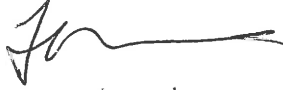


Fisheries Act 1995

FISHERIES NOTICE 2019

I, Travis Dowling, Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Fisheries Authority, as delegate of the Minister for Fishing and Boating and 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: 23/07/19

Travis Dowling

**Chief Executive Officer
Victorian Fisheries Authority**

FISHERIES (GIANT CRAB) NOTICE 2019

1. Title

This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Giant Crab) Notice 2019.

2. Objectives

The objective of this Notice is to fix minimum size limits for male giant crab taken under a Giant Crab Fishery (Western Zone) Access Licence.

3. Authorising provision

This Notice is made under section 152 of the Act.

4. Commencement

This Notice comes into operation on the day it is published in the Government Gazette and Victorian Fisheries Authority internet site, in accordance with requirements of Section 152(5) of the Act.

5. Revocation

Unless sooner revoked, this Fisheries Notice is automatically revoked 12 months after the date on which it comes into operation.

6. Definitions

(1) In this Fisheries Notice –

“**CEO**” means the Chief Executive Officer of the VFA;

“**giant crab**” means *Pseudocarcinus gigas*;

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

7. Size limit for male giant crab

For the purposes of the Act, the minimum size for male giant crab –

(a) taken or purportedly taken under a Giant Crab Fishery (Western Zone) Access Licence; or

(b) possessed by the holder of a Giant Crab Fishery (Western Zone) Access Licence or a person acting under the licence; or

(c) onboard or landed from a boat permitted to be used under a Giant Crab Fishery (Western Zone) Access Licence under section 39(3) of the Act –

is 140mm.

Note:

1. There are offences in Sections 68A and 68B of the Act relating to taking or possessing fish of a species that are less than the minimum size specified for that species of fish in a Fisheries Notice. Various penalties apply.
2. Regulation 368 of the *Fisheries Regulations 2009* prescribes the method for measuring giant crab.

8. *Application to fisheries reserves*

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

Note: 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.