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## Fisheries Act 1995

### FISHERIES NOTICE 2026

I, Luke O'Sullivan, Director of Fisheries Management and Boating, Victorian Fisheries Authority, as delegate of the Minister for Outdoor Recreation and having considered the outcome of 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 7 April 2026

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

### FISHERIES (ARCADIA PONDAGE) NOTICE 2026

**1. Title**

This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Arcadia Pondage) Notice 2026.

**2. Objectives**

The objective of this Notice is to remove the Murray cod closed season within the Arcadia Pondage (Schedule), allowing anglers to target and retain Murray cod between 1 September to 30 November, providing they comply with other recreational fishing regulations.

**3. Authorising provision**

This Notice is made under sections 67 and 152 of the Act.

**4. Commencement**

This Notice comes into operation on the day it is published in the Victoria Government Gazette.

**5. Definitions and interpretive provisions**

(1) In this Notice –

*'Murray cod'* means *Maccullochella peelii*;

*'the Act'* means the **Fisheries Act 1995**.

**6. Open season for Murray cod in the Arcadia Pondage**

(1) For the purposes of section 67(1) of the Act, the open season for the taking of Murray cod from waters within the Arcadia Pondage is the whole year.

(2) Despite regulation 164(1) and 164(2) of the Fisheries Regulations 2019 –

(a) the taking of Murray cod from waters within the Arcadia Pondage; and

(b) the possession of Murray cod in, on or next to waters within the waters within the Arcadia Pondage – during the open season is allowed.

**7. Revocation**

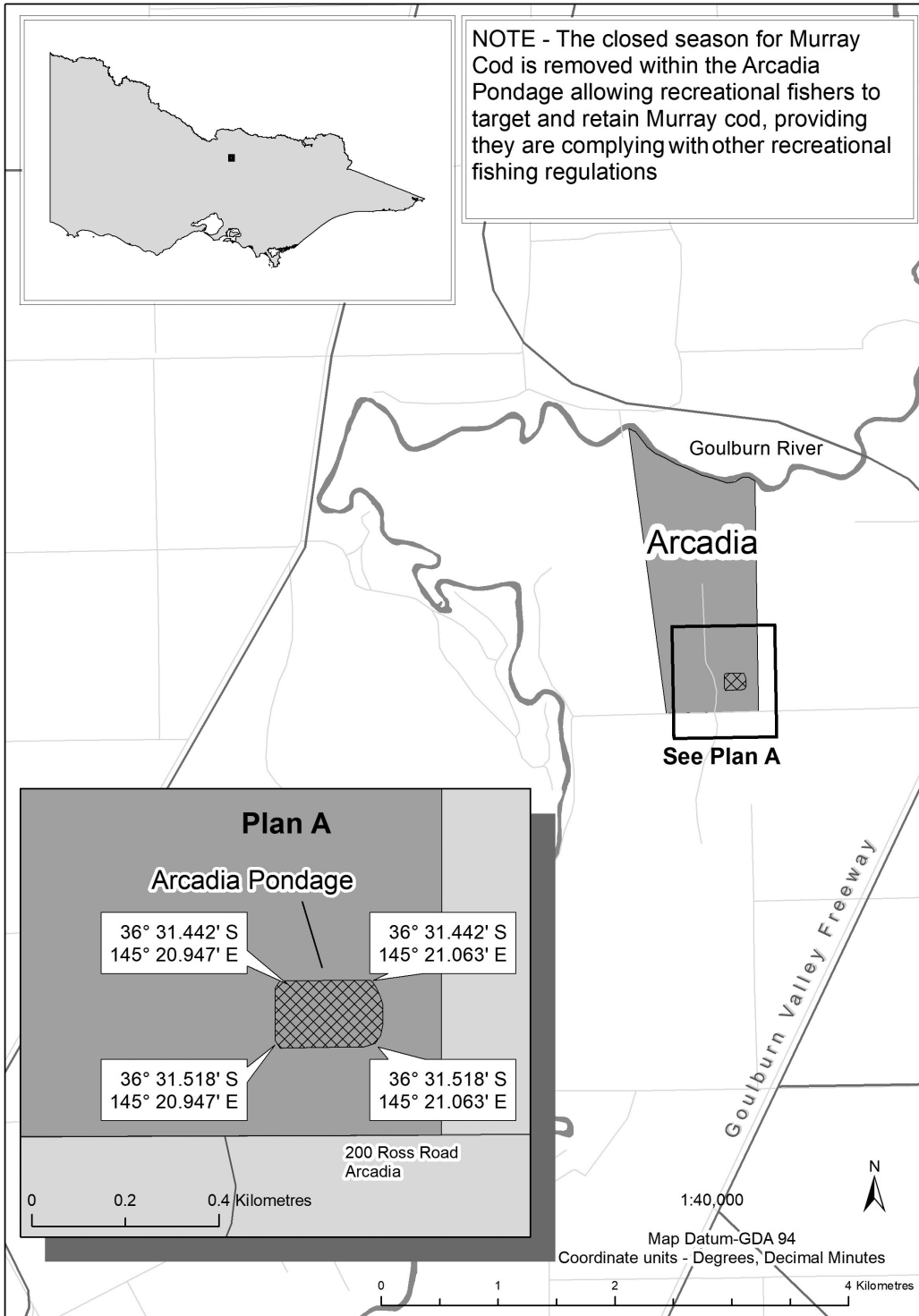
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**Notes:**

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.

