

Ban of Netting in Portland Bay



Fri 14/11

Follow up. Completed on Friday, 14 November 2025.

Having lived in Portland overlooking the Portland Bay for 45 years, and having dived in the Bay throughout this period I totally support the banning of netting, having witnessed the enormous damage that was done by this netting when the Commercial Fisherman from Melbourne hammered the Bay with nets for weeks on end, which was totally against the " Gentleman`s agreement " b/n. the local Commercial Fishermen and the Portland residents because they recognised the damage that netting did not only to the environment but to the Portland community as a whole

These include;

- Totally destroying the fish stock and the fish nursery, taking a reported 1.7 tonne of whiting in one day

Today, the result of the netting is that since it was done there are very few fish being caught by recreational fishers and the Bay environment has not recovered to this day

- Destroyed the **Leafy Sea Dragon colony** that lived throughout the Bay
- Whereas before the Commercial Netting took place we would regularly observe 40 -60 small boats on the Bay b/n Snapper Point and the Port enjoying the safety offered in the Bay and catching a few fish, today we see only 3-6 boats

The bay because of its safety as well as its proximate to the Boat Ramp is enjoyed by everybody particularly by Senior Citizens and by young families teaching their children the joyment of catching a couple of fish

- Obviously the lack of tourist of not catching a few fish has a long term economic effect as well on Portland

I would welcome further discussing this further with you if this be your wish.

Portland 2025 Fisheries Draft Notice



17/10/2025

Follow up. Completed on Wednesday, 29 October 2025.

Hi Luke / Travis,

I am writing to formally submit my support for the proposed 2025 Draft Portland Fisheries Notice.

This Notice represents an important step in ensuring the long-term protection of Portland's bay—not only for commercial netting interests but also for maintaining recreational fishing as a vital part of Portland's community and culture.

The draft Notice strikes a fair and sustainable balance between commercial and recreational fishing. It provides a sensible framework that supports both sectors while prioritising the ecological sustainability of our marine environment.

Importantly, the proposed no-netting zone is proportionate, covering less than 5% of Victoria's net-free fishing areas. This allows for targeted conservation without placing an undue burden on commercial operations.

Recreational fishing continues to be a major economic contributor to Portland and the broader South West region, injecting approximately \$15 million annually into the local economy. This revenue plays a crucial role in supporting local businesses, infrastructure, and the growing tourism sector.

I fully support the 2025 Draft Portland Fisheries Notice and commend the Victorian Fisheries Authority for its continued commitment to protecting our natural resources while supporting regional communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Kind regards,



Support for the Proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fish...



24/10/2025

Follow up. Completed on Wednesday, 29 October 2025.

Dear Victorian Fisheries Authority,

I am writing to express my support for the Proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2025 as outlined in the consultation materials provided.

The proposed Notice demonstrates a well-considered and balanced approach to managing fishing activity in Portland Bay, ensuring the sustainable use of this valuable marine resource while reducing potential conflict between commercial and recreational fishers.

The prohibition of trawl, mesh, and seine nets within specified nearshore waters, together with the restrictions on the targeted take of yellowtail kingfish, represents a precautionary and responsible management decision.

Portland Bay is a valued community and ecological asset, and the proposed Notice reflects sound governance and responsible stewardship of Victoria's fisheries.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. I fully support the introduction of the *Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2025* and appreciate the ongoing work of the Victorian Fisheries Authority in ensuring the sustainable management of our coastal fisheries.


Yours sincerely,



Portland Bay Commercial Fishery Notice 2025.



3/11/2025

 Follow up. Completed on Monday, 3 November 2025.
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Hello,

I fully support the draft of the proposed Portland Bay Commercial Fishery Notice 2025, that seeks to:

- * prohibiting the use of mesh nets, trawl nets and seine nets in specified waters of Portland Bay;
- * restricting the use of longlines in specified waters of Portland Bay;
- * prohibiting the take of yellowtail kingfish in specified waters of Portland Bay by Ocean Fishery Access Licence holders and Trawl (Inshore) Fishery Access Licence holders.

These measures will greatly improve opportunities for fishers and are a positive long term measure for the ongoing sustainability of the area and its unique environmental values, especially as a nursery area for many fish species that are at risk with commercial fishing pressures. I fully support the policy and notice that proposes the management, development and use of the fisheries resources around Portland in an efficient and effective manner, enabling sharing of the resource.

Regards,



No netting Portland



Fri 14/11

Follow up. Completed on Monday, 17 November 2025.

I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

To keep Portland bay free of nets is a necessity to ensure future proofing our entire region.


Portland is a town built on tourism for fishing, oceanic bird twitching and whale watching, of both the endangered southern right whale and humpback. Not to mention sea turtles, weedy sea dragons and many other marine mammals all that are at risk to netting practices as they stand.

The area imposed is not of an unreasonable size and still leaves plenty of possible fishing area for commercial fishing. Netting simply doesn't need to be done in the bay for the commercial sector to remain viable yet a few commercial netters could have such adverse effects on the bay affecting thousands who come to enjoy its many possibilities and take many years to recover if left unregulated.

Netting



3/11/2025

 Follow up. Completed on Monday, 3 November 2025.

Hello,

I am writing to express my support for the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice in relation to Portland Bay. I fully endorse the continuation of a net-free policy to ensure the ongoing protection and sustainability of our local marine environment.

Keeping Portland Bay net free is essential to preserving fish stocks, supporting recreational fishing, and maintaining the ecological balance of this important coastal area for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued efforts in protecting our local waters.

Kind regards,



Support for the Proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fish...



20/10/2025

Follow up. Completed on Wednesday, 29 October 2025.

Dear Victorian Fisheries Authority,

I wish to express my support for the Proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2025. The proposed management measures represent a balanced and responsible approach to ensuring the sustainable use of the Portland Bay fishery while reducing conflict between commercial and recreational fishers.

