

Fisheries Act 1995
FISHERIES (BLACK SEA URCHIN RECREATIONAL CATCH LIMIT AND
COMMERCIAL OPERATOR) NOTICE 2026/27

I, Luke O’Sullivan, Director 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 Section 152 of the Act:

Date: / /2026

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

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AND COMMERCIAL OPERATOR) NOTICE 2026/27

1. Title

This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Black Sea Urchin Recreational Catch Limit and Commercial Operator) Notice 2026/27.

2. Objective

The objective of this Notice is to set the catch and possession limits for recreational take of black sea urchin across Victorian waters and to allow up to eight operators on a Sea Urchin Fishery Access Licence. These measures are being introduced to reduce sea urchin abundance and to improve the ecosystem balance whilst also enabling more commercial catch of sea urchins.

3. Authorising provision

This Notice is made under section 152 of the Act.

4. Commencement

This Notice comes into operation on 1 July 2026.

5. Definitions

In this Fisheries Notice –

‘black sea urchin’ means the species *Centrostephanus rodgersii* from the Echinoidea class.

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

6. Catch and possession limit

- (1) Despite regulation 409(1) of the Fisheries Regulations 2019, in the case of black sea urchin, there is no daily catch limit for the taking of this species from Victorian waters.
- (2) Despite regulation 409(2) of the Fisheries Regulations 2019, in the case of black sea urchin, there is no catch limit for the possession of this species in, on or next to Victorian waters.

Notes

Under regulation 409 (1), the daily catch limit with respect to the taking of white sea urchin from Victorian waters is 40.

Under regulation 409 (2), the catch limit for the possession of white sea urchin in, on or next to Victorian waters is 40.

7. Number of authorised operators on a Sea Urchin Fishery Access Licence

Despite regulation 411(d) of the **Fisheries Regulations 2019**, Sea Urchin Fishery Access Licence holders are authorised to engage up to eight licence operators.

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.

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