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**Submission re: Fisheries (Corner Inlet Fishery) Notice 2020**

The Australian Marine Conservation Society (AMCS) is an independent national charity, staffed by a committed group of professional and passionate scientists, educators and advocates who have defended Australia's oceans for 50 years. We represent over 260,000 supporters around Australia.

Under our GoodFish program, over 70 Australian restaurants have committed to removing unsustainable seafood from their menus. The GoodFish program is based on recommendations on seafood sustainability in AMCS' [Goodfish Seafood Guide](#), now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year of production.

Please find the Australian Marine Conservation Society's (AMCS) submission in favour of the full implementation of Fisheries (Corner Inlet Fishery) Notice 2020.

In the view of AMCS and our Victorian GoodFish Project partner chefs, the Notice involves the regulatory implementation of key elements of what has been a voluntary industry code of practice.

These measures (limiting seine net shots to two per day, and a requirement to only deploy one type of fishing gear at a time) are a simple and precautionary way to protect the sustainability of the resource and therefore the economic viability of the fishery.

Seafood caught in the Corner Inlet Fishery is prized by chefs and the Victorian public in the Melbourne and wider Victorian market as a local, sustainable and high-quality supply of desirable fish species. The fishery is managed and monitored using basic but effective tools that have been substantially supported by voluntary practices used by fishers that constrain catch and effort. These have been committed to and abided by the majority of License Holders, and are the focus of the regulatory changes proposed in the Fisheries (Corner Inlet Fishery) Notice 2020. Implementing these measures in regulation will, in our view, support:

- the reputation and value of the fishery to consumers and chefs;
- the social license to operate of the fishery within the wider community;
- the protection and sustainability of fishery and environmental values of Corner Inlet.

For any further information please contact Adrian Meder, AMCS Sustainable Seafood Program Manager on 041 481 4981 or [adrian.meder@amcs.org.au](mailto:adrian.meder@amcs.org.au)

Regards,

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