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FISHERIES NOTICE No. 15/1995 Fisheries (Scallop-Port Phillip Bay Fishery) Notice No. 15/1995

I, Charles Geoffrey Coleman, Minister for Natural Resources, after consultation with the Victorian Fishing Industry Federation, make the following Fisheries Notice: Dated 28 July 1995

> C. G. COLEMAN Minister for Natural Resources

Title

1. This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Scallop-Port Phillip Bay Fishery) Notice No. 15/1995.

Objectives

- 2. The objectives of this Notice are-
- (a) to specify areas of Port Phillip Bay in which fishing for scallops is permitted;
 and
- (b) to fix times when fishing for scallops in those waters is permitted; and
- (c) to fix a catch rate limit (bag limit) for scallops taken from those waters for the period commencing on 31 July 1995 and ending on 30 October 1995.

Authorising provision

3. This Notice is made under section 80 of the Fisheries Act 1968.

Commencement

4. This Notice commences on 31 July 1995.

Definitions

5. "Act" means the Fisheries Act 1968;

"crate has the same meaning as in the *Fisheries (Scallop) Regulations 1995.

Times when and places where scallop fishing is permitted

6. Subject to clause 7, the holder of a master fisherman's licence operating a boat in respect of which a scallop licence has been issued under section 14 of the Act and endorsed as "valid for scallop fishing in all Victorian waters" or "valid for scallop fishing in the waters of Port Phillip Bay" may dredge for or take scallops for sale

from the waters of those areas of Port Phillip Bay described in the Schedule, between the hours of 5.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. on any Monday, on any Tuesday, on any Wednesday, or on any Thursday during the period commencing on 31 July 1995 and ending on 30 October 1995.

Places where scallop fishing is not permitted

- 7. (1) During the period commencing on 31 July 1995 and ending on 30 October 1995 the taking of scallops from the waters of Port Phillip Bay other than from the areas described in the Schedule is prohibited.
- (2) A person must not have scallop dredging equipment on board or attached to a boat in or upon the waters of Port Phillip Bay other than in the areas described in the Schedule.
- (3) The use of a dredge within 200 metres of any aquacultural farming or spat collection structure established or operating under the Fisheries Act 1968, is prohibited.
- (4) Sub-clause (2) does not apply to a person who is proceeding via the most direct route to or through waters described in the Schedule.

Catch rate limit

8. A licensee must not take from the waters of Port Phillip Bay or have on board that boat on Port Phillip Bay more than 8 crates of scallops on any one day on which fishing for scallops is permitted under clause 6.

Penalty

9. Any person who contravenes any provision of this Notice is liable to a penalty of 20 penalty units.

Schedule

Areas of Port Phillip Bay in which scallop fishing is permitted

Area 1

The area south of a straight line commencing at Martha Point and then to Edward Point.

Area 2

The area north of a straight line commencing at Rickett's Point and then to the south bank of the mouth of the Werribee River.

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