

Context for RTI 029 – discussion between Tasmania’s wild fisheries (rock lobster, abalone, oyster, mussel) and EPA regarding the use of florfenicol on salmon farms and the impact it would have on wild fisheries

- The role of the EPA is to ensure that monitoring of antibiotic residues in the environment is undertaken and to ensure that the use of antibiotics in finfish farming does not cause environmental harm. The EPA does not regulate or conduct monitoring to inform the management of wild fisheries in Tasmania.
- Tasmania's wild fisheries are managed under the *Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995* and the Wild Fisheries Management Branch within the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania is responsible for the sustainable management of commercial and recreational sea fisheries.