internal resources of VFA. The management arrangements for the fishery were also recently discussed with the Corner Inlet Fishery Management Plan Steering Committee.
13	Output (documentation / implementation)	The Fisheries (Further Corner Inlet fishery) Notice 2022; letters to stakeholders; notices published in the <i>Victoria Government Gazette</i> ; the VFA website.

14	Publication of results of consultation	<i>Any submissions received in relation to the consultation being conducted by VFA will be published on the VFA website. In making a submission, unless the person making the submission indicates to the contrary, they will be consenting to their submission, including their name, being published on the VFA website for 90 days or more from the conclusion of the consultative process.</i>
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Date: 25 / 05 /2022