

Fisheries Act 1995

FISHERIES NOTICE 2026/27

I, Luke O’Sullivan, Director of Fisheries Management and Boating 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 Sections 114 and 152 of the Act:

Date:

Luke O’Sullivan
Director of Fisheries Management and Boating
Victorian Fisheries Authority

FISHERIES (OCEAN FISHERY VESSEL MONITORING) NOTICE 2026/27

1. Title

This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Ocean Fishery Vessel Monitoring) Notice 2026/27.

2. Objectives

The objective of this Notice is to prohibit the use of a boat under an Ocean Fishery Access Licence unless it has a vessel monitoring system installed and operating.

3. Authorising provision

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

4. Commencement

This Notice comes into operation on 1 December 2026.

5. Definitions

In this Fisheries Notice –

relevant licence means an Ocean Fishery Access Licence;

the Act means the **Fisheries Act 1995**

the Regulations means the **Fisheries Regulations 2019**

use includes assist in the use of;

VFA means the Victorian Fisheries Authority established under the **Victorian Fisheries Authority Act 2016**.

6. Requirement for vessel monitoring system

- (1) For the purposes of section 114 of the Act, the use of a boat on any Victorian waters by the holder of a relevant licence to engage in any fishing activity authorised by the licence is prohibited unless there is installed in any boat used under the licence to engage in those activities a vessel monitoring system that complies with the conditions for the use of the system set out in Subdivision 1 of Division 2 of Part 17 of the **Fisheries Regulations 2019**, as if a reference to a responsible person includes a reference to the holder of the licence.

Note: Contravention of this prohibition is an offence under section 114(3) of the Act.

- (2) Sub-clause (1) does not apply to a tender boat.

7. Application to Fisheries Reserves

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

8. Revocation

In accordance with section 152(5)(e) of the Act, unless sooner revoked, this Notice is revoked on the day which is 12 months from the date in which it comes into operation.