**SPECIAL**

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**Fisheries Act 1995****FISHERIES NOTICE 2026**

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Dated 7 April 2026

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

**FISHERIES (CENTRAL MURRAY COD) NOTICE 2026****1. Title**

This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Central Murray cod) Notice 2026.

**2. Objectives**

The objective of this Notice is to remove the Murray cod closed season within Lake Eppalock (Schedule 1), Cairn Curran Reservoir (Schedule 2) and Lake Nillahcootie (Schedule 3), allowing anglers to target and retain Murray cod between 1 September to 30 November, providing they comply with other recreational fishing regulations.

**3. Authorising provision**

This Notice is made under sections 67 and 152 of the Act.

**4. Commencement**

This Notice comes into operation on the day it is published in the Victoria Government Gazette.

**5. Definitions and interpretive provisions**

(1) In this Notice –

‘*Murray cod*’ means *Maccullochella peelii*;

‘*the Act*’ means the **Fisheries Act 1995**.

**6. Open season for Murray cod at Lake Eppalock, Cairn Curran Reservoir and Lake Nillahcootie**

For the purposes of section 67(1) of the Act, the open season for the taking of Murray cod from waters within Lake Eppalock, Cairn Curran Reservoir and Lake Nillahcootie is the whole year.

(1) Despite regulation 164(1) and 164(2) of the Fisheries Regulations 2019 –

(a) the taking of Murray cod from waters within Lake Eppalock, Cairn Curran Reservoir and Lake Nillahcootie; and

(b) the possession of Murray cod in, on or next to waters within the waters within Lake Eppalock, Cairn Curran Reservoir and Lake Nillahcootie – during the open season is allowed.

