

Re: Update on the VFA's consideration of draft Fisheries (Inshore Trawl Bycatch Management) Notice 2023

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Hi Joanne,

Thanks for taking the time to contact me yesterday. As per conversation we would obviously like to see an increase in the TAC for Pale octopus, however, it is imperative to protect this stock so we can have a robust fishery now and well into the future.

We would like to see an independent stock assessment of Pale octopus. We are eagerly awaiting the unregulated bycatch from the trawl sector to be managed. It has been flagged as an issue since we invested in this fishery 3 years ago that the Pale Octopus is susceptible to over fishing. We would like to see VFA implement their well overdue promise to a management plan.

Regards,