I commend the Victorian Fisheries Authority for its leadership and commitment to sustainable fisheries management.

Yours sincerely,

Portland Bay



3/11/2025

Follow up. Completed on Monday, 3 November 2025.

Hi,

I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free. I am from Bendigo and we travel to Portland very frequently to engage in Recreational Fishing we often come in big numbers (friends/family) with multiple boats. Fishing is often difficult at times and would be much more so if netting was permitted. The boat ramps often overflow with people like myself enjoying the area, if netting is permitted in the bay I would imagine the fish would be even harder to catch and as a result numbers of people like myself would be less inclined to visit the region. We would probably look to go to different areas with less commercial fishing.

Kind Regards,

Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay 2025

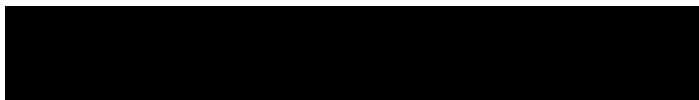


31/10/2025

Follow up. Completed on Monday, 3 November 2025.

I would like to to register my support for the Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay 2025. The area is a tourism destination of choice and the re-introduction of netting within the Bay will have devastating consequences. The original gentlemen's agreement stood for 30+ years, which enabled the area to be a great inshore fishing location for visitors and locals to share.

Unofficial: Portland bay



3/11/2025

Follow up. Completed on Monday, 3 November 2025.

Hi Guys,

"I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

The whiting are still slow after just 1 year of netting ... do not let it happen again please

Thanks

2025 no netting in portland bay

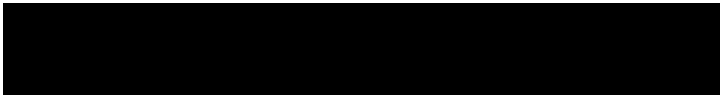


20/10/2025

Follow up. Completed on Wednesday, 29 October 2025.

I support the 2025 fisheries draft for no netting in Portland bay to keep our bay net free and plentiful for our future generations of fishos. My kids absolutely love coming in the bay with me in my little tinny fishing and helping provide our family with delicious fresh caught fish. And im sure they will still want stocks to be plentiful to do the same with their children

Portland Bay Netting



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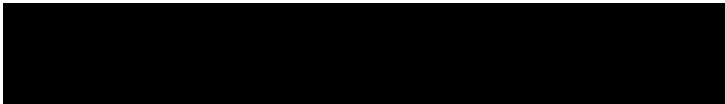
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27/10/2025

Follow up. Completed on Wednesday, 29 October 2025.

I support the 2025 draft fisheries notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free. I have fished the area in small boats with my father, son and grandchildren now. It is safe and accessible for small boats with family members to enjoy there fishing.

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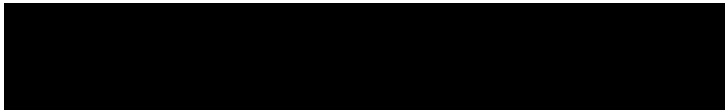
27/10/2025

Follow up. Completed on Wednesday, 29 October 2025.

I support the 2025 draft fisheries notice for Portland bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free. I have fished that area my whole life with grandfather, father now my daughter and the bay needs to be net free to continue the fishing for the future.

Regards

2025 Fisheries notice for Portland Bay !



Fri 14/11

Follow up. Start by Friday, 14 November 2025. Due by Friday, 14 November 2025.

Sent from my iPhone. To whom it may concern ! The Portland Bay fisheries notice for our bay is important for reasons below !

1. The Portland community as a whole relies on the tourism that is brought to the area through our recreational fishing , and the area in the notice is minimal compared to what is still available to the commercial ! 2 The prevention of commercial (gill netting , inshore trawling and purse netting) in this area nominated in the notice , is important in that this type of activity devastates fish species and is indiscriminate in what it kills ! There has not been any type of study done on the by catch effects on the inshore ocean access entitlements! Also the area nominated has a lot of whale activity , fairy penguin activity as well ! Let alone our inshore waters are havens for our juvenile fish species ! 3. The commercial sector can still operate in the area with long line hook and other types of activity ! All we ask is there is no form of netting in the area ! As other states have already done ! 4 To finish there has been no commercial history in our bay ! All we ask is that we allow our community to prosper , from what recreational fishing and tourism brings to Portland ! And the area nominated in the 2025 draft be left as it is , as the area is only 5 % of the commercial sectors fishing ground ! The area nominated will support a community instead of just a few and protect our juvenile species for future generations ! Thank you

To whom it may concern I support the 2025 fisheries notice for the Portland Bay Area ! The area designated is important to the Portland commun...



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Follow up. Completed on Thursday, 6 November 2025.

No netting Portland bay



17/10/2025

Follow up. Completed on Wednesday, 29 October 2025.

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 Follow up. Completed on Wednesday, 29 October 2025.

Hi Travis

I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free

Regards

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Net Free Portland Bay

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2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay

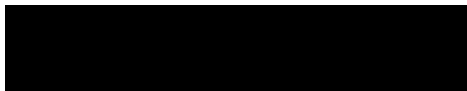


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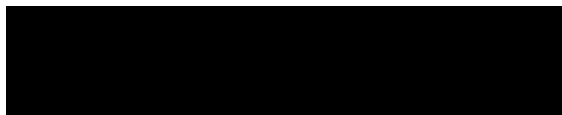
Follow up. Completed on Wednesday, 29 October 2025.

To whom it may concerned

"I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.



NO NETTING PORTLAND



17/10/2025

Follow up. Completed on Wednesday, 29 October 2025.

