



## **Victorian Rock Lobster Committee (VRLC) Meeting #4 – 1 December 2022**

**Location: Zoom Meeting**

### **Chairperson's Summary**

This was the fourth meeting of the Victorian Rock Lobster Committee.

Key items discussed included:

- Code of Conduct
- 12-month VRLC Budget
- Quota Senate Inquiry

### **Draft Code of Conduct**

- A draft Code of Conduct was developed by the Victorian Rock Lobster Fishery to outline best practice for the commercial sector.
- A second round of member consultation was undertaken in October 2022. No feedback from licence holders was received.
- The Code of Conduct is currently being professionally designed, ready for print.
- SIV CEO put a proposal to DELWP regarding training on whale entanglement responses.

### **12-month VRLC Budget**

- SIV CEO drafted a 12-month budget that captured employment of an executive officer position for review and approval of the VRLC.
- The VRLC supported a proposal to fund the incoming SIV CEO undertaking a VRLC EO role during the first 12 months of their employment.
- The VRLC updated its budget to reflect this proposal and the planned Code of Conduct design/printing expenses.

### **Quota Senate Inquiry**

- The VRLC noted that the Commonwealth Government's Quota Senate Inquiry held hearings on 2 November in Hobart and again on 15 November in Canberra.
- Seafood Industry Australia wrote to the Secretary of the Quota Senate Inquiry refuting several claims.
- The upcoming House Standing Committee on Agriculture Inquiry into Food Security in Australia should provide an opportunity for the wild-caught seafood sector to demonstrate its vital role.
- The VRLC considered a submission to the House Standing Committee on Agriculture Inquiry into Food Security in Australia.

**Next meeting:** 15 December 2022

Wayne Dredge  
VRLC Chair