

Total allowable Commercial Catch for Victorian Pipi Fishery 2023/24

Consultation on the 2023/24 Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) was undertaken in January 2023 in accordance with section 3A of the Fisheries Act 1995.

The TACCs have been determined based on our current knowledge of the resource and also a range of factors external to the fishery that have impacted catches. Please find attached the final Further Quota Order implementing the 2023/24 TACCs.

Despite some large fluctuations over 1 and 2-year periods, overall CPUE trends have been increasing over the past decade. Whilst there is some uncertainty with interpreting these trends due to management regime changes, there is no indication that the biomass of the stock has declined.

Given the limited data available and the need for fishing operations to stabilise in response to the recent transition to stand-alone licences and catch quotas, the current pipi TACC's will be maintained.

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Travis Dowling
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