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Cc: BRUDG
Subject: Response to Victorian Rock Lobster Fishery 2024/25 Total Allowable Commercial Catch TACC

Hi Ewan,
My response to the 2024/25 TACC
I hope the VFA follows the preamble & does publish all correspondences on the Authority's website

1. PREAMBLE

Any written submissions received in relation to the consultation being conducted by the Victorian Fisheries Authority will be published on the Authority's website. In making a submission, unless the person making the submission indicates to the contrary, they will be consenting to their submission, including their name only, being published on the Authority's website for 90 days from the conclusion of the consultative process. Closing date for submissions

The closing date for the receipt of submissions for consultation on this matter is Tuesday 30 April 2024

It's my opinion that an important stakeholder is being over looked in the TACC process ""The Victorian Consumer""

I'd like to see a Target Reference Point TRP for the local consumption of Southern Rock Lobster, a TRP may include the TARC & consumption at local community events like the BONNEY UPWELLING festival in Portland.

A consumer stakeholder in TACC meetings could be a local Chef or a Regional Tafe

4.1 Principles for effective consultation

e) That the consultation process should involve consideration of representative advice which represents the views and values of the persons represented from appropriate sector groups including:- Commercial wild-catch fishing - Recreational fishing - Aquaculture operators - Aboriginal fishers/communities - Conservation interests

Local consumption also has the added benefit of reducing the Carbon Footprint,
The increasing focus of the Paddock to plate & raising the bar for world markets, requires more transparency than ever before

of Note:

Aldi has just been awarded the ASC's Best Responsible Seafood Retailer Award

It's hoped that Victorian Southern Rock Lobster will soon meet Aldi's & MSC's requirements of sustainability

In my opinion to see a recognition of Victorians & Lobster meeting the Standard required of all our local supermarkets, than being exported to far flung markets
without any consideration of Victorians & to the environmental impact with the Carbon generated or the mortality during transport

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