

Fisheries Act 1995

FISHERIES NOTICE 2024

I, Luke O’Sullivan, Director Fisheries Management, Victorian Fisheries Authority, as delegate for the Minister for Outdoor Recreation, having undertaken consultation in accordance with section 3A of the **Fisheries Act 1995** (the Act), make the following Fisheries Notice under section 152 of the Act:

Dated 25 June 2024

LUKE O’SULLIVAN
Director Fisheries Management
Victorian Fisheries Authority

FISHERIES (SEA URCHIN COMMERCIAL OPERATOR) NOTICE 2024

- 1. Title**
This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Sea Urchin Commercial Operator) Notice 2024.
- 2. Objective**
The objective of this Notice is to allow up to eight operators on a Sea Urchin Fishery Access Licence. These measures are being introduced to reduce sea urchin abundance and to improve the ecosystem balance whilst also enabling more commercial catch of sea urchins.
- 3. Authorising provision**
This Notice is made under section 152 of the Act.
- 4. Commencement**
This Notice comes into operation on 1 July 2024.
- 5. Definitions**
In this Fisheries Notice –
‘sea urchin’ has the same meaning as in the Fisheries Regulations 2019;
‘the Act’ means the **Fisheries Act 1995**.
- 6. Number of authorised operators on a Sea Urchin Fishery Access Licence**
Despite regulation 411(d) of the Fisheries Regulations 2019, Sea Urchin Fishery Access Licence holders are authorised to engage up to eight licence operators.
- 7. Revocation**
Unless sooner revoked, this Notice will be automatically revoked 12 months after the day on which it comes into operation.

Notes:

Section 152(3) of the Act provides that if a Fisheries Notice is inconsistent with any regulations, management plan, Ministerial direction, licence or permit, the Fisheries Notice prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.