

Fisheries Act 1995
FISHERIES NOTICE

I, Luke O’Sullivan, Director Fisheries Management and Boating, 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:

Dated 4 June 2026

LUKE O’SULLIVAN
Director of Fisheries Management and Boating
Victorian Fisheries Authority

FISHERIES (SPIDER CRAB) NOTICE 2026

- 1. Title**
This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Spider Crab) Notice 2026.
- 2. Objective**
The objective of this Notice is to set a reduced recreational catch and possession limit for spider crabs across Victorian waters.
- 3. Authorising provision**
This Notice is made under section 152 of the Act.
- 4. Commencement**
This Notice comes into operation on 10 June 2026.
- 5. Definitions**
In this Notice –
‘*spider crab*’ means spider crabs from the family Majidae;
‘*the Act*’ means the **Fisheries Act 1995**.
- 6. Catch and possession limit**
A person must not take from or possess in, on or next to any Victorian waters more than 15 spider crabs on any one day.
Penalty: 20 penalty units
- 7. Revocation**
Unless sooner revoked, this Notice will be revoked on 10 June 2027.
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.
Note: Penalties under this notice are set in accordance with section 152(7)(c) of the Fisheries Act which allow the imposition of penalties not exceeding 50 penalty units for a contravention of an offence under a fisheries notice.