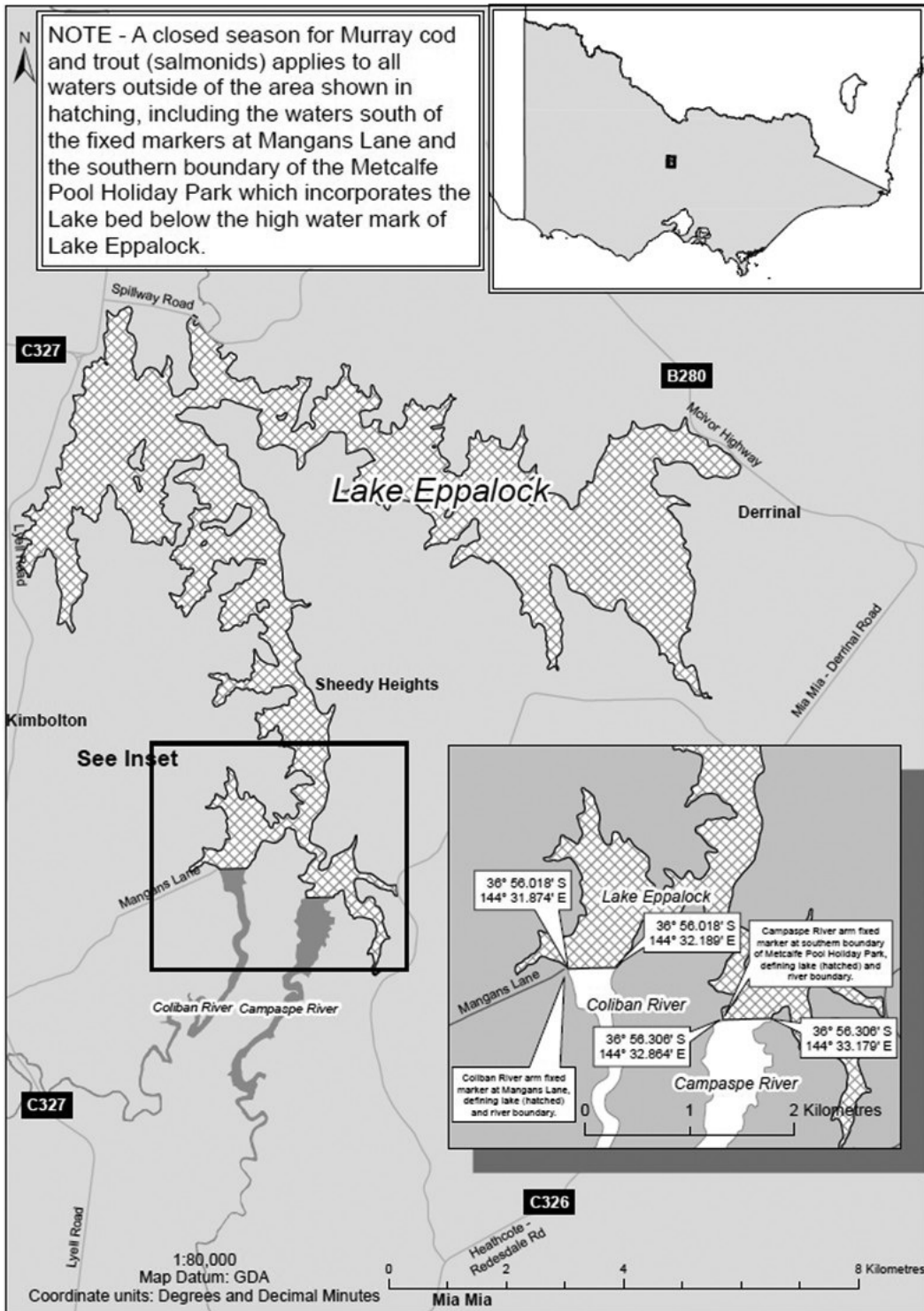
**7. Revocation**

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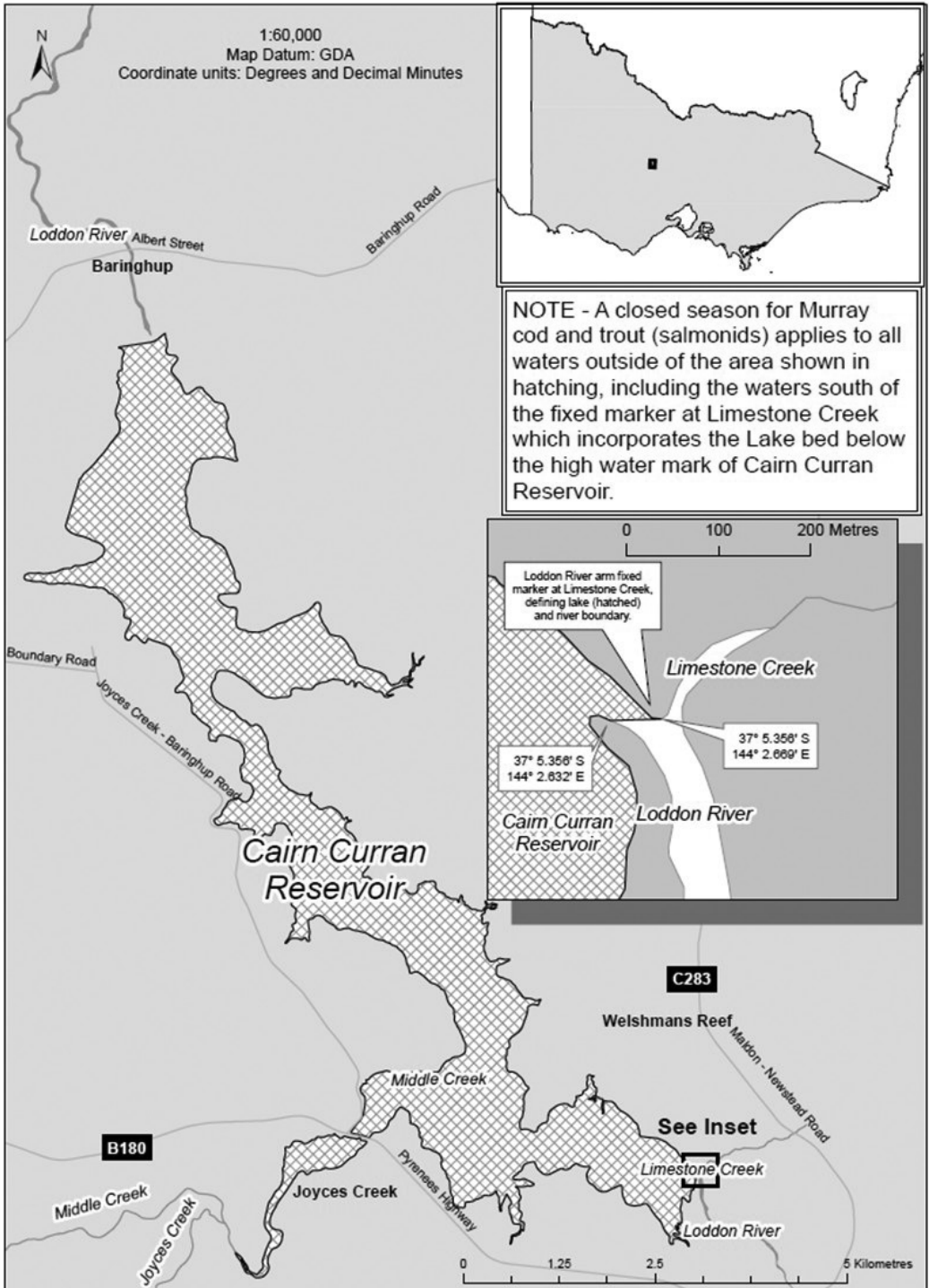
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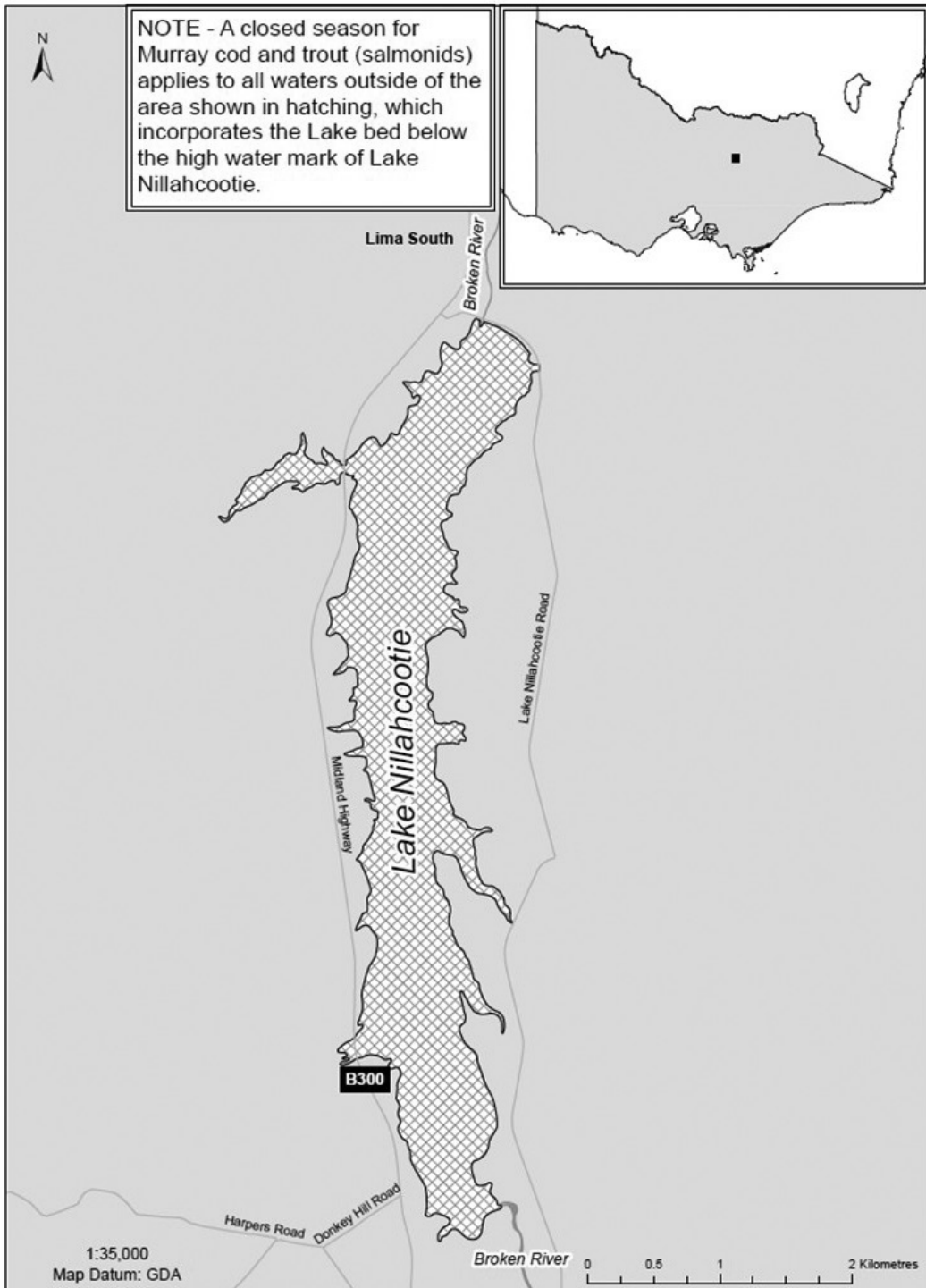
SCHEDULE 1



SCHEDULE 2



SCHEDULE 3



**Fisheries Act 1995**  
**FISHERIES NOTICE 2026**

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Dated 7 April 2026

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

FISHERIES (LAKE EILDON MARKER) NOTICE 2026

**1. Title**

This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Lake Eildon Marker) Notice 2026.

**2. Objectives**

The objective of this Notice is to trial a fixed marker in the Goulburn arm of Lake Eildon to better define the boundary between the lake and the river during the Murray cod and trout (salmonids) closed seasons, and to reduce confusion and conflict amongst anglers who care for Murray cod.

**3. Authorising provision**

This Notice is made under section 152 of the Act.

**4. Commencement**

This Notice comes into operation on the day it is published in the Victoria Government Gazette.

**5. Limits of Lake Eildon for the purposes of closed seasons**

Despite regulation 12 of the Fisheries Regulations 2019 –

- a) the waters shown hatched and north of the fixed marker depicted in the Schedule to this Notice, are the waters of Lake Eildon; and
- b) the waters south of the fixed marker depicted in the Schedule to this Notice, are the waters of the Goulburn River –

for the purposes of regulations 163 and 164 and Schedule 26 of the Fisheries Regulations 2019.

