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Dear Ms Simpson

Seafood Industry Victoria (SIV) appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on the 2018/19 total allowable commercial catch proposal for the Victorian Sea Urchin Fishery from the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA), my apologies for the delay.

In recent times, SIV has had discussions with some operators who would like to look at opportunities for increasing the Victorian Sea Urchin allowable catches in their zones, however these discussions are only preliminary.

SIV has not received any comment against the proposed setting of the TACC's for the Sea Urchin Fishery as proposed in the consultation letter from Mr Dowling on 10 May 2018. Therefore we support the setting of the TACC as per the consultation document, at:

- 60 tonnes in Port Phillip Bay (White Sea Urchin);
- 57 tonnes of White Sea Urchin in the Eastern Zone; and
- 114 tonnes Black Sea Urchin in the Eastern Zone.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment, and I feel it would be worthwhile and timely to arrange a Sea Urchin licence holders meeting to discuss the future of the fishery and other matters, such as cost recovery.

Yours sincerely

Johnathon Davey
Executive Director