

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**The Australian Trout Foundation (Vic) (ATF)**

and

**Native Fish Australia (Vic) Inc. (NFA)**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets out the initial terms and understanding between the ATF Vic and NFA Vic to form the "Victorian Inland Fisheries Alliance" (VIFA) for the betterment and advancement of inland angling in the state of Victoria.

## **Background**

In recent years, inland angling issues have not received the attention and support that the inland anglers of Victoria rightly deserve.

We now believe that it's time for the ATF Vic and NFA Vic to officially establish an alliance combining each organization's ideologies to enforce their combined strength as the major voice for approaches, engaging/confronting Fisheries Vic in their management considerations of Victoria's inland fisheries. It is noted that both the ATF Vic and NFA Vic have worked co-operatively in the past to achieve positive results through projects, education and advocacy at all levels, yet have attracted minimal government funding.

Each organization would retain their independence and ideologies and the "Victorian Inland Fisheries Alliance" (VIFA) would be a separate supplementary and complementary entity created to speak as the major voice of our inland waters fisheries management.

VIFA will demonstrate a strong and united stand so as to be recognized as a major force by the government and the community.

## **Purpose**

This MOU will address the lack of prioritization of inland fishing matters before government and will keep important issues uppermost for the attention of fisheries managers and government officials.

### **The above goals will be accomplished by undertaking the following activities:**

- Unite the energies and expertise of the ATF Vic and NFA Vic executives and members;
- Direct those forces to the best advantage where needed;
- Present a united front at forums such as the Recreational Fishing Roundtable Forum;
- Provide a powerful representative voice for all Victorian Inland anglers

## **Reporting**

Each organization will independently record all activities as engaged by VIFA for the information and benefit of its members, and will present such information at its regular meetings as appropriate.

## Funding

This MOU does not commit either the ATF Vic or NFA Vic to any supply or disbursement of any funds. If any funding is required for any particular project or activity, it will be the full and unanimous agreement of both organizations executive committees, and be governed by the current in-place rules of each organization. Where appropriate VIFA will seek government funding for selected projects and activities.

## Duration

This MOU may be modified by mutual consent of the executive committees of the ATF Vic and NFA Vic.

This MOU shall become effective upon signature of the authorized officials of the ATF Vic and NFA Vic, and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent. In the absence of mutual agreement by the authorized officials from the ATF Vic and NFA Vic., this MOU shall end on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020, or earlier by 3 months notice by either party.

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