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Fisheries (Octopus Fishery Operator) Notice 2024

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

I have decided to implement the Fisheries (Octopus Fishery Operator) Notice 2024 after undertaking consultation in accordance with Section 3A of the **Fisheries Act 1995**.

The Fisheries (Octopus Fishery Operator) Notice 2024 increases the number of operators that may be nominated on an Octopus Fisheries Access Licence from one to three. Only one of these operators may operate the licence at any one time, and this operator must be in possession of the logbook assigned to that licence. The Victorian Fisheries Authority will continue to issue only one logbook per licence. The operator is also required to complete the e-Quota reporting app to report weight of catch.

Implementation of this Fisheries Notice is intended to reduce administrative burden to licence holders.

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

Travis Dowling
Chief Executive Officer
Victorian Fisheries Authority
17/06/2024