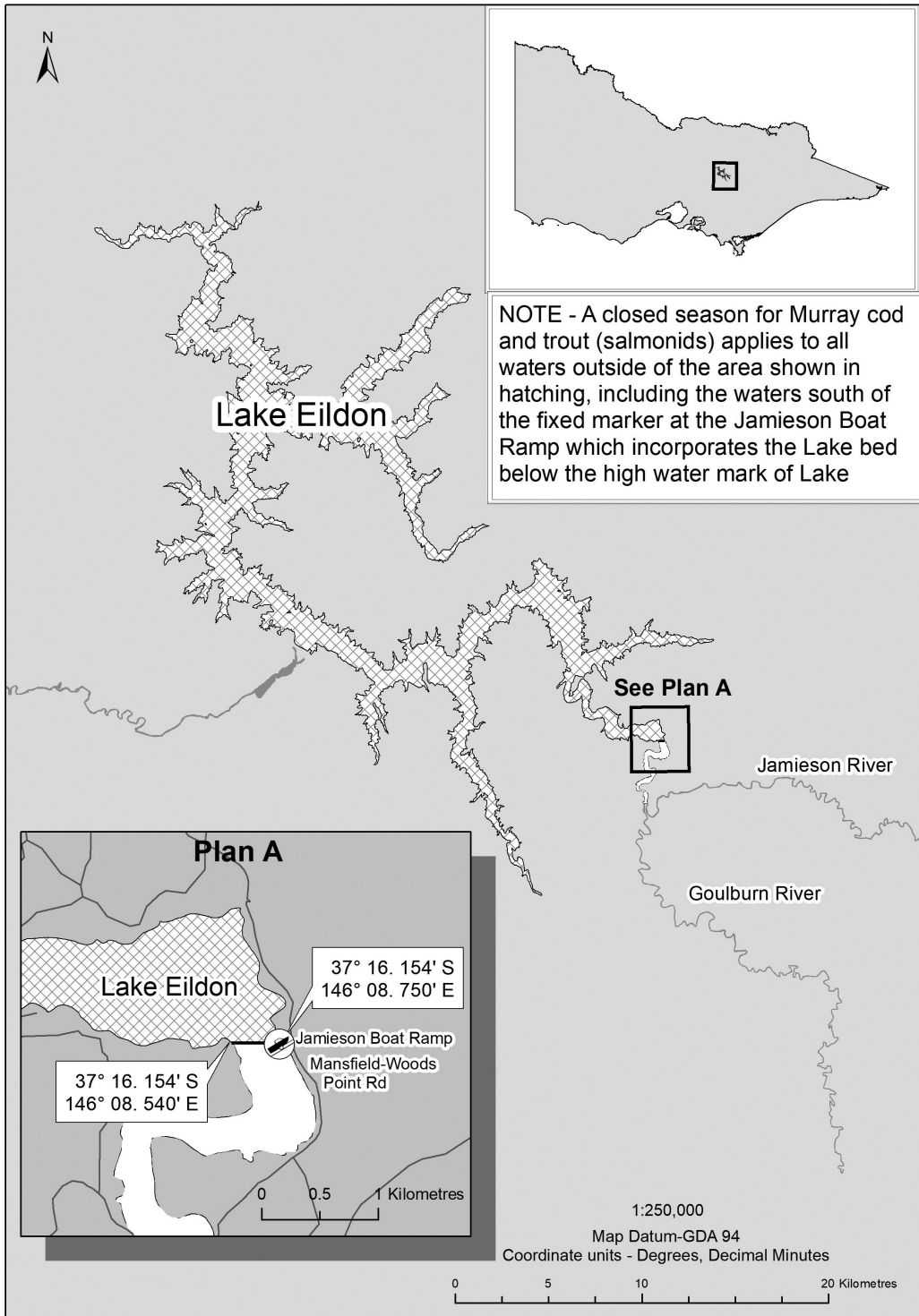
**6. Revocation**

Unless sooner revoked, this Notice will be automatically revoked 12 months after the day on which it comes into operation.

**Notes:**

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.

### SCHEDULE



**Fisheries Act 1995**

## FISHERIES NOTICE 2026

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Dated 7 April 2026

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

## FISHERIES (MANAGEMENT OF LAKE HUME) NOTICE 2026

**1. Title**

This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Management of Lake Hume) Notice 2026.

**2. Objectives**

The objective of this Notice is to provide for the management of Lake Hume by exempting a person who has paid the recreational fishing fee as required under the **Fisheries Management Act 1994** of New South Wales (NSW) from the requirement of holding a recreational fishing licence while fishing in Lake Hume.

**3. Authorising provision**

This Notice is made under section 152 of the Act.

**4. Commencement**

This Notice comes into operation on the day it is published in the Government Gazette.

