

Fisheries Act 1995

FISHERIES NOTICE 2020

I, Travis Dowling, Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Fisheries Authority, as delegate for the Minister for Fishing and Boating, 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

FISHERIES (CORNER INLET FISHERY) NOTICE 2020

1. Title

This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Corner Inlet Fishery) Notice 2020.

2. Objectives

The objectives of this Notice are to:

- i. Prohibit the operation of more than two seine net shots by any individual Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence holder in any given 24-hour period (midnight to midnight).
- ii. Prohibit the use of more than one type of fishing gear by any individual Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence holder at any given time, inclusive of mesh nets, seine nets, longline and hoop nets.

3. Authorising provision

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

4. Commencement

This Notice comes into operation on 19 June 2020.

5. Definitions

In this Fisheries Notice –

‘fishing gear’ means commercial fishing equipment authorised for use under a Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence, as defined under regulation 179 (b) of the Fisheries Regulations 2019, including a commercial hoop net, longline, seine net, mesh net and fishing line and hooks;

‘shooting’ in relation to a seine net means the act of setting a seine net using a boat and the hauling or retrieval of the same seine net back on board the boat, ready for a new shot.

6. *Prohibition on the shooting of more than two seine nets on any one day*

For the purposes of section 114 of the Act, the shooting of more than two seine nets on any one day by the holder of a Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence, or a person acting or purporting to act under the licence is prohibited.

7. *Reporting requirements for Corner Inlet Access Licence holders*

The holder of a Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence must give to the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA), in the manner required by the VFA, the following details, no more than 30 minutes after shooting a seine net in Corner Inlet —

- (a) the licence number of the access licence;
- (b) the registration number of the boat involved in shooting the net;
- (c) the name of the licence holder or operator involved in the shooting of the seine net;
- (d) the date and time that the seine net was set and retrieved;
- (e) the catch and effort area code of the seine net shot.

Penalty: 50 penalty units

8. *Prohibition on the use of more than one type of fishing gear at any given time*

For the purposes of section 114 of the Act, the use of more than one type of fishing gear at any one time by a Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence holder, or a person acting or purporting to act under the licence is prohibited.

9. *Application to Fisheries Reserves*

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

10. *Revocation*

Unless sooner revoked, this Notice will be revoked on 18 June 2021.

Notes:

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.