

NOTICE TO MARINERS

GIPPSLAND PORTS



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PORT OF CORNER INLET & PORT ALBERT

LEWIS CHANNEL – PORT WELSHPOOL PIER RECONSTRUCTION

FISH HABITAT AREA ESTABLISHED

AIDS TO NAVIGATION ESTABLISHED

- DATE:** 30th October 2018 – Effective Immediately
- PREVIOUS NOTICE:** Notice to Mariners No 284(T) of 2017 is referred
- DETAILS:** Mariners are advised that Stage 2 and 3 of the de-construction and re-construction of the Port Welshpool Shipping Pier is nearing completion.
- The reconstruction project has shortened the length of the previous Shipping Pier from approximately 930m to approximately 780m. The new structure shall be known as the “Port Welshpool Long Jetty” that will be used as a pedestrian only structure for promenading and recreational fishing.
- As a result of shortening the old pier, some of the structural piles have been left in the seabed to form a fish habitat for the use of recreational fishers. Each of the piles that have been left are either lying on the seabed or protrude no further vertically than two meters below Lowest Astronomical tide height.
- The two (2) port hand lateral mark beacons previously located on the old shipping pier have been withdrawn from service from the following positions;
- Shipping Pier West (F.R.) (withdrawn from);
Lat. 38° 42.357' S – Lon. 146° 26.888' E
 - Shipping Pier East (Oc.R.10s) (withdrawn from);
Lat. 38° 42.336' S – Lon. 146° 26.987' E
- Datum WGS84.

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The fish habitat area runs laterally alongside the northern boundary of Lewis Channel midway between beacon LC #14 (Fl.R.4s) and beacon LC #16 (Fl.R.4s).

Two (2) port hand lateral mark beacons have been established approximately 150m apart to guard the boundary of the habitat area from normal vessel traffic transiting Lewis Channel.

Details of the two (2) new port hand lateral mark beacons follow;

1. Port Welshpool Fish Habitat Western Light (F.R.) in position;
Lat. 38° 42.359' South
Lon. 146° 26.883' East Datum WGS84
2. Port Welshpool Fish Habitat Eastern Light (Oc.R.10s) in position;
Lat. 38° 42.341' South
Lon 146° 26.971' East Datum WGS 84

In addition, seven (7) Special Mark beacons have been established to define the boundaries of the submerged pile fish habitat area. These beacons are located directly adjacent to and inshore from the Western and Eastern port hand lateral mark beacons previously described. Each Special Mark beacon is identified by the yellow Saint Andrews Cross day shape but will not be lit at night. Each beacon will have yellow retro reflective tape fixed in 3 bands around each pile.

The positions of each special mark beacon follow;

SM (A) Lat. 38° 42.353' S – Lon. 146° 26.880' E
SM (B) Lat. 38° 42.347' S – Lon. 146° 26.906' E
SM (C) Lat. 38° 42.352' S – Lon. 146° 26.913' E
SM (D) Lat. 38° 42.342' S – Lon. 146° 26.933' E
SM (E) Lat. 38° 42.346' S – Lon. 146° 26.942' E
SM (F) Lat. 38° 42.330' S – Lon. 146° 26.959' E
SM (G) Lat. 38° 42.326' S – Lon. 146° 26.977' E
Datum WGS84

Mariners transiting the Lewis Channel to and from Port Welshpool shall not be obstructed by the fish habitat area as it lies coincidental to the old Port Welshpool Pier structure.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Gippsland Ports Project Manager Ian Cameron on 0436 010 944.

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**CHART
AFFECTED:** Aus.181, AUS 182

**PUBLICATIONS
AFFECTED:** NP14 Australia Pilot Vol 2, Vol K List of Lights.
Gippsland Ports Waterways online available at
www.gippslandports.vic.gov.au

FURTHER NOTICE: A further notice (end the construction phase) shall be issued.

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