I SUPPORT THE 2025 FISHERIES NOTICE FOR PORTLAND BAY ,TO ENSURE OUR BAY CONTINUES TO BE NET FREE

Keep Portland bay net free



18/10/2025

Follow up. Completed on Wednesday, 29 October 2025.

I support the 2025 draft fisheries notice for Portland bay, to ensure the bay is kept net free. Absolutely no place for it down there, keep it a thriving place to fish for years to come.

Net free bay portland Vic

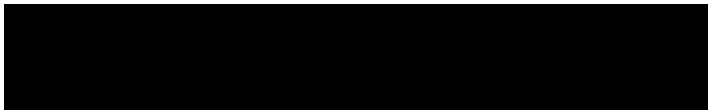


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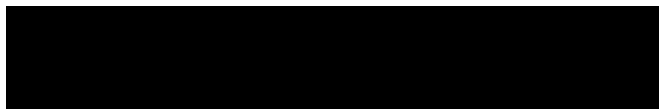
Follow up. Completed on Wednesday, 29 October 2025.

I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Kind regards



No Netting Portland Bay



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To whom it may concern,

I support the 2025 Draft fisheries notice for Portland bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Regards,



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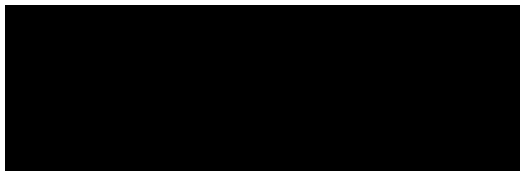
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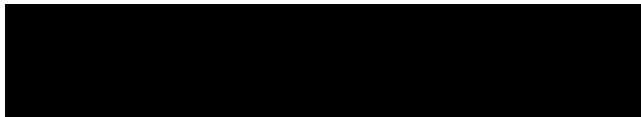
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Portland Bay



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Draft fisheries notice



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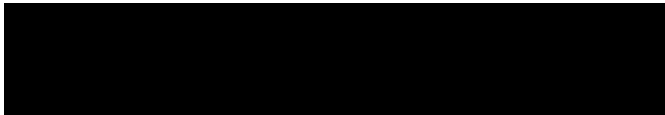
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I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay remains net free!

Sincerely



Draft fisheries notice



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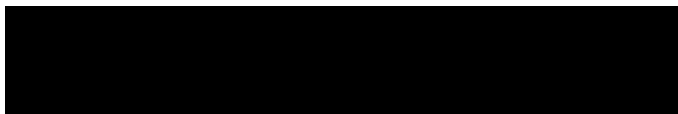
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Sincerely



No netting



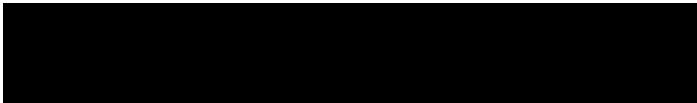
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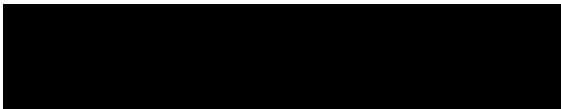


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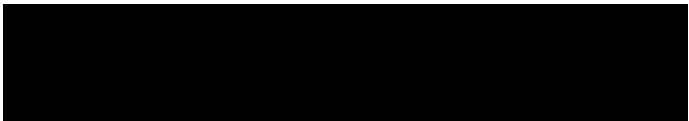
2025 draft fisheries notice



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I fully support the 2025 draft fisheries notice for Portland bay, to insure our bay stays net free
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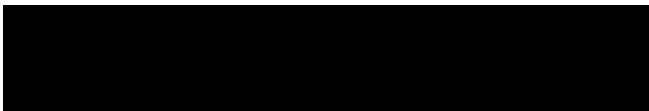


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Future fishing



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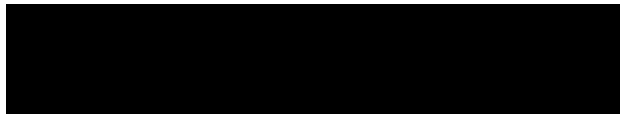


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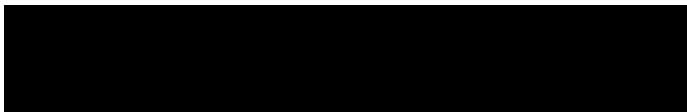


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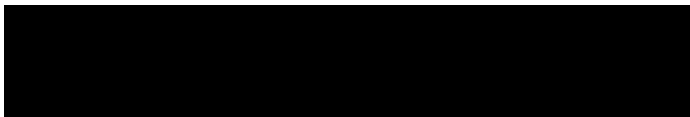


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Portland Bay net free



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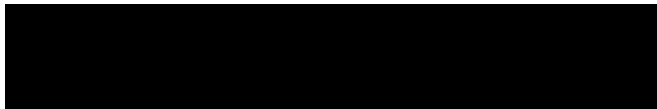
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2025 Portland notice



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Portland fisheries notice



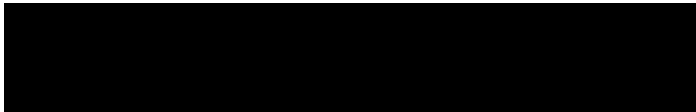
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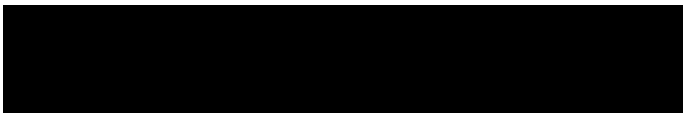
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I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Thanks,



