

Electricity Industry Act 2000

DETERMINATION OF RATE OR RATES FOR PURCHASES OF SMALL RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION ELECTRICITY UNDER SECTION 40FBB

The Essential Services Commission (the Commission) gives notice under section 40FBB of the **Electricity Industry Act 2000** that it has determined the rates for purchases of small renewable energy generation electricity by a relevant licensee from a customer who is a relevant generator.

The minimum rates determined by the Commission to apply from 1 July 2021 are:

- a flat rate of \$0.067 per kilowatt-hour, and/or
- time-varying rates of \$0.067 per kilowatt-hour off-peak, \$0.061 per kilowatt-hour shoulder, and \$0.109 per kilowatt-hour for peak.

Off-peak times are from 10 pm to 7 am weekdays and from 10 pm to 7 am weekends. Shoulder times are from 7 am to 3 pm and 9 pm to 10 pm weekdays and from 7 am to 10 pm weekends. Peak times are from 3 pm to 9 pm weekdays.

For further information regarding the Commission's determination see 'Minimum electricity feed-in tariffs to apply from 1 July 2021 – Final decision', which is available on the Commission's website at www.esc.vic.gov.au

Dated 25 February 2021

KATE SYMONS
Chairperson, Essential Services Commission

Fisheries Act 1995FURTHER QUOTA ORDER UNDER SECTION 64A
THE BANDED MORWONG FISHERY

I, Travis Dowling, Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Fisheries Authority, having undertaken consultation in accordance with section 3A of the **Fisheries Act 1995**, make the following Quota Order under section 64A of the Act for the Banded Morwong Fishery.

1. This Order applies for the period commencing 1 April 2021 and ending 31 March 2022, both dates inclusive (the quota period).
2. The total allowable commercial catch for the banded morwong fishing zone is 2,920 fish.
3. Individual quota units equate to 1 fish per quota unit.

This order commences on 1 April 2021 and remains in force until the end of 31 March 2022.

Note: Banded Morwong Fishery Access Licences are issued to two licence holders with quota units being apportioned equally between the two licences.

TRAVIS DOWLING
Chief Executive Officer
Victorian Fisheries Authority

Fisheries Act 1995

FISHERIES NOTICE 2021

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

Dated 18 February 2021

TRAVIS DOWLING
Chief Executive Officer
Victorian Fisheries Authority

FISHERIES (CORNER INLET FISHERY) NOTICE 2021

1. Title

This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Corner Inlet Fishery) Notice 2021.

2. Objectives

The objectives of this Notice are to:

- i. Prohibit the use of a seine net that does not have one end anchored by any individual Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence holder.
- ii. Prohibit more than one repositioning of the anchored end of a seine net by any individual Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence holder.
- iii. Prohibit the use of a seine net that has a rope or combination of ropes attached that are more than a total of 100 metres in length by any individual Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence holder at any given time.
- iv. Further prohibit the movement of both ends of the seine net at the same time by any individual Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence holder at any given time.
- v. Require the installation and operation of a Vessel Monitoring System on any motorised tender boat or any tender boat equipped with a mechanical device capable of propelling, hauling or retrieving a seine net by any individual Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence holder.

3. Authorising provision

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

4. Commencement

- (1) This Notice comes into operation on 1 March 2021, except for clause 10.
- (2) Clause 10 comes into operation on 1 April 2021.

5. Definitions

In this Fisheries Notice –

‘**shot**’ in relation to a seine net means the act of setting a seine net using a boat, with or without the assistance of a tender boat, and the hauling or retrieval of the same seine net back on board the boat or tender boat, ready for a new shot.

6. Prohibition on the use of a seine net that does not have one end anchored

- (1) For the purposes of section 114 of the Act, the use of a seine net by the holder of a Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence, or a person acting or purporting to act under the licence, is prohibited unless one end of the seine net or rope attached to one end of the seine net is at all times –
 - a) securely anchored or made fast to the seabed or shore; or
 - b) securely attached to a tender boat and that tender boat is securely anchored or made fast to the seabed or shore.
- (2) Sub-clause (1) does not apply to a Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence holder, or a person acting or purporting to act under the licence, who –
 - a) has used a boat to tow one end of the seine net in a circular or tear drop manner to close the net and is retrieving or hauling the net to complete the shot once the net is closed; or
 - b) has lifted the anchored end of a seine net or lifted the anchor of a tender boat to which a seine net is attached to reposition the seine net to a location that will assist with the closing of the net or the completion of the shot.

7. Prohibition on repositioning the anchored end of a seine net more than once

For the purposes of section 114 of the Act, the lifting of the anchored end of a seine net or the lifting of the anchor of a tender boat to which a seine net is attached more than once

during a seine net shot by a Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence holder, or a person acting or purporting to act under the licence is prohibited.

8. Prohibition on the use of more than 100 metres of rope attached to a seine net

For the purposes of section 114 of the Act, the use of a rope or a combination of ropes more than 100 metres in length that are attached to a seine net by a Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence holder, or a person acting or purporting to act under the licence is prohibited.

9. Prohibition on the movement of both ends of the seine net at the same time

(1) For the purposes of section 114 of the Act, the use of any mechanical assistance to propel both ends of a seine net at the same time by the holder of a Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence, or a person acting or purporting to act under the licence is prohibited.

(2) For the purposes of section 114 of the Act, the use of any mechanical assistance in combination with a boat to propel both ends of a seine net at the same time by the holder of a Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence, or a person acting or purporting to act under the licence is prohibited.

(3) Sub-clauses (1) and (2) do not apply to a Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence holder, or a person acting or purporting to act under the licence, who –

a) has used a boat to tow one end of the seine net in a circular or tear drop manner to close the net; and

b) is retrieving or hauling the net to complete the shot once the net is closed.

10. Prohibition on the use of certain tender boats unless a Vessel Monitoring System is installed and operated

(1) For the purposes of section 114 of the Act, the use of a motorised tender boat to assist in any seine net shot authorised under a Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence is prohibited.

(2) For the purposes of section 114 of the Act, the use of a tender boat that is equipped with a mechanical device capable of propelling, hauling or retrieving a seine net to assist in any seine net shot authorised under a Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence is prohibited.

(3) Sub-clauses (1) and (2) do not apply to a Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence holder, or a person acting or purporting to act under the licence, who –

a) has installed on the tender boat a vessel monitoring system that complies with the conditions set out in Subdivision 1 of Division 2 of Part 17 of the Fisheries Regulations 2019; and

b) is operating the vessel monitoring system on the tender boat in compliance with the conditions set out in Subdivision 1 of Division 2 of Part 17 of the Fisheries Regulations 2019.

11. Application to Fisheries Reserves

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

12. Revocation

Unless sooner revoked, this Notice will be revoked on 28 February 2022.

Notes:

Contravention of any prohibition under section 114 of the Act, as set out in this Fisheries Notice, is an offence under section 114(3) of the Act. A maximum penalty of 100 penalty units or 6 months imprisonment or both applies.

Regulation 74 of the Fisheries Regulations 2019 prohibits the taking of fish by dragging or drawing a seine net containing fish on to dry land or into water less than 60 centimetres deep.

Regulation 182(2) of the Fisheries Regulations 2019 prohibits Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence holders from using a boat or boats under propulsion to tow both ends of any seine net at the same time.

A Vessel Monitoring System is not required on a non-motorised tender boat.
