

Amendment to Prohibition Notice

On 23 June 2022, based on advice from the Victorian Department of Health (DH), PrimeSafe issued an amended Notice to your seafood business prohibiting certain seafood harvesting activities in the Gippsland Lakes region.

I have received a further report from an authorised officer under the Seafood Safety Act 2003, detailing updated advice from DH, following the receipt of additional seafood sample results from the region, where DH have recommended this prohibition be amended.

Having considered this advice, I am amending the Notice which now applies as follows:

- (i) The requirement to gut and gill **finfish** harvested for human consumption from between Corner Inlet and the Victoria-New South Wales border on the harvesting vessel prior to being presented to market is **revoked**.*
- (ii) The prohibited area for **crabs and bugs** is **extended** from 5 nautical miles to 10 nautical miles from the shore, and the east and west boundaries are **contracted** to now only extend from Mcloughlin's Beach to Marlo.*
- (iii) The prohibited area for **prawns** is **extended** from 5 nautical miles to 10 nautical miles from the shore, from Mcloughlin's Beach to the Victoria-New South Wales border, given the migration of prawns up the east coast.*

Monitoring of seafood in the region will continue in order to determine when it is safe to re-open the remaining areas of the fishery. DH and PrimeSafe will keep you informed of the outcomes of the monitoring program.