**5. Definitions**

In this Fisheries Notice –

**‘engaging in recreational fishing’** means –

- (a) taking or attempting to take fish; or
- (b) using or possessing recreational fishing equipment;

**‘Lake Hume’** has the same meaning as in the Fisheries Regulations 2019;

**‘the Act’** means the **Fisheries Act 1995**.

**6. Exemption from the requirement to hold a recreational fishery licence**

(1) A person who is engaging in recreational fishing in or on lake Hume is exempt from the requirement to hold a recreational fishery licence under section 44 of the Act in respect of that fishing if –

- (a) the person has paid the NSW fishing fee in accordance with Division 4A of the **Fisheries Management Act 1994** of NSW; and
- (b) the payment is current and valid; and
- (c) the person has an official receipt for the payment of the NSW fishing fee in his or her immediate possession.

(2) For the purposes of this clause, a person has an official receipt in his or her ‘immediate possession’ only if the person is able to immediately produce the official receipt for inspection if required.

**7. Requirement to produce official receipt**

An authorised officer may require a person who claims to have paid the NSW fishing fee to produce the official receipt in respect of that payment for inspection.

**Note:** It is an offence under section 111(1)(i) of the Act to fail to comply with a lawful requirement of an authorised officer.

**8. Revocation**

Unless sooner revoked, this Notice is revoked on the day which is 12 months after the date on which it came into operation.

**Fisheries Act 1995**  
FISHERIES NOTICE 2026

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Dated 7 April 2026

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

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FISHERIES (LAKE WENDOUREE) NOTICE 2026

**1. Title**

This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Lake Wendouree) Notice 2026.

**2. Objectives**

The objective of this Notice is to prohibit the take of fish and the possession and use of recreational fishing equipment in a specified area of Lake Wendouree, during a specified period, to protect spawning trout.

**3. Authorising provision**

This Notice is made under sections 67, 114 and 152 of the Act.

**4. Commencement**

This Notice comes into operation on the day it is published in the Victoria Government Gazette.

**5. Definitions**

In this Fisheries Notice –

*‘Lake Wendouree specified waters’* means the waters shown hatched on the plan in the Schedule;

*‘recreational fishing equipment’* has the same meaning as it has in the Fisheries Regulations 2019;

*‘specified period’* means the period during 1 June 2026 to 31 July 2026, inclusive.

**6. Prohibition on recreational fishing in Lake Wendouree specified waters**

(1) For the purposes of section 67 of the Act –

- (a) the taking of fish from Lake Wendouree specified waters; or
- (b) the possession of fish in or on Lake Wendouree specified waters – during the specified period is prohibited.

(2) For the purposes of section 114 of the Act -

- (a) the use of recreational fishing equipment in or on Lake Wendouree specified waters; or
- (b) the possession of recreational fishing equipment on Lake Wendouree specified waters –

during the specified period is prohibited.

**7. Revocation**

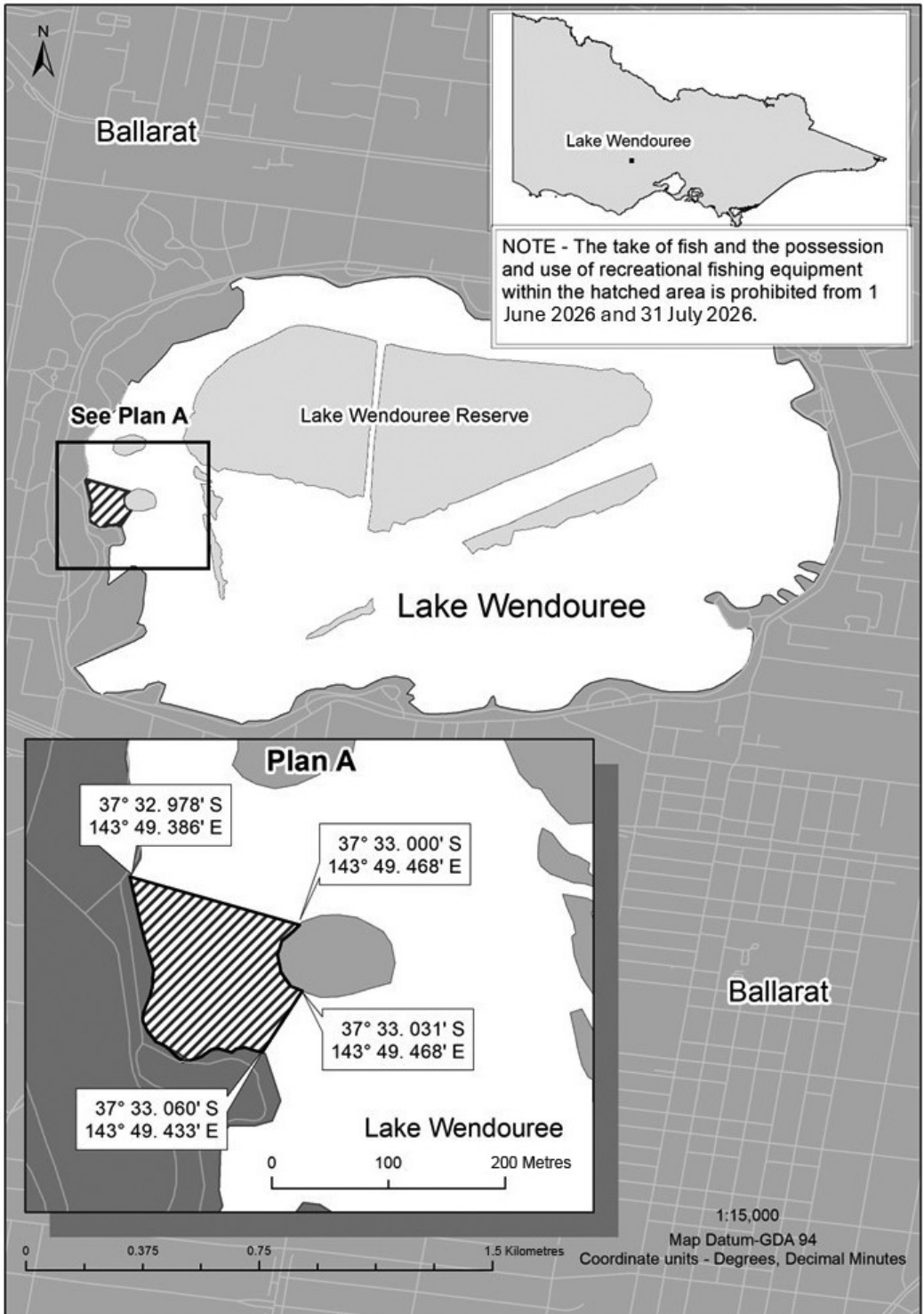
Unless sooner revoked, this Notice will be automatically revoked 12 months after the day on which it comes into operation.