Net free for the bay support

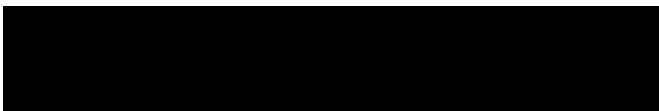


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No netting for Portland bay



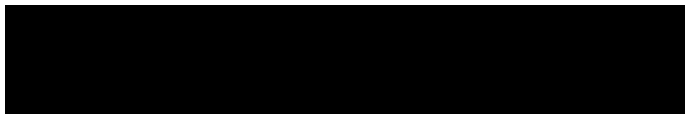
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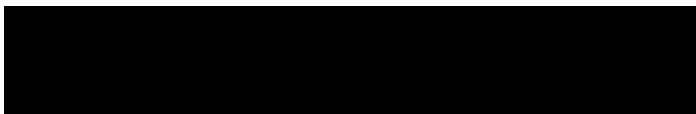


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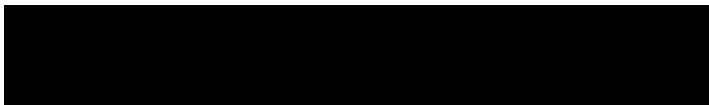


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Netting in Portland Bay





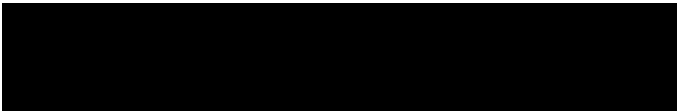


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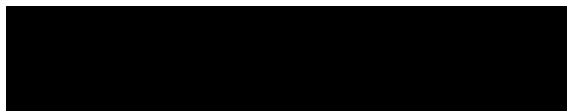


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Portland Bay







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I support the 2025 draft fisheries notice for Portland bay for future generations and recreational fishing.

Thx



Have My say netting Portland



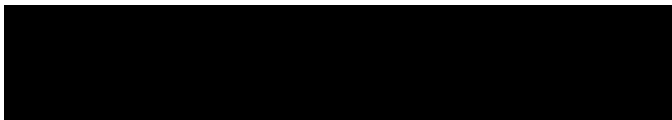
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Thank you

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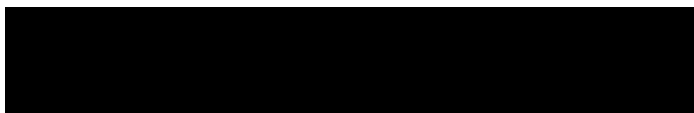


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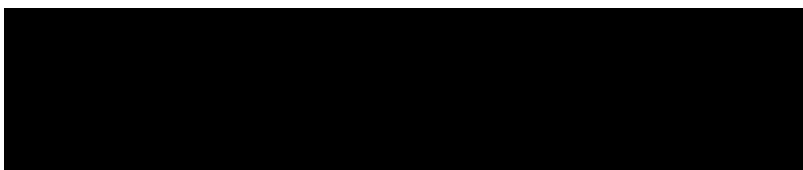
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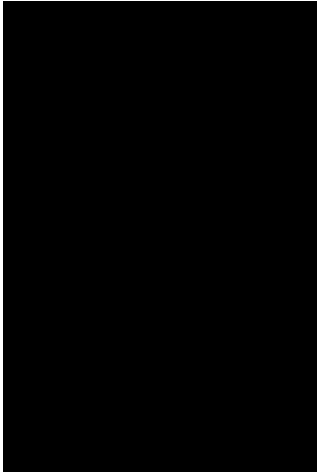
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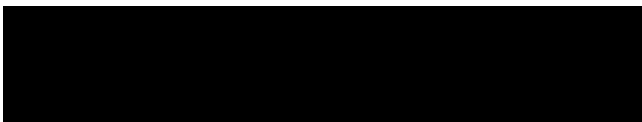
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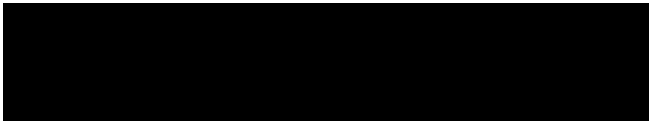
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I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

regards



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23/10/2025

Follow up. Completed on Wednesday, 29 October 2025.

I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay continues, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

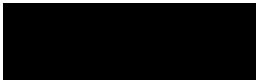
Net free portland bay



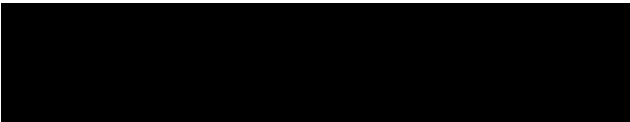
23/10/2025

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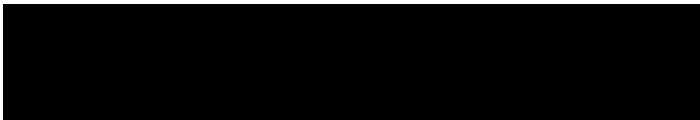


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Draft Fisheries notice



25/10/2025

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I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Regarding the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland



26/10/2025

Follow up. Completed on Wednesday, 29 October 2025.

I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland



29/10/2025

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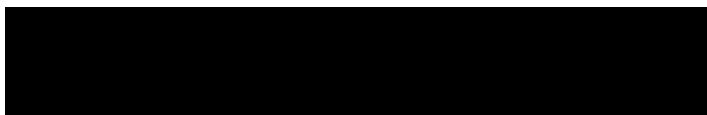
Dear fisheries

"I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

kind regards



Net free



30/10/2025

Follow up. Completed on Monday, 3 November 2025.

"I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Tight lines



2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay



3/11/2025

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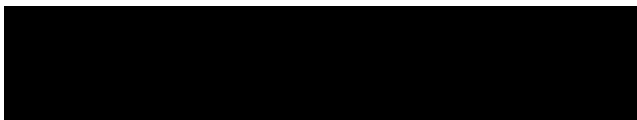
To whom it may concern

I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Yours sincerely



Portland Bay net free



3/11/2025

Follow up. Completed on Monday, 3 November 2025.

