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Fisheries (Giant Crab) Notice 2019

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

I have decided to implement the Fisheries (Giant Crab) Notice for twelve months after undertaking consultation in accordance with Section 3A of the Fisheries Act 1995.

Fisheries (Giant Crab) Notice implements a reduction to the legal minimum length of male Giant Crab from 150mm to 140mm for a 12-month period.

The VFA is committed to building a sustainable Giant Crab fishery and assisting fishers to operate efficiently, as outlined in the Victorian Giant Crab Fishery Management Plan. Reducing the minimum size limit will align arrangements with Tasmania, provide access to product within the highest value size class and reduce pressure on larger females to benefit future recruitment to the fishery.

Giant Crab Fishers are also now required to record additional information when completing their daily commercial logbook to ensure the accuracy of data informing the annual stock assessment process. The additional data will assist in standardising for the impact of implementing the reduced legal minimum size for male Giant Crab on catch per unit effort (CPUE).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis Dowling".

Travis Dowling
CEO Victorian Fisheries Authority

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