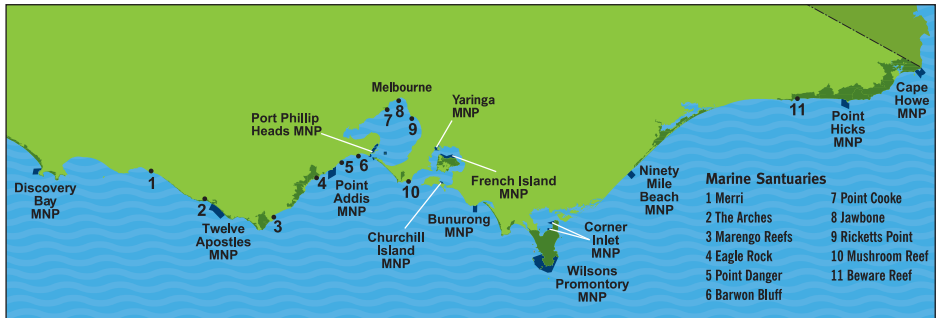


VICTORIA'S MARINE NATIONAL PARKS AND MARINE SANCTUARIES





Marine National Parks and Marine Sanctuaries protect representative samples of Victoria's unique and diverse marine environments for the benefit of present and future generations.



All forms of commercial and recreational fishing from sea or shore are prohibited, including collecting bait, line fishing, setting traps, netting and the use of spears. Heavy penalties apply.

BOUNDARY MARKERS

-  Shoreline Boundary Marker – points in towards park.
-  Inwater Special Mark – at sea boundary and protected waters only.

Parknotes which contain detailed maps of boundaries are available from Parks Victoria and DPI Fisheries Offices, from Parkweb (www.parkweb.vic.gov.au), or by calling Parks Victoria on 13 1963.



ONLY DEAL WITH AN APPROVED BIA MEMBER

LOOK FOR THE  AT YOUR LOCAL BOATING AND FISHING BUSINESS



WHAT IS THE BIA?

The Boating Industry Association of Victoria (BIA) is a non-profit organisation which represents over 90% of the recreational boating industry around Victoria.

The principle aim of the BIA is to promote recreational boating as a safe, environmentally responsible pastime for families and individuals.

BIA members are qualified and knowledgeable in their field, providing boating consumers with a high level of service and advice.

WHY DEAL WITH A BIA MEMBER?

BIA Members cover all areas of the recreational marine industry from boating, fishing, sailing, watersports, diving, accessories, services, education and training. All members are obliged to honour the BIA's Code of Practice.

This charter offers peace of mind when purchasing boating and fishing products and services.

MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL BOAT & LIFESTYLE SHOW

30 January - 01 February 2009
Docklands

BIA MELBOURNE BOAT SHOW

02 - 06 July 2009
Melbourne Exhibition Centre

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AQUACULTURE FISHERIES RESERVES – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Marine aquaculture has been established in Port Phillip Bay and Western Port for around 30 years.

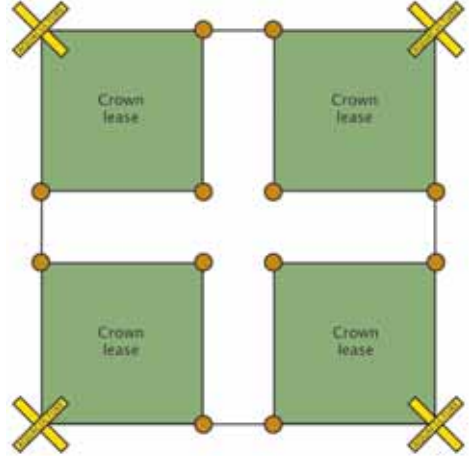


Aquaculture is undertaken within individual aquaculture farming sites (Crown leases), ranging from 3ha to 27ha located within nine Aquaculture Fisheries Reserves (AFRs).

Aquaculture Fisheries Reserves are clearly identified with yellow special marks (piles or buoys) with

“AQUACULTURE” inscribed in black lettering on the X top mark and yellow synchronised lights placed at the external boundaries (see above).

Crown leases within AFRs are not accessible to the general public and lease holders install orange floats to mark the boundaries (see below).

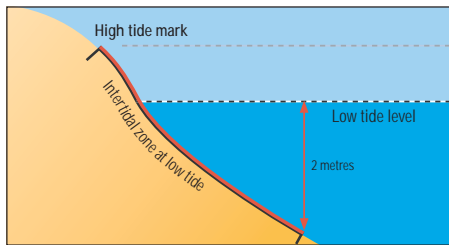
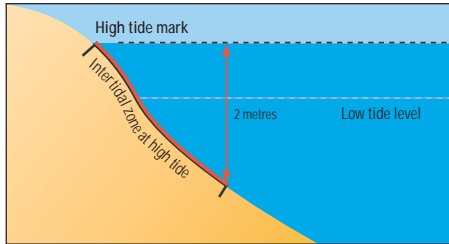


For further information and a copy of the Code of Conduct, visit www.dpi.vic.gov.au/aquareserves or contact the DPI Customer Service Centre on 136 186.