I support the 2025 draft fisheries notice for portland Bay to ensure our bay continues to be net free

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Portland Bay



3/11/2025

Follow up. Completed on Monday, 3 November 2025.

I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay because I want to ensure that our bay continues to be net free.



Portland bay



3/11/2025

Follow up. Completed on Monday, 3 November 2025.

Hi I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free for years to come and to keep Portland bay flourishing

Netting in our bay 🤔



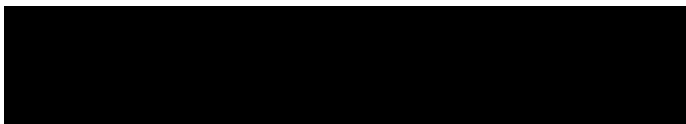
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2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay.

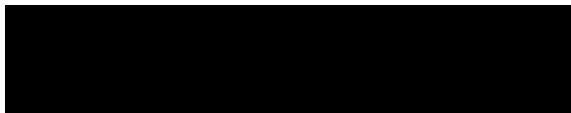


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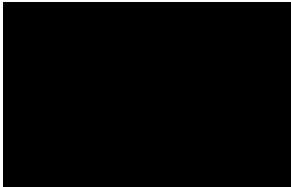


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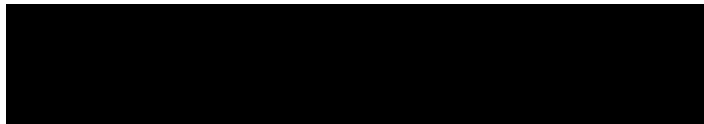


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2025 Draft Fisheries Notice Portland Bay

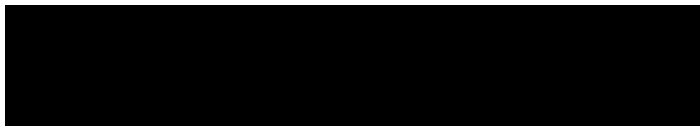


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Follow up. Completed on Monday, 3 November 2025.

Gday, I strongly support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay.
Yours sincerely

No netting

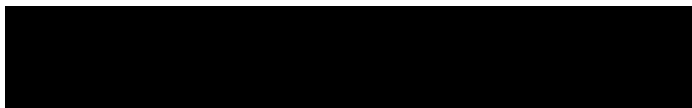


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Portland Bay



3/11/2025

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"I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Submissions



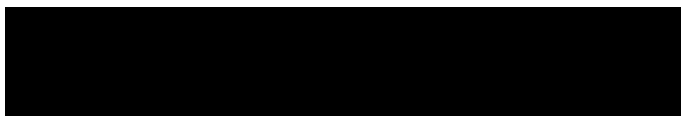
3/11/2025

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I support the 2025 draft Fisheries notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free. Our town depends on net free recreational fishing activities.



Net free



3/11/2025

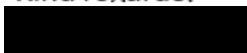
Follow up. Completed on Monday, 3 November 2025.

Hi there,

I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Please make it permanent.

Kind regards,



No Netting



3/11/2025

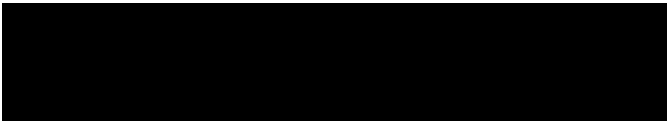
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I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Regards



No netting Portland Bay

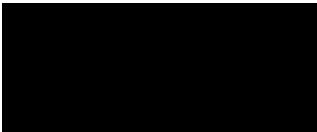


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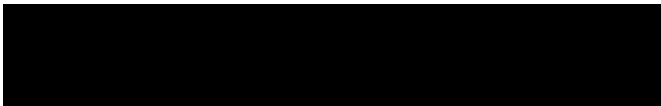
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Kind Regards,



Portland Bay Net Free

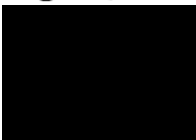


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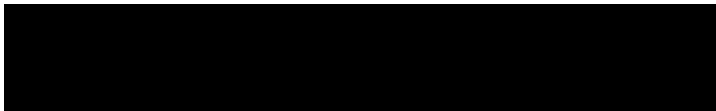
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I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Regards,



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Follow up. Completed on Monday, 3 November 2025.

I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Portland Bay Fishing Notice

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I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

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"I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

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3/11/2025

 Follow up. Completed on Monday, 3 November 2025.

Hello

I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries notice for Portland bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Thank you

[Redacted]

No netting Portland bay

[Redacted]

3/11/2025

Follow up. Completed on Wednesday, 5 November 2025.

I support the 2025 draft fisheries notice for Portland bay to ensure it continues to be net free. [Redacted]

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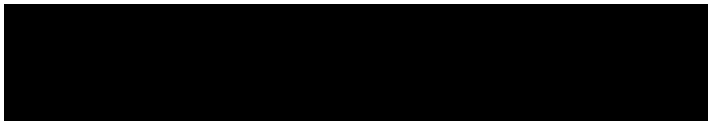
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Thanks,

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No Netting



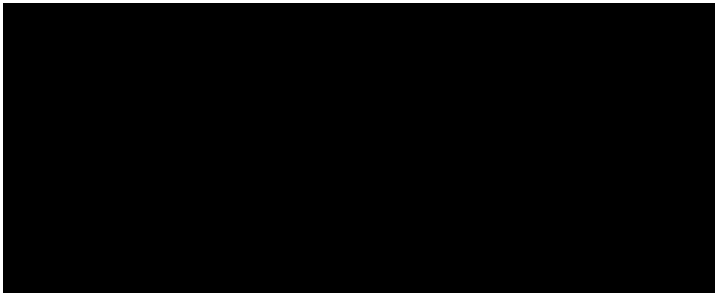
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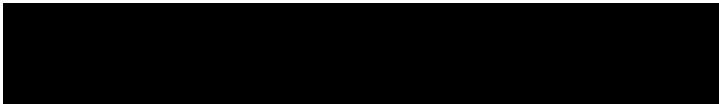
Hello,

