

Fisheries Act 1995**FISHERIES NOTICE 2026**

I, Luke O’Sullivan, Director of Fisheries Management and Boating of the Victorian Fisheries Authority, as delegate of 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 1 October 2026

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Victorian Fisheries Authority

FISHERIES (KINGFISH BAG LIMIT) NOTICE 2026**1. Title**

This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Kingfish Bag Limit) Notice 2026.

2. Objective

The objective of this Notice is to set the recreational catch and possession limit for yellowtail kingfish at two fish per person per day in all Victorian waters.

3. Authorising provision

This Notice is made under sections 68A and 152 of the Act.

4. Commencement

This Notice comes into operation on the day its published in the Victoria Government Gazette.

5. Definitions

In this Fisheries Notice –

‘**commercial fishery licence**’ has the same meaning as in the Fisheries Regulations 2019;

‘**the Act**’ means the **Fisheries Act 1995**;

‘**yellowtail kingfish**’ means *Seriola lalandi*.

6. Catch and possession limit

(1) For the purposes of section 68A of the Act, in the case of yellowtail kingfish, the daily catch and possession limit is two fish.

(2) Sub-clause (1) does not apply to a person –

- (a) who takes or possesses fish of a species specified in that regulation in a quantity in excess of the catch limit for that species if the person –
 - (i) is the holder of, or is acting on behalf of the holder of, a commercial fishery licence or a permit authorising the taking or possession of fish of that species; and
 - (ii) takes or possesses the fish in accordance with the licence or permit, the Act and these Regulations; or
- (b) possesses fish received from a person specified in paragraph (a) and the fish is accompanied by a catch disposal record, fish receipt or fish movement record in respect of the fish.

7. Revocation

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

Notes:

Section 68A(3)(ii) of the Act prohibits a person from taking or having in their possession, more fish than the catch limit for that species of fish allowed by the regulations or by a Fisheries Notice. A maximum penalty of 20 penalty units applies.

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.