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FROM THE OFFICE OF VRFISH – VICTORIA’S RECREATIONAL FISHING PEAK BODY

FISHING REGULATIONS ARE CHANGING

VRFish is calling on recreational fishers to have input into the proposed fisheries regulation changes.

So what does this mean for Victoria’s recreational fishers? In a nutshell, alternations to current gear entitlements and bag and size limits.

Fisheries Victoria has released an exposure draft for the revision of the Fisheries Regulations until Friday 1 August 2008. For a copy of the draft regulations go to www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fishing

Some helpful information sheets and a feedback form have been produced by Fisheries Victoria to assist recreational fishers understand the proposed changes and to seek their input, instead of reading 371 pages of regulations!

VRFish undertook a preliminary consultation process with recreational fishers in 2007 and fed these results through to Fisheries Victoria for their consideration in developing the new regulations.

A comparison table has been collated showing the differences between the current (old) regulations, VRFish’s 2007 recommendations and the 2008 proposed (new) regulations, highlighting where VRFish’s recommendations have not been taken up. This comparison table is available on the VRFish website www.vrfish.com.au

VRFish Executive Officer Christopher Collins said “I encourage all Victorian recreational fishers to review this comparison table and to get your comments in. We want to know what YOU want, so VRFish can communicate to the government what recreational fishers’ desire.”

VRFish asks that you send them a copy of the feedback form as well as submit it to Fisheries Victoria.

“One of the most significant changes is to gear entitlements, with a proposed state-wide introduction of three (3) rods in all waters, marine or inland” concluded Collins.

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