I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Kind Regards,



No Netting



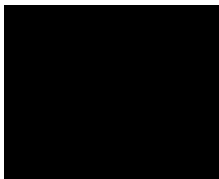
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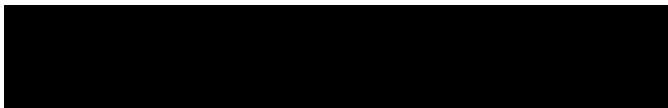
Hello,

I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Kind Regards,



Portland Bay, net free



3/11/2025

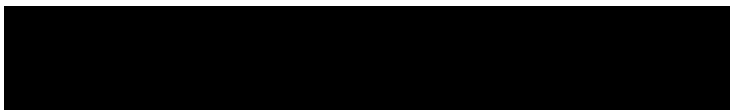
Follow up. Completed on Wednesday, 5 November 2025.

I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Kind regards,



Fisheries Notice



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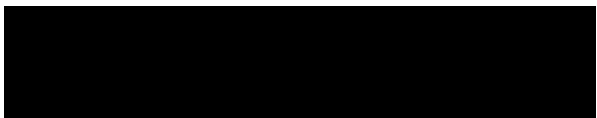
I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Regards,



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Portland Bay



4/11/2025

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“I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.



Portland Bay

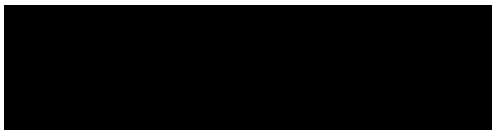


4/11/2025

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I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our Bay continues to be net free.

2025 Draft Fisheries Notice Portland Bay



5/11/2025

Follow up. Completed on Wednesday, 5 November 2025.

I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Regards.



Sent: Monday, 3 November 2025 6:07 PM



Subject: 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay submission.

To whom it may concern.

I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Thanks



DRAFT FISHERIES (PORTLAND BAY COMMERCIAL FISHERY) NOTICE ...



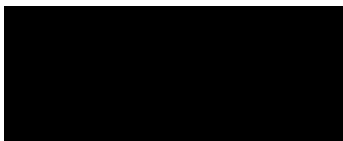
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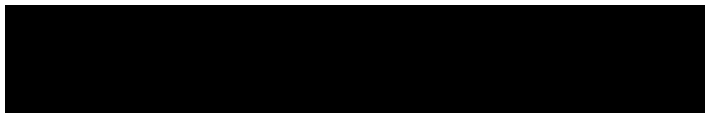
To whom it concerns,

Just a note to confirm that I agree with the content of the Notice and would like to see it confirmed and made on-going via legislation at the first available opportunity.

Kind regards,



(no subject)



6/11/2025

Follow up. Completed on Friday, 7 November 2025.

I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay Continues to be net free.
Thanks.

(no subject)



Tue 11/11

Follow up. Completed on Thursday, 13 November 2025.

I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

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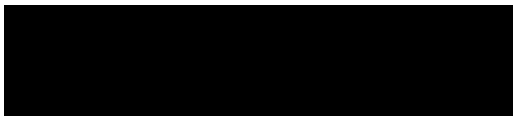


Wed 12/11

Follow up. Completed on Thursday, 13 November 2025.

I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Portland Netting Ban



Wed 12/11

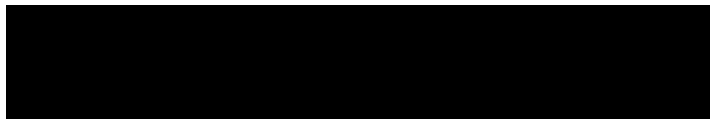
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I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Thanks.



Have your say portland Bay.

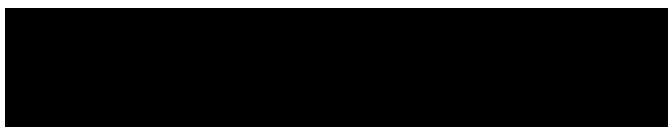


Wed 12/11

Follow up. Completed on Thursday, 13 November 2025.

Insupportable the 2025 draft fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensur...



Wed 12/11

Follow up. Completed on Thursday, 13 November 2025.

I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Portland bay submission

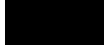


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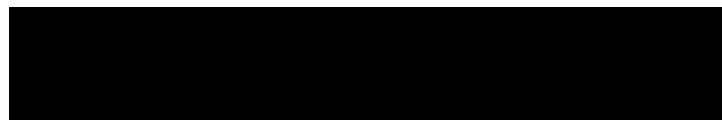
Follow up. Completed on Thursday, 13 November 2025.

To whom it may concern

I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice For Portland Bay, to ensure our bay remains net free.



Draft Fisheries Notice- Portland Bay - Net Free Zone



Thu 13/11

Follow up. Completed on Thursday, 13 November 2025.

Dear VFA,

"I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free."

Regards



Draft Fisheries Notice- Portland Bay - Net Free Zone



Thu 13/11

Follow up. Completed on Thursday, 13 November 2025.

Dear VFA,

"I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Regards



No netting in Portland bay



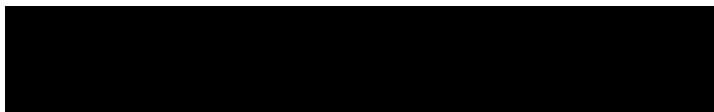
Thu 13/11

Follow up. Completed on Thursday, 13 November 2025.

I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free. As should be the case for every bay in Victoria.