**Notes:**

Contravention of any prohibition under section 67 of the Act set out in this Fisheries Notice is an offence under section 67(3) of the Act. A maximum penalty of 100 penalty units or six months imprisonment or both applies.

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

SCHEDULE



**Fisheries Act 1995**

## FISHERIES NOTICE 2026

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Dated 7 April 2026

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

## FISHERIES (MACQUARIE PERCH) NOTICE 2026

**1. Title**

This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Macquarie perch) Notice 2026.

**2. Objectives**

The objectives of this Notice is to change the bag limit for Macquarie perch to zero in order to protect Macquarie perch in all waters across Victoria.

**3. Authorising provision**

This Notice is made under sections 67 and 152 of the Act.

**4. Commencement**

This Notice comes into operation on the day it is published in the Victoria Government Gazette.

**5. Definitions and interpretive provisions**

In this Notice –

‘*Macquarie perch*’ means *Macquaria australasica*;

‘*the Regulations*’ means the Fisheries Regulations 2019;

‘*the Act*’ means the **Fisheries Act 1995**.

**6. Taking and possession of Macquarie perch prohibited**

(1) For the purposes of section 67(1) of the Act, the taking of Macquarie perch from Victorian waters is prohibited.

(2) For the purposes of section 67(1) of the Act, the possession of Macquarie perch anywhere in Victoria is prohibited.

(3) For the purposes of the Act, the daily catch limit with respect to –

(a) the taking of Macquarie perch from Victorian waters; or

(b) the possession of Macquarie perch anywhere in Victoria –

is zero (0) Macquarie perch .

**Note:** There are offences in sections 68A and 68B of the Act relating to taking or possessing more fish of a species than the catch limit specified in a Fisheries Notice. Various penalties apply.

(4) Sub-clauses (1), (2) and (3) do not apply to –

(a) the Victorian Fisheries Authority or a person acting on behalf of the authority for compliance, fisheries management or research purposes; or

(b) a person acting under a general permit that authorises the taking or possession of Macquarie perch who takes or possesses the Macquarie perch in accordance with the permit, the Act and the Regulations.

- (5) Sub-clauses (2) and 3(a) do not apply to a person acting under a licence or permit issued under section 53 of the **Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988** that authorises the keeping of Macquarie perch who possesses the Macquarie perch in accordance with the licence or permit, the Act and the Regulations.

#### 7. **Revocation**

Unless sooner revoked, this Notice will be automatically revoked 12 months after the day on which it comes into operation.

**Notes:** 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.

### **Fisheries Act 1995**

#### FISHERIES NOTICE 2026

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Dated 7 April 2026

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Director of Fisheries Management and Boating  
Victorian Fisheries Authority

#### FISHERIES (ROACH AND TENCH CATCH LIMIT) NOTICE 2026

##### 1. **Title**

This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Roach and Tench Catch Limit) Notice 2026.

##### 2. **Objective**

The objective of this Notice is to fix catch and possession limits for recreational take of roach and tench across Victorian waters.

##### 3. **Authorising provision**

This Notice is made under section 152 of the Act.

