

Fisheries Act 1995

FISHERIES NOTICE 2026

I, Luke O’Sullivan, Director Fisheries Management, Science, Policy, Licensing and Communications Division of the Victorian Fisheries Authority, as delegate the Minister for Outdoor Recreation and having considered the outcome of 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: 7/04/2026



Luke O’Sullivan

Director of Fisheries Management and Boating
Victorian Fisheries Authority

FISHERIES (CENTRAL MURRAY COD) NOTICE 2026

1. Title

This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Central Murray cod) Notice 2026

2. Objectives

The objective of this Notice is to remove the Murray cod closed season within Lake Eppalock (Schedule 1), Cairn Curran Reservoir (Schedule 2) and Lake Nillahcootie (Schedule 3), allowing anglers to target and retain Murray cod between 1 September to 30 November, providing they comply with other recreational fishing regulations.

3. Authorising provision

This Notice is made under sections 67 and 152 of the Act.

4. Commencement

This Notice comes into operation on the day it is published in the Victorian Government Gazette.

5. Definitions and interpretive provisions

(1) In this Notice –

“*Murray cod*“ means *Maccullochella peelii*;

“*the Act*“ means the **Fisheries Act 1995**

6. Open season for Murray cod at Lake Eppalock, Cairn Curran Reservoir and Lake Nillahcootie

7. For the purposes of section 67(1) of the Act, the open season for the taking of Murray cod from waters within Lake Eppalock, Cairn Curran Reservoir and Lake Nillahcootie is the whole year.

- (1) Despite regulation 164(1) and 164(2) of the **Fisheries Regulations 2019** –
- (a) the taking of Murray cod from waters within Lake Eppalock, Cairn Curran Reservoir and Lake Nillahcootie; and
 - (b) the possession of Murray cod in, on or next to waters within the waters within Lake Eppalock, Cairn Curran Reservoir and Lake Nillahcootie – during the open season is allowed.

