


**Fisheries Act 1995**  
**FISHERIES NOTICE 2020**

I, Travis Dowling, Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Fisheries Authority, as delegate of the Minister for Fishing and Boating and having undertaken consultation in accordance with Section 3A of the **Fisheries Act 1995** (the Act), make the following Fisheries Notice under Sections 114 and 152 of the Act:

Date:



**Travis Dowling**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Victorian Fisheries Authority**

19/03/20

**FISHERIES (COMMERCIAL ROCK LOBSTER WESTERN ZONE AND RECREATIONAL  
BAIT NET) NOTICE 2020**

**1. Title**

This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Commercial Rock Lobster Western Zone and Recreational Bait Net) Notice 2020.

**2. Objectives**

The objectives of this Notice are to:

- i. prohibit Rock Lobster Fishery (Western Zone) Access Licence holders from using and possessing fishing lines and hooks to take fish (other than abalone, giant crab, jelly fish, pipi, scallop and sea urchin) for sale.
- ii. prohibit the use of a recreational bait net in or on Port Phillip Bay, Western Port, Sydenham Inlet and Tamboon Inlet.

**3. Authorising provision**

This Notice is made under sections 114 and 152 of the Act.

**4. Commencement**

This Notice comes into operation on 24 March 2020.

**5. Definitions**

In this Fisheries Notice –

**'specified waters'** means the waters of the western rock lobster zone and any other waters specified in a Rock Lobster Fishery (Western Zone) Access Licence, pursuant to regulation 43 of the Fisheries Regulations 2019.

**6. Prohibition on the use and possession of fishing lines and hooks to take fish for sale**

For the purposes of section 114 of the Act, Rock Lobster Fishery (Western Zone) Access Licence holders must not use or possess, in specified waters, fishing lines and hooks to take fish (other than abalone, giant crab, jelly fish, pipi, scallop and sea urchin) for sale.

**7. Prohibition on the use of recreational bait nets in or on specified waters**

For the purposes of section 114 of the Act, a person must not use a recreational bait net in or on Port Phillip Bay, Western Port, Sydenham Inlet and Tamboon Inlet.

**8. Application to Fisheries Reserves**

For the purposes of section 152(4), this notice applies to all Fisheries Reserves.

**9. Revocation**

Unless sooner revoked, this Notice will be revoked on 23 March 2021.

**Notes:**

Rock Lobster Fishery (Western Zone) Access Licence holders may use and possess, in specified waters, fishing lines and hooks to take fish (other than abalone, giant crab, jelly fish, pipi, scallop and sea urchin) as bait for the purposes of rock lobster fishing.

Contravention of any prohibition under section 114 of the Act set out in this Fisheries Notice is an offence under section 114(3) of the Act. A maximum penalty of 100 penalty units or 6 months imprisonment or both applies.