

## Fisheries Act 1995

### INITIAL QUOTA ORDER UNDER SECTION 64 – SEA URCHIN FISHERY FOR WHITE SEA URCHIN

I, Travis Dowling, Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Fisheries Authority, as a 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 Quota Order under section 64 of the Act for the Sea Urchin Fishery.

1. The Sea Urchin Fishery for white sea urchin will be managed by the allocation of quota to Sea Urchin Fishery Access Licences.
2. The number of individual white sea urchin quota units in the Port Phillip Bay Sea Urchin Zone will be equal to the total allowable catch (TAC) for that zone divided by the value of an individual quota unit for white sea urchin, as determined in a Further Quota Order for the Port Phillip Bay Zone pursuant to section 64A of the **Fisheries Act 1995**.
3. The number of individual white sea urchin quota units in the Eastern Sea Urchin Zone will be equal to TAC for that zone divided by the value of an individual quota unit for white sea urchin, as determined in a Further Quota Order for the Eastern Sea Urchin Zone pursuant to section 64A of the **Fisheries Act 1995**.
4. Each holder of a Sea Urchin Fishery Access Licence for the Port Phillip Bay Sea Urchin Zone is to be initially allocated the same number of individual white sea urchin quota units for each Sea Urchin Access Licence held by him or her for that zone as of 1 July 2024.
5. Each holder of a Sea Urchin Fishery Access Licence for the Eastern Sea Urchin Zone is to be initially allocated the same number of individual white sea urchin quota units for each Sea Urchin Access Licence held by him or her for that zone as of 1 July 2024.
6. Individual white sea urchin quota units for the Sea Urchin Fishery may be transferred permanently or temporarily to a holder of a Sea Urchin Fishery Access Licence.
7. Individual white sea urchin quota units that are not taken during a quota period cannot be carried over to the next quota period.
8. If the holder of a Sea Urchin Fishery Access Licence has caught or landed in excess of his or her quota allocation by 20 kilograms or less at the end of a quota period, the amount by which the access licence holder is in excess will be deducted from his or her quota allocation for the next quota period. At no time can an access licence holder catch or land more than 20 kilograms in excess of his or her quota allocation.
9. The minimum number of individual white sea urchin quota units that may be held in respect of a Sea Urchin Fishery Access Licence is 20 quota units (which may be any combination of white sea urchin units from any management zone).
10. This Order commences on 1 July 2024 and revokes the *Initial Quota Order Under Section 64 – Sea Urchin Fishery* dated 15 July 2014 and published in the Victoria Government Gazette No. G 30 on 24 July 2014 and revokes the *Amending Order – Initial Quota Order Under Section 64 – Sea Urchin Fishery* dated 29 April 2020 and published in the Victoria Government Gazette No. S. 221 on 5 May 2020.

Dated: 11/06/2024



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