

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
An Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara

Fisheries Natura Declaration No. 3 of 2016 (Castlemaine Harbour)

I, Michael Creed, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by Regulation 9(1)(a) and (b) of the European Union (Birds and Natural Habitats) (Sea-fisheries) Regulations 2013 (S.I. No. 290 of 2013), hereby issue the following declaration:

Citation

1. This Declaration may be cited as Fisheries Natura Declaration No. 3 of 2016 (Castlemaine Harbour).

Commencement

2. This Declaration comes into force on 7 September 2016.

Mussel seed

3. In this Declaration:

"Castlemaine Harbour" means the geographical area east of an imaginary line drawn from:

Latitude 52°06.5487'N, Longitude 009°56.9101'W through
Latitude 52°06.5000'N, Longitude 010°00.0167'W through
Latitude 52°04.8833'N, Longitude 009°59.9500'W to
Latitude 52°04.8833'N, Longitude 009°58.5230'W.

"mussel seed" means mussels (*mytilus edulis*) whether alive or dead and includes any part of a mussel and the shell, or any part of the shell, of a mussel and which are not intended for direct human consumption.

Prohibition on fishing mussel seed

4. A person, on board a vessel or otherwise, shall not use any method to fish, including hand gathering, or attempt to fish mussel seed within the Castlemaine Harbour.
5. A person shall not have on board a vessel, in their possession, land, tranship, attempt to land or attempt to tranship, buy, handle, weigh, transport, process, store or sell mussel seed that has been caught in contravention of paragraph 4.

6. Nothing in this Natura Declaration affects the cultivation and harvesting of mussels in accordance with an aquaculture licence (within the meaning of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997 (No. 23 of 1997)).

GIVEN under my Official Seal,

5 September 2016

Michael Creed
Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the declaration and does not purport to be a legal interpretation)

This Declaration prohibits fishing for mussel seed in Castlemaine Harbour.

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