

Victorian Notice to Mariners

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**EAST BASS STRAIT – WOODSIDE BEACH TO SEASPRAY BEACH
BENTHIC SURVEY & AUV OPERATIONS**

Date: 23 FEBRUARY TO 13 MARCH 2026

Details: Mariners are advised of benthic survey operations to be undertaken by Fathom Pacific Pty Ltd, within the Aurora Green Offshore Wind Feasibility Licence Area (Commonwealth waters) and associated cable routes located in both Commonwealth and Victorian waters, off the coast of Gippsland, between Woodside Beach and Seaspray Beach. The operations will take place between 23 February and 13 March 2026, subject to weather conditions.

The operational area extends from the coastline to approximately 27NM offshore. The operational area within Victorian waters will be bound by the following points:

Table 1: Coordinates of the operational area in Victorian waters

Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	38° 34' 53.01" S	146° 56' 51.22" E
2	38° 36' 19.72" S	147° 00' 20.98" E
3	38° 25' 18.87" S	147° 13' 31.25" E
4	38° 23' 07.52" S	147° 10' 51.03" E

Figure 1: Operational area within 3NM

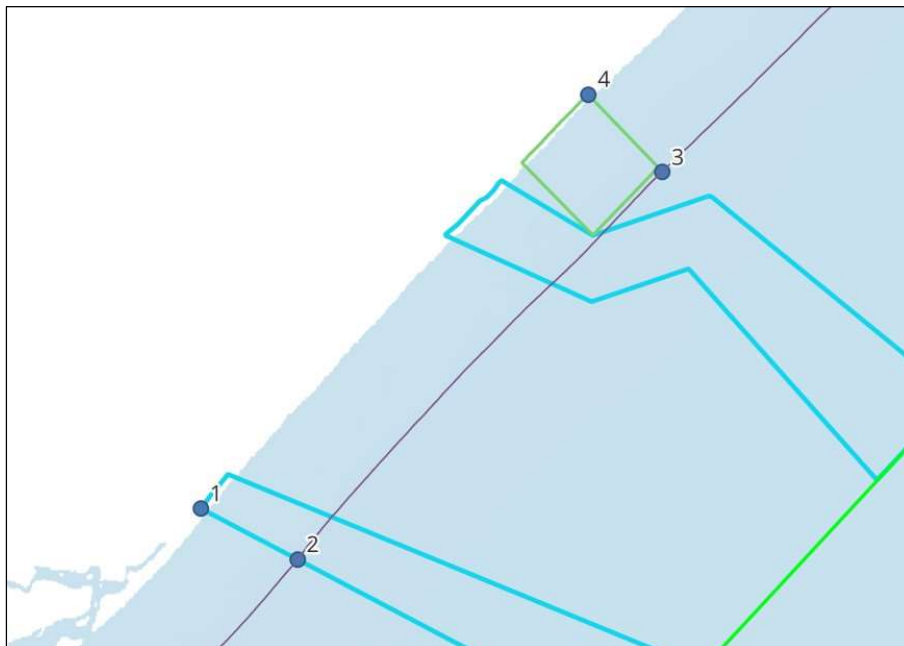
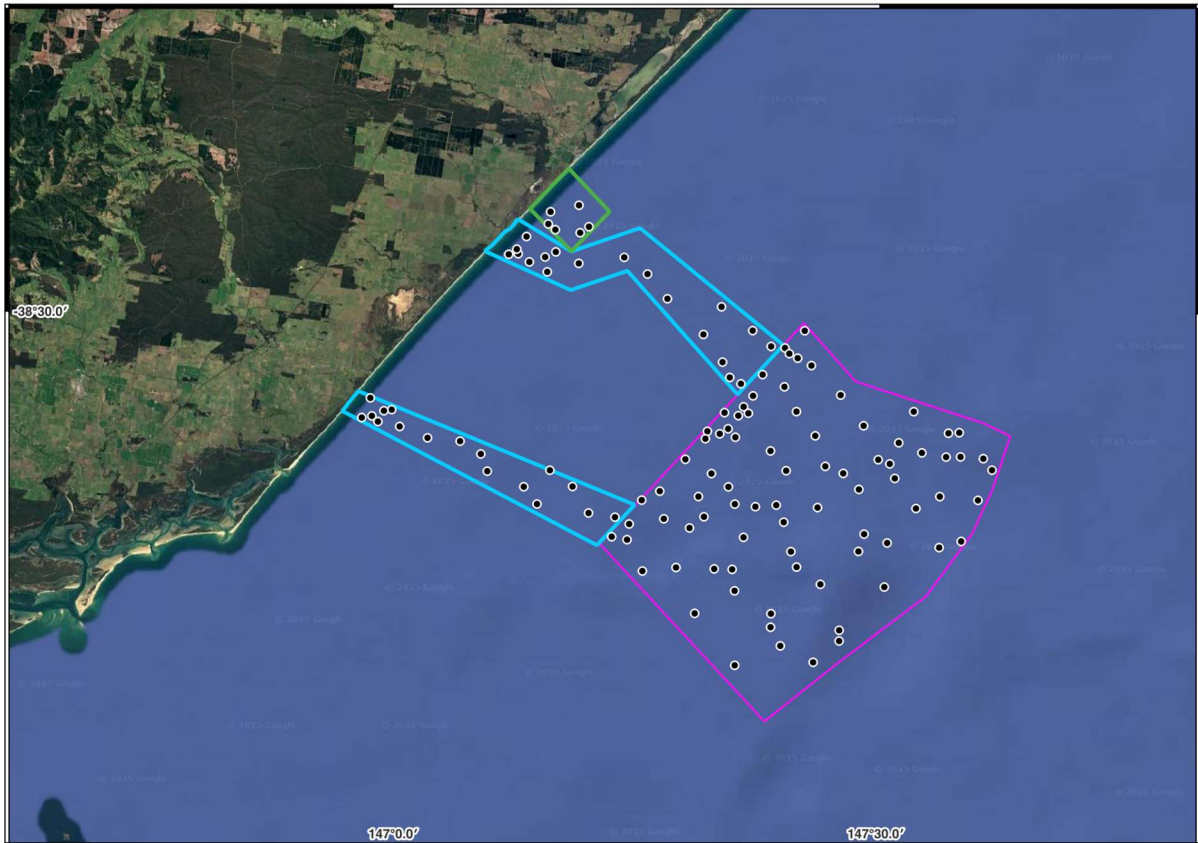


Figure 2: Planned sampling sites within State and Commonwealth waters.



MV Bass Trek (24m) will be engaged in the survey operations which will involve deployment of two Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUVs) and an acoustic monitoring buoy which will remain within visual range of the vessel. Vessel maneuverability will be limited when conducting operations. The Bass Trek will display appropriate day shapes and lights when under restricted ability to manoeuvre and will be monitoring VHF Channel 16. Vessel call sign is VKV6646.

Mariners are asked to be aware of the operational area during this period and maintain a distance of 500 metres from vessel operations.

AUS Charts and Publications Affected: AUS357, AU439147

Victorian Charts and publications affected: Nil

Emergency Contact details: MV Bass Trek operator can be contacted on VHF 16, vessel call sign VKV6646, phone: +61 (0) 475 782 758, or alternatively contact Mark Johnston, Scientist (Fathom Pacific), phone: +61 (0) 497 917 967, email: mark.johnston@fathompacific.com.

Further Notice: This Notice is self-cancelling. No further Notice will be issued.

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