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FURTHER QUOTA ORDER FOR THE SCALLOP (OCEAN) FISHERY

I, Travis Dowling, Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Fisheries Authority, as delegate of the Minister for Outdoor Recreation and having undertaken consultation in accordance with section 3A of the **Fisheries Act 1995** (the Act), make the following Further Quota Order under section 64A(1) of the Act:

1. 1 April 2024 until 31 March 2025 is the quota period for the purposes of this Order.
2. The total allowable catch for the Scallop (Ocean) Fishery during the quota period is 132 tonnes (shell weight).
3. An individual quota unit for the Scallop (Ocean) Fishery is 1.5 tonnes (shell weight).

This Order commences on 1 April 2024 and expires on 31 March 2025.

Dated 26 March 2024

TRAVIS DOWLING
Chief Executive Officer
Victorian Fisheries Authority

Fisheries Act 1995

FISHERIES NOTICE 2024

I, Travis Dowling, Chief Executive Officer 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 sections 114 and 152 of the Act:

Dated 25 March 2024

TRAVIS DOWLING
Chief Executive Officer
Victorian Fisheries Authority

FISHERIES (OCEAN SCALLOP) NOTICE 2024

1. **Title**
This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Ocean Scallop) Notice 2024.
2. **Objectives**
The objective of this Notice is to establish a temporary prohibition on the use and possession of commercial fishing equipment by holders of a Scallop (Ocean) Fishery Access Licence in specified scallop waters.
3. **Authorising provision**
This Notice is made under sections 114 and 152 of the Act.
4. **Commencement**
This Notice comes into operation on 1 April 2024.

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5. Definitions

In this Fisheries Notice –

‘*specified scallop waters*’ means the marine waters enclosed by the line:

- (a) commencing at the point of latitude 38° 24.000' South, longitude 147° 30.000' East;
- (b) from there running generally east to the point of latitude 38° 24.000' South, longitude 147° 36.000' East;
- (c) from there running generally south to the point of latitude 38° 30.000' South, longitude 147° 36.000' East;
- (d) from there running generally west to the point of latitude 38° 30.000' South, longitude 147° 30.000' East;
- (e) from there running generally north to the point of commencement at latitude 38° 24.000' South, longitude 147° 30.000' East.

And the line:

- (f) commencing at the point of latitude 38° 49.859' South, longitude 146° 50.080' East;
- (g) from there running generally south to the point of latitude 38° 50.290' South, longitude 146° 50.219' East;
- (h) from there running generally west to the point of latitude 38° 50.839' South, longitude 146° 48.700' East;
- (i) from there running generally North to the point of latitude 38° 49.847' South, longitude 146° 48.790' East;
- (j) from there running generally East to the point of commencement at latitude 38° 49.859' South, longitude 146° 50.080' East.

6. Prohibition on the use of commercial fishing equipment in specified scallop waters

For the purposes of section 114 of the Act, the use of commercial fishing equipment by the holder of a Scallop (Ocean) Fishery Access Licence, or a person acting or purporting to act under the licence, in specified scallop waters is prohibited.

7. Prohibition on the possession of commercial fishing equipment in specified scallop waters

- (1) For the purposes of section 114 of the Act, the possession of commercial fishing equipment by the holder of a Scallop (Ocean) Fishery Access Licence, or a person acting or purporting to act under the licence, in specified scallop waters is prohibited.
- (2) Sub-clause (1) does not apply to the holder of a Scallop (Ocean) Fishery Access Licence, or a person acting or purporting to act under the licence, who possesses commercial scallop fishing equipment on-board a boat under way and travelling by the most direct route through specified scallop waters to reach a point of landing or marine waters for the purpose of commercial scallop fishing.

8. Application to Fisheries Reserves

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

9. Revocation

Unless sooner revoked, this Notice will be revoked on 31 March 2025.

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.

For the purposes of this Fisheries Notice, a reference to the longitude or latitude of a geographical point is based on WGS84 geodetic datum.

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