INTERTIDAL RESTRICTIONS

For the purpose of fisheries regulations, the intertidal zone of marine and estuarine waters is defined as the strip of land from the high-tide mark to where the water is at least 2 metres deep at any given time.



The intertidal zone is an important link in marine ecosystems. All organisms, both plant and animal, form part of the food chain. Plants provide habitat and food for a variety of species including fish. Empty shells provide habitat for animals. Removal of any invertebrate animals from this zone may seem harmless, but it represents a loss of food for other species, and is therefore restricted or prohibited in some areas.

Intertidal Protected Areas

Victorian Waters other than Port Phillip Bay

There is a ban on the taking of some molluscs (shellfish) from the intertidal zone of all Victorian waters other than Port Phillip Bay.

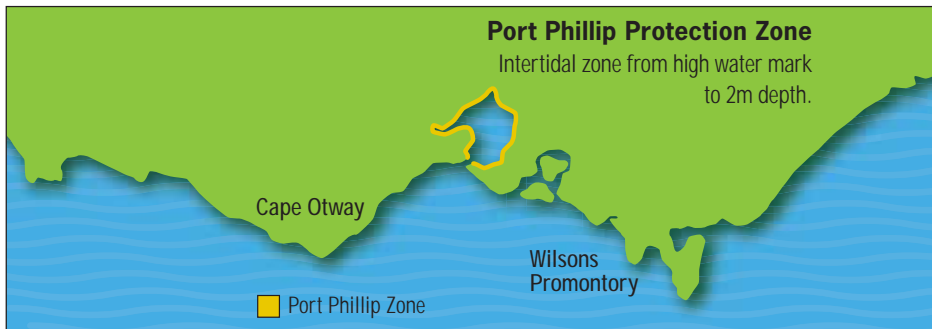
Molluscs exempted from this prohibition include bivalves – such as pipis, mussels, oysters and squirter – squid, octopus, cuttlefish and dead shells. Other non mollusc species such as shrimp (all species incl. Bass yabbies), sand fleas, crab, sandworm and rock lobster may also be taken by approved methods only (see page 24). Size and catch limits may apply to some species (see pages 53-62).

Port Phillip Bay

From the intertidal zone you may collect only marine worms, Bass yabbies and dead shells by hand or with an approved hand-held bait pump only. Catch limits apply to marine worms (see page 62) and Bass yabbies (see page 53). All other invertebrates (animals without a backbone) are protected.

Marine National Parks/ Marine Sanctuaries

Intertidal collecting is not allowed in any Marine National Park or Marine Sanctuary. Restrictions may also apply in some areas of other parks.



Intertidal Collection Methods

You may not use shovels, scoops, forks, rakes or any other digging implement in any Victorian intertidal zone. You may use a fishing line, speargun or hand-held spear to catch fish, squid, cuttlefish and octopus. Where collection in intertidal habitats is permitted, the following methods are allowed:

- an approved hand-held bait pump where the barrel does not exceed 8.5cm in diameter. A sieve may be used only in conjunction with the pump;
- by hand or feet;
- use of a hand-held spear or speargun, recreational hoop nets, bait traps or recreational bait nets, (specified waters apply);

FRESHWATER RESTRICTIONS

Seven Creeks: You must not take fish, use or possess fishing equipment in the waters or within 20m of the banks of Seven Creeks between the retaining wall of Polly McQuinns Dam and the Gall Gap road bridge which crosses Seven Creeks.

Goulburn River: You must not use or possess fishing equipment in the waters or within 20m of the banks of the Goulburn River from the walkway over the Eildon Pondage Weir release gates, to the fishing boundary posts 200m downstream from that point.

Ryans Creek: You must not take fish or be in possession of fishing equipment on or within 20 metres of Ryans Creek between Loombah Weir and McCallsay Weir, and including Loombah Weir.

Domestic Water Storages: Many water storages are closed to the public for any form of fishing. Fishers must check with the relevant authority prior to entering these areas.

SCALLOPS – PORT PHILLIP RESTRICTIONS

No scallops may be taken from the area bounded by a straight line from St Leonards Pier to West Channel Pile then east to the point 38° 122' south; 144° 50' east and then north to the point 38° 9' south, 144° 50' east and then west to the shore at Indented Head. Intertidal restrictions also apply (see page 23).

