

## Fisheries (Inshore Trawl Bycatch Management) Notice 2024

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

I have made the decision to issue the **Fisheries (Inshore Trawl Bycatch Management) Notice 2024** after undertaking consultation in accordance with Section 3A of the *Fisheries Act 1995*.

The effect of the **Fisheries (Inshore Trawl Bycatch Management) Notice 2024** will be to establish arrangements to limit the taking of octopus as a bycatch species for the Trawl (Inshore) Fishery.

The Notice introduces a catch limit of 100kg on the taking of octopus on any day or fishing trip, and possession of octopus on any boat, under a Trawl (Inshore) Fishery Access Licence.

It also introduces an upper limit of 30 tonnes on the combined amount of octopus that may be taken each year across all Trawl (Inshore) Fishery Access Licences.

To support implementation of these limits, the Notice also puts in place new weighing and post-fishing reporting requirements for Trawl (Inshore) Fishery Access Licence holders and operators.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Travis Dowling".

**Travis Dowling**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Victorian Fisheries Authority

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