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Total allowable Commercial Catch for Victorian Giant Crab Fishery 2020/21

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Giant Crab Fishery is managed in accordance with the Victorian Giant Crab Fishery Management Plan, the main aims of which are to manage the commercial catch at levels that prevent overfishing thus reducing the risk of lowering abundance and allowing stock to rebuild.

The catch rate in the fishery, which is used as a proxy for stock abundance, has remained at a constant level for the past six seasons and is above the limit reference point set by the Management Plan.

I have therefore decided to maintain the TACC at 10.5 tonne for the 2020/21 season.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Travis Dowling", is positioned above the printed name.

Travis Dowling
Chief Executive Officer
Victorian Fisheries Authority

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