Sent from my iPhone

Portland Bay Netting Ban



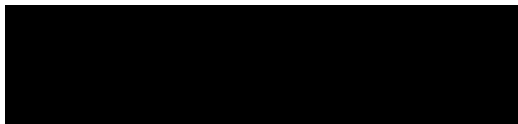
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Follow up. Completed on Thursday, 13 November 2025.

Please continue the ban on commercial netting in Portland Bay.



2025 Portland Bay Fisheries Notice



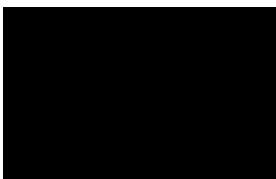
Thu 13/11

Follow up. Completed on Thursday, 13 November 2025.

Dear VFA,

I, Recreational Angler in South West Victoria, do totally support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for the Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be Net-Free.

Regards,



2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay



Thu 13/11

Follow up. Completed on Thursday, 13 November 2025.

Hi,

I am writing to express my support for the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to protect our marine environment and maintain a net-free bay

Kind regards,



2025 Portland Bay Draft Fisheries notice



Thu 13/11

Follow up. Completed on Thursday, 13 November 2025.

To whom it may concern

I am emailing to indicate my support of the Draft Fisheries notice to keep the Portland Bay Area free of netting.

Thank you for you time



(no subject)



Thu 13/11

Follow up. Completed on Thursday, 13 November 2025.

This is it people!! Submissions close on the 15th November

"I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Portland Bay



Thu 13/11

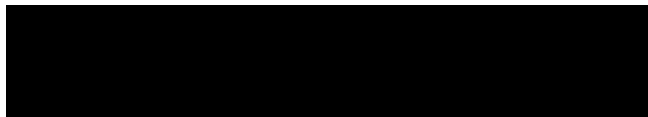
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I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.



2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay



Thu 13/11

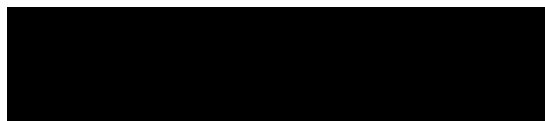
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I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Regards



Portland Bay Victoria



Fri 14/11

Follow up. Completed on Friday, 14 November 2025.

I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay. To ensure our Bay continues to be net free.

Kind Regards



Portland Bay remains a commercial fishing net free zone.



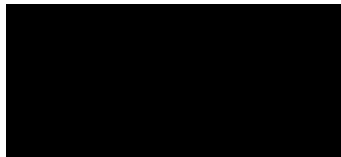
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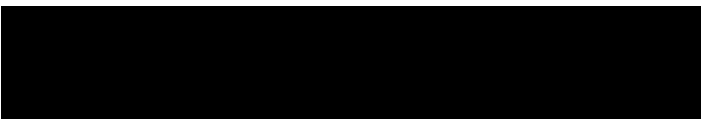
To whom it may concern

"I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Yours sincerely



2025 draft fisheries notice



Fri 14/11

Follow up. Completed on Friday, 14 November 2025.

"I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

No Netting



Fri 14/11

Follow up. Completed on Friday, 14 November 2025.

Hello, I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Regards



2025 draft fisheries notice

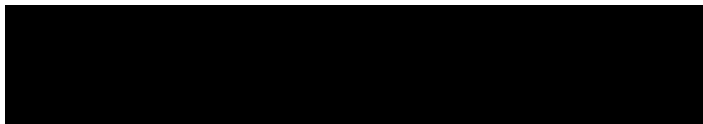


Fri 14/11

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"I support the 2025 Draft Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay to ensure our bay continues to be net free".

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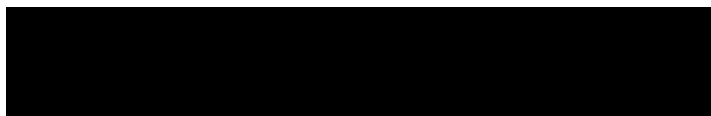


Fri 14/11

Follow up. Completed on Monday, 17 November 2025.

I support the 2025 draft fisheries notice for portland bay, to ensure our bay continues to be net free.

Proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2025



Thu 13/11

Follow up. Completed on Friday, 14 November 2025.

To whom it may concern,

I would like to propose that the original "gentleman's" agreement to be extended from Corkscrew Point -> Snapper Point to instead stretch between Blacknose Point and Snapper Point, as I am trying to re-survey a small 6m vessel from 2D to 3C survey.



OFFICIAL

Re: Draft Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2025

As a signatory on the 1994 Code of Conduct between recreational anglers and commercial Fishers in Portland Bay, I think this agreement is fair and allows everyone to have access to this public resource.

This includes 85% of the population who buy their seafood caught by Commercial fishers.

This Fisheries Notice only allows access to Portland Bay to a small group of anglers with boats.

I don't think this is a fair way to share this resource.

Over the years this small group of boat owning anglers, have taken to social media to support their rights to the Bay. I do not think their opinions are backed by scientific evidence.

Part of their campaign has included threats aimed at commercial Fishers. This is hardly a healthy environment to operate a business.

The V.F.A. says that it needs this Portland Bay Fishery Notice to stop any conflict between commercial and recreational fishers. The only conflict in the past has come from the recreational group. No commercial fisherman has ever denied them access to this resource.

The V.F.A. as part of the Victorian Public Service is not representing the majority of the Victorian population. They are only giving access to a minority group.

These recreation anglers will not be happy until Commercial fishing is banned from all Victorian State waters.

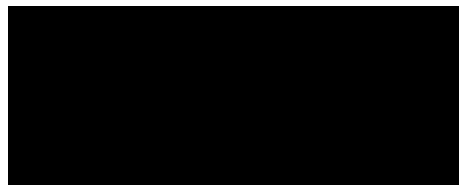
The V.F.A. has never considered the financial cost of setting up a fishing business. This includes all fishing gear, an A.M.S.A. surveyed boat, relevant training and tickets for skippers and crew.