##### 4. **Commencement**

This Notice comes into operation on the day its published in the Victoria Government Gazette.

##### 5. **Definitions**

In this Fisheries Notice –

‘*roach*’ means *Rutilus rutilus*;

‘*tench*’ means *Tinca tinca*;

‘*the Act*’ means the **Fisheries Act 1995**.

##### 6. **Catch and possession limit**

Despite regulation 161(3) of the **Fisheries Regulations 2019**, in the case of roach and tench, there is no limit on the possession or the taking of these species of fish from Victorian waters.

##### 7. **Revocation**

Unless sooner revoked, this Notice will be automatically revoked 12 months after the day on which it comes into operation.

**Notes:**

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.

Penalties under this notice are set in accordance with section 152(7)(c) of the Act which allow the imposition of penalties not exceeding 50 penalty units for a contravention of an offence under a fisheries notice.

**Fisheries Act 1995**

## FISHERIES NOTICE 2026

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Dated 7 April 2026

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Director of Fisheries Management and Boating  
Victorian Fisheries Authority

## FISHERIES (SMALL LAKES MURRAY COD) NOTICE 2026

**1. Title**

This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Small Lakes Murray cod) Notice 2026.

**2. Objectives**

The objective of this Notice is to remove the Murray cod closed season within Eildon Pondage (Eildon), Ouyen Lake (Ouyen), Lake Lascelles (Hopetoun) and Willow Lake (Hopetoun) to enable Murray Cod fishing the whole year, allowing anglers to target and retain Murray cod between 1 September to 30 November, providing they comply with other recreational fishing regulations including minimum and maximum size, daily catch and possession limits.

**3. Authorising provision**

This Notice is made under sections 67 and 152 of the Act.

**4. Commencement**

This Notice comes into operation on the day it is published in the Victoria Government Gazette.

**5. Definitions and interpretive provisions**

(1) In this Notice –

*'Murray cod'* means *Maccullochella peelii*;

*'the Act'* means the **Fisheries Act 1995**;

*'Eildon Pondage'* means the upper and lower Eildon pondage.

**6. Open season for Murray cod in Eildon Pondage, Ouyen Lake, Lake Lascelles and Willow Lake**

(1) For the purposes of section 67(1) of the Act, the open season for the taking of Murray cod from Eildon Pondage, Ouyen Lake, Lake Lascelles and Willow Lake is the whole year.

(2) Despite regulation 164(1) and 164(2) of the Fisheries Regulations 2019 –

(a) the taking of Murray cod within Eildon Pondage, Ouyen Lake, Lake Lascelles and Willow Lake – during the open season is allowed; and

(b) the possession of Murray cod within Eildon Pondage, Ouyen Lake, Lake Lascelles and Willow Lake – during the open season is allowed.

**7. Revocation**

Unless sooner revoked, this Notice will be automatically revoked 12 months after the day on which it comes into operation.

**Notes:**

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**Fisheries Act 1995****FISHERIES NOTICE 2026**

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Dated 7 April 2026

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Director of Fisheries Management and Boating  
Victorian Fisheries Authority

**FISHERIES (WESTERN MURRAY COD) NOTICE 2026****1. Title**

This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Western Murray cod) Notice 2026.

**2. Objectives**

The objectives of this Notice is to open waters within the Wimmera Catchment and Land Protection Region to Murray Cod fishing the whole year with the exclusion of the Wimmera River.

**3. Authorising provision**

This Notice is made under sections 67 and 152 of the Act.

**4. Commencement**

This Notice comes into operation on the day it is published in the Victoria Government Gazette.

**5. Definitions and interpretive provisions**

(1) In this Notice –

‘*Murray cod*’ means *Maccullochella peelii*;

‘*the Act*’ means the **Fisheries Act 1995**;

‘*Wimmera Catchment and Land Protection Region*’ means the area of Victoria within the boundaries of the Wimmera Catchment and Land Protection Region as determined and defined by Order in Council under section 10 of the **Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994**.

**6. Open season for Murray cod in the Wimmera and Millicent Basins**

(1) For the purposes of section 67(1) of the Act, the open season for the taking of Murray cod from waters within the Wimmera Catchment and Land Protection Region other than the Wimmera River is the whole year.

(2) Despite regulation 164(1) and 164(2) of the Fisheries Regulations 2019 –

(a) the taking of Murray cod from waters within the Wimmera Catchment and Land Protection Region (other than the Wimmera River); and

(b) the possession of Murray cod in, on or next to waters within the waters within the Wimmera Catchment and Land Protection Region (other than the Wimmera River) – during the open season is allowed.

**7. Revocation**

Unless sooner revoked, this Notice will be automatically revoked 12 months after the day on which it comes into operation.

**Notes:**

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.

The boundaries of the Wimmera Catchment and Land Protection Region were defined by Order in Council made under section 10 of the **Catchment and Land Protection Act 1995** on 29 November 1994 and published in Government Gazette No. G 48 on 1 December 1994 at pages 3182 to 3183.

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