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Fisheries (Corner Inlet Cockle) Notice 2023

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

I have decided to implement the Fisheries (Corner Inlet Cockle) Notice 2023 after undertaking consultation in accordance with Section 3A of the *Fisheries Act 1995*.

The Fisheries (Corner Inlet Cockle) Notice 2023 reduces the bag and possession limit for cockles (*Anadara* and *Katelysia* species) from 5 litres (or, if shucked, 1 litre) to 2 litres (or, if shucked, 0.5 litre) in Corner Inlet.

The implementation of the Notice completes Action 14 of the Corner Inlet Management Plan (declared in 2022) to 'reduce the recreational bag limit for cockles in Corner Inlet to 2 litres to better share the resource in popular harvest areas such as McLoughlins Beach'.

The reduced limit applies only to Corner Inlet with the rest of Victoria retaining the current daily catch limit of 5 litres (or 1 litre shucked).

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Chief Executive Officer Victorian Fisheries Authority

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