

Fisheries Act 1995
FISHERIES NOTICE 2023

I, Travis Dowling, Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Fisheries Authority, as delegate of 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 68A and 152 of the Act:

Dated 10 November 2023

TRAVIS DOWLING
Chief Executive Officer
Victorian Fisheries Authority

FISHERIES (CORNER INLET COCKLE) NOTICE 2023

- 1. Title**
This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Corner Inlet Cocker) Notice 2023.
- 2. Objectives**
The objective of this Notice is to share access to cockle stocks between recreational fishers and to sustain cockle stocks in Corner Inlet by reducing the daily bag/possession limit from 5 litres (or, if shucked or split, 1 litre) to 2 litres (or, if shucked or split, half a litre).
- 3. Authorising provision**
This Notice is made under sections 68A and 152 of the Act.
- 4. Commencement**
This Notice comes into operation on the date it is published in the Government Gazette.
- 5. Definitions**
In this Notice –
‘*Cocker*’ means any species of the genus *Katelysia* or *Anadara*;
‘*Corner Inlet*’ has the same meaning as in the **Fisheries Regulations 2019**;
- 6. Catch limit for Cockles**
 - (1) For the purposes of the Act, the catch limit with respect to:
 - (a) the taking of cockles from Corner Inlet; or
 - (b) the possession of cockles, in on or next to Corner Inlet –is 2 litres or, if shucked or split, 0.5 litre.
 - (2) Sub-clause (1) does not apply to a person:
 - (a) who takes or possesses cockles in a quantity in excess of the catch limit if the person –
 - (i) is the holder of, or acting on behalf of the holder of, a commercial fishery licence or a permit authorising the taking or possession of cockles; and
 - (ii) takes or possesses the cockles in accordance with the licence or permit, the Act and the regulations; or
 - (b) possesses cockles received from a person specified in paragraph (a) and the cockles are accompanied by a catch disposal record, fish receipt or fish movement record in respect of those cockles.
 - (3) In this Clause, catch disposal record, fish receipt and fish movement record have the same meaning as in the Fisheries Regulations 2019.
- 7. Revocation**
Unless sooner revoked, this Fisheries Notice will be automatically revoked on the day which is 12 months after the date on which it comes into operation.

Note: Under section 152(3) of the Act, if a provision of this Notice is inconsistent with any regulations, the Fisheries Notice prevails to the extent of the inconsistency. The general catch limits specified in the Fisheries Regulations 2019 will continue to apply in circumstances where the catch limit specified in this notice do not apply.