

To:

Mr Travis Dowling
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Victorian Fisheries Authority
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20/10/2025

Dear Mr Dowling,

Re-Proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2025

VRFish the recognised Independent Recreational Fishing Peak Body of Victoria that represents over one million recreational fishers has consulted with our recreational fishing constituents in Southwest Victoria and the Portland area.

- VRFish notes this Proposed Fisheries Notice as per Schedule one (shown hatched) continues to maintain the clearly specified waters of Portland Bay that will protect the recreational fishery from Commercial fishing trawl and seine netting.
- VRFish notes the Proposed Fishery Notice 2025 offers a balanced opportunity of sharing the fish resource to permit commercial fishers to use a restricted single longline only with up to fifty (50) hooks in the specified hatched area.
- Prohibits the Commercial fisher take of yellowtail kingfish in the area shown hatched in schedule one. (Catch limit. 0)

VRFish commends the Victorian Fisheries Authority in moving forward quickly to reintroduce this Proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice to maintain the necessary protection of the Portland Bay recreational fishery and offer our full support in implementing the content of this Fisheries Notice in full as soon as practical.

As always VRFish suggests once a Fisheries Notice has been in force for its defined period strong consideration should be to enshrine the directive as a regulation rather than reissuing every twelve months.

Yours sincerely,



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