

## AGENDA ITEM 11

### Sports Fishing Regulations Review 2024

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### Background

Following the December 2015 West Coast Fish and Game Council Meeting, it is now West Coast Fish and Game policy *“That the West Coast Fish and Game Council conduct a consultation process with licence holders regarding key regulation proposals being considered for implementation in sufficient time to enable the feedback to be considered for regulation setting in 2016 and use this as a basis for a 3 yearly regulation set to be reviewed 3 yearly.”* West Coast licence holders were surveyed again in 2018, 2021, and now nine years on from the policy being formed, another review and survey is due.

### Proposed regulations recommended for consultation with licence holders:

Staff have no proposed regulations to consult on with licenceholder.

In the absence of proposed regulations, staff recommends seeking feedback from licence holders on current regulations in conjunction with a general feedback survey, which staff are already conducting alongside compliance checks.

Proposed survey questions:

1. Do you have any suggestions or any regulations that you would like to see reviewed?
2. Do you currently reside outside the West Coast Fish & Game Region?
3. What motivates you to fish or hunt in the West Coast region? *(Only asked of those who answer “Yes” to residing out of the region).*
4. In a few sentences, please describe your understanding of Fish & Game's role and activities.
5. Has Fish & Game done anything that has impacted or benefited your fishing or hunting activities? If yes, please explain.
6. What prevents you from fishing or hunting more often?
7. What suggestions do you have for Fish & Game to enhance your fishing and hunting experience?
8. Do you have any additional comments or feedback for Fish & Game?

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### Staff Recommendation:

That the Council review the proposed survey for consultation, provide feedback and authorise consultation with licence holders.