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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 only, being published on the Authority’s website for 90 days from the conclusion of the consultative process.

Closing date for submissions

The closing date for the receipt of submissions for consultation on the draft Fisheries (Corner Inlet fishery) Notice 2020 will be 10 days after release of the draft Fisheries (Corner Inlet fishery) Notice 2020.

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, 15 June 2020
The Minister for Fisheries and Boating met with representatives from the Corner Inlet Fishery, a draft Fisheries (Corner Inlet fishery) Notice 2020 (FN) has been developed for consultation.

The draft FN has been distributed internally to Enforcement and Education and Fisheries Officers for feedback.

The CEO of the VFA will approve the release of the draft FN for public consultation.

The consultation period will commence 5 June and end 15 June 2020.

The FN will be placed on the VFA website seeking comment from the public.

A request for submissions on the draft notice will be sent to:
- Seafood Industry Victoria
- Futurefish
- VR Fish
- Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence holders

The consultation period finishes 15 June 2020. Any submissions received are placed on the VFA’s website.

The Policy team provide the CEO of the VFA with recommendations based on submissions received.

CEO of the VFA approves the final FN.

Final Fisheries (Corner Inlet fishery) Notice 2020 is published in the Gazette, advertised in the Age and the Herald Sun newspapers and uploaded onto the VFA website and letters to all key stakeholders.
## CONSULTATION PLAN

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| 2 | Representative group/s being consulted | Seafood Industry Victoria  
VRFish  
Futurefish  
Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence holders |
| 3 | Managing Officer | Sara Ronald (Senior Policy Analyst) |
| 4 | Target Start Date | 5 June 2020 |
| 5 | Target End Date | 15 June 2020 |
| 6 | Background/ History | Representatives from Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence holders submitted a request to regulate their voluntary Code of Conduct to keep fishing sustainable and provide public assurance that commercial fishing in the area was being managed responsibly. In response to these concerns, the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) is proposing a Fisheries Notice that will prohibit Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence holders from taking more than two seine net shots per day and from using more than one gear type at any given time. The VFA is also proposing that all licence holders be required to install and operate a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) by 1 September 2020, however, this requirement will be implemented through other regulatory processes and is not part of the draft Fisheries Notice. |
| 7 | Relevant Statutory provision | Statutory consultation with stakeholders under Section 3A of the *Fisheries Act 1995* 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 (Corner Inlet fishery) Notice 2020 |
| 9 | Method | The draft Fisheries (Corner Inlet fishery) Notice 2020 will be placed on the VFA website. The Fisheries (Corner Inlet fishery) Notice 2020 will also be promoted via letters to the persons/groups noted in section 2 of this consultation plan. The consultation period will extend for 10 working days following the release of the draft Fisheries (Corner Inlet fishery) Notice 2020. All consultation is expected to be completed by no later than 15 June 2020. |
| 10 | Communication Plan | Decisions regarding Fisheries Notice will be communicated through the notice being published in the *Victoria Government Gazette* and published in the *Age and Herald Sun* and on the VFA website. Letters informing stakeholders of the decision regarding the Fisheries Notice will be sent to all identified stakeholder groups listed above. |
| 11 | Information provision | Stakeholders will be provided with a copy of the draft Fisheries Notice for consideration. |
| 12 | Resources/advice (inc. purchase of advice) | Internal resources of VFA. |
| 13 | Output (documentation / implementation) | The Fisheries (Corner Inlet fishery) Notice 2020; letters to stakeholders; notices published in the *Victoria Government Gazette*; the VFA website. It should be noted that Corner Inlet Fishers will also be advised of the VMS commencement date and contract details in writing when they receive the draft Fisheries (Corner Inlet fishery) Notice 2020 for comment. |
| 14 | Publication of results of consultation | 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 only, being published on the VFA website for 90 days from the conclusion of the consultative process. |
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