

Fisheries Act 1995
FISHERIES (OCTOPUS FISHERY OPERATOR) NOTICE 2024

I, Travis Dowling, Chief Executive Officer of the 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:



Date: 17/06/2024

Travis Dowling
Chief Executive Officer
Victorian Fisheries Authority

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1. Title

This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Octopus Fishery Operator) Notice 2024.

2. Objective

The objective of this Notice is to allow the engagement of up to three operators on an Octopus Fishery Access Licence, only one of which may operate the licence at any one time.

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 –

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

6. Number of authorised operators on an Octopus Fishery Access Licence

- (1) Despite regulation 241(d) of the **Fisheries Regulations 2019**, Octopus Fishery Access Licence holders are authorised to engage up to three licence operators.
- (2) Only one operator can operate a licence at any one time and this operator must be in possession of the logbook assigned to that licence.
- (3) The operator is also required to complete the e-Quota reporting app to report weight of catch.

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.