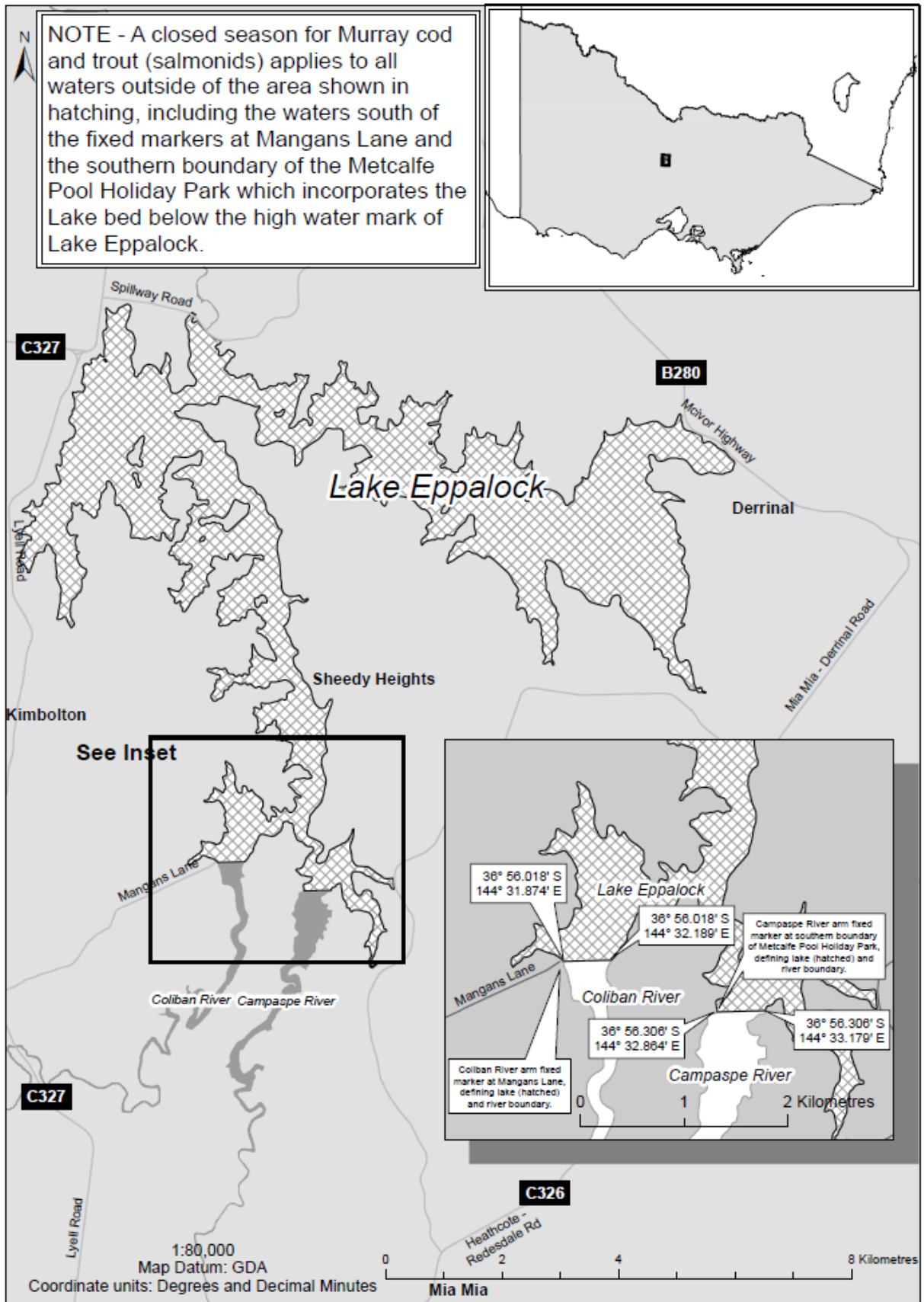
8. *Revocation*

Unless sooner revoked, this Notice will be automatically revoked 12 months after the day on which it comes into operation.

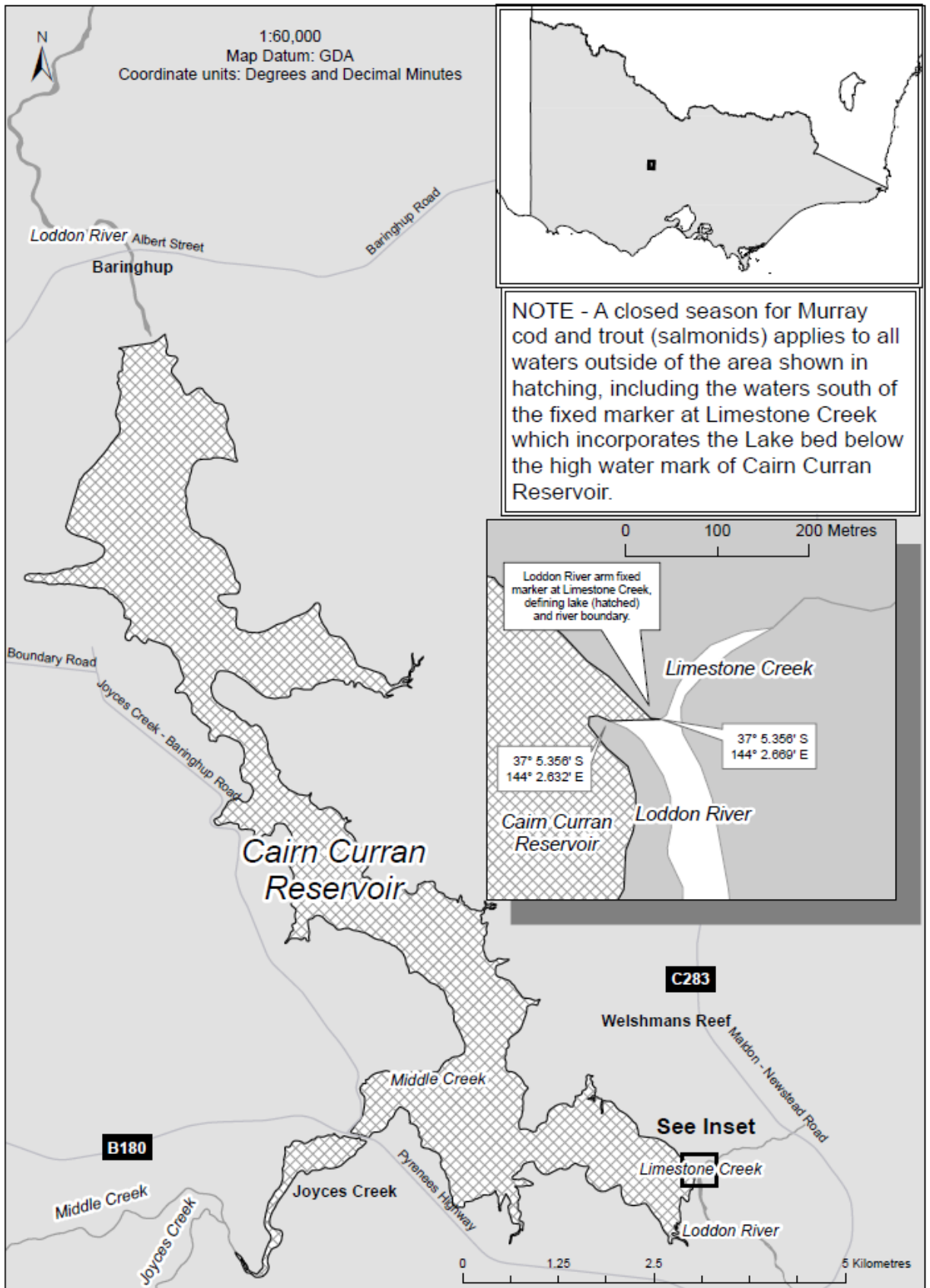
Notes:

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.

SCHEDULE 1



SCHEDULE 2



SCHEDULE 3

