

## Submission template for feedback on the proposed 2021/22 TACC for the Ocean Scallop Fishery

Please return submissions by Friday 28 February to Toby Jeavons, Fishery Manager, at Victorian Fisheries Authority, 2A Bellarine Hwy, Queenscliff Victoria, 3225 or [toby.jeavons@vfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:toby.jeavons@vfa.vic.gov.au).

### Proposed 979 tonne TACC

Supported

Not supported

### Proposed Alternative

### Evidence to support proposal

### Other Comments

We, Trinsand Fisheries Pty Ltd disagree with the suggested 100 meats to the kg "rule" before shutting the bed, we consider the practicalities of measuring the meats almost impossible.

How will you determine the bed in which the catch came from? Boats may fish in different areas during one trip?

Good fisheries management should not involve marketing, leave that to the processors and retailers. In the past weights of 100 meats per kg have been sold quite successfully. Recently the market has accepted meat weights of 100 per kg and higher. As long as the scallop bed has met all fisheries and scientific criteria regarding age, length and spawning, we believe meat weight marketing should not be decided by fisheries legislation.

Whilst the issue appears to be well intentioned, the issues above indicate to us that this exercise is one that does not fit with good fisheries management, difficult to control and should be abandoned.

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