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Fisheries Act 1968 FISHERIES NOTICE No. 2/1997

I, Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, after consultation with the Victorian Fishing Industry Federation, make the following Fisheries Notice:

Dated 11 February 1997

PATRICK McNAMARA
Minister for Agriculture and Resources

FISHERIES (GIPPSLAND LAKES MUSSEL FISHERY) NOTICE No. 2/1997

Title

1. This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Gippsland Lakes Mussel Fishery) Notice No. 2/1997.

Commencement

2. This Notice commences on 10 February 1997.

Objective

3. The objective of this Notice is to control the taking of mussels from the Gippsland Lakes, for a period commencing on 10 February 1997 and ending on 8 February 1998.

Authorising provision

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

Definitions

5. In this Notice—
“diving equipment” means equipment which is specifically designed to assist breathing while the user is wholly or partly submerged in water and includes breathing regulators, SCUBA equipment, equipment which is capable of pumping air to a regulator and snorkels;

“fish bin” means a fish bin with a nominal capacity of 54.4 litres.

Hours of operation for taking mussels

6. The holder of a licence to take mussels for sale from the Gippsland Lakes must not take mussels from the waters of Gippsland Lakes other than between the hours of 6.30 am and 4.30 pm on any Monday and Wednesday.

Catch limit

7. The holder of a Master Fisherman's Licence authorizing the taking of mussels from the Gippsland Lakes must not take, store, hold or possess more than a weekly catch limit of 150 kilograms of mussels per week.

Other restrictions

8. The holder of a Master Fisherman's Licence—

- (a) must ensure that mussels are cleaned within 20 metres of the point where the mussels were harvested; and
- (b) must ensure that other than when using a catch bag while diving, mussels are only contained in fish bins; and
- (c) must not be in possession of more than 5 full or partly filled fish bins containing mussels; and
- (d) must be present while mussels are taken; and
- (e) must ensure that diving equipment is not used from the master fisherman's boat other than between the hours of 6.30 am and 4.30 pm on any Monday and Wednesday.

Penalty

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

NOTE: Despite clause 2 this notice takes effect from the date of gazettal (11 February 1997).

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