One signature makes our business unviable overnight. We have been shut out of Portland Bay for the last two years, by the past Portland bay Fisheries Notice. It has been made illegal by the Victorian Supreme court this year.

Perhaps we forget that Commercial Fishers supply seafood to the majority of the population.

Not everyone has access to waters, have equipment to fish, and/or the capability.

Who will be potentially supplying fish to this group.



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Proposed fishing ban - Portland



Wed 12/11

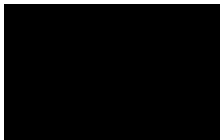
Follow up. Completed on Thursday, 13 November 2025.

To whom this may concern,

After reading the new proposed commercial fishing ban, I'm appalled in the continuation of attempts of trying to ban commercial in Portland.

There is zero need for this proposed ban and only will results in further damages to Victorian fisheries, economy, families in the fishing industry and price of living.

I DO NOT support the proposed ban.



(no subject)



Wed 12/11

Follow up. Completed on Thursday, 13 November 2025.

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Hi i am against your proposed 2025 portland notice for a number of reasons but main reason is fresh local fish supply for the general public. Victorian government keep taking away fishing grounds and changing fishing regulations all to suit recreational fishers. Not everyone can catch fish for themselves.

I DO NOT AGREE with the proposed BAN



Fri 14/11

Follow up. Completed on Monday, 17 November 2025.

Start your reply all with:

I agree with you.

Yes, I agree.

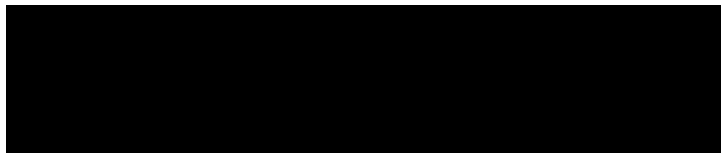
Sounds good to me.

Feedback

Hi,

I DO NOT agree with the fisheries notice. In my opinion the VFA are biased and clearly favor the recreational fishermen over the commercial. How about a compromise? But no. Let's give the recs whatever they want.

Portland fishery



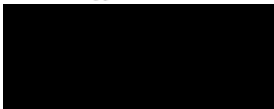
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I totally disagree with the banning of local professional fisherman!

They provide a fresh sustainable product for those who can't go fishing for them selves!

Stop vote hunting and provide for all of the community not just cowering to the recreational voters who are selfish and don't consider those who can't go fishing for there own fresh local fish!

Kind regards



Commercial fishing



Fri 14/11

Follow up. Completed on Friday, 14 November 2025.

COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN FEED PEOPLE !

These fishermen supply 100 percent of the population with fresh , healthy seafood from sustainable resources ; not imported fish from suspect origins !

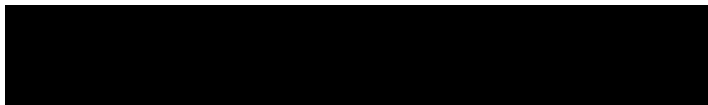
The resources belong to All Australians ;

Not just recreational fishermen .

SAVE THE COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY AND SUPPORT YOUR FELLOW AUSTRALIANS !



I do not agree with the fisheries notice.



Fri 14/11

Follow up. Completed on Monday, 17 November 2025.

Hi,

I DONT agree with the fisheries notice. In my opinion recreational fishermen in Portland are bullies and babies who can't share a resource that is supposed to be there for ALL Victorians.

Kind regards,



Fisheries notice 2025



Wed 12/11

Follow up. Completed on Thursday, 13 November 2025.

I am against this proposal for the 2025 fisheries notice.

As a single mother without the means to source local wild caught fish I rely heavily on the local commercial fisherman to provide this sustainably and to know where my fresh fish comes from. You are taking this right away from Victorians but allowing this proposal to move forward.



Portland bay commercial fishing



Wed 12/11

Follow up. Completed on Thursday, 13 November 2025.
We removed extra line breaks from this message.

What a load of crap!

How can you stop the commercial fishers from fishing this area without one single piece of scientific facts, money hungry governments , vote grabbing politicians, nothing is for the people.

We are an aged nation, where older people want fresh fish from local sourced fisheries But you don't get it, you're also taking away people's livelihood.

Generations of fishing and never harmed the environment or the fishery.

You would do best to stop all the overfishing and regulate the recreational fishing people, but no one has the balls too, shame on you

Submission for Portland Bay Fishery Notice.

I am submitting my submission for the Portland Bay Fishery voting for the Gentlemens Agreement to be reinstated with modification at certain times of the year.

VFA and Recfish would be just waiting to fill the date gaps in and send it out as it is basically a done decision according to the main person in Portland who organized this notice.

The Commercial Fishing Industry is sustainable because the reporting of catch having VMS shows we care. On the other side recreational fishermen don't want mandatory reporting of their catch and neither do the Government because of the cost and they know that recreational catches will be larger than the Commercial catches. So it will keep going on and eventually become unsustainable. Each year more and more recreational boats are coming in bigger with better electronics and with very generous catch limits, it is heading for a major disaster. If this area is so important to preserve why is only the Commercials being penalized and the recreational are allowed to do as they wish. I thought VFA was meant to be there for both sides of fishing, obviously I was wrong.



[REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 7 November 2025 3:57 PM


[REDACTED]
Subject: Netting Ban

I cannot for the life of me understand if the ban went to court and it was found that it was an illegal ban and the VFA were fined complete court costs then if it wasn't legal then why in the hell would any intelligent person want to and do a written acknowledgement to change a law into a modified version to slide it through, this is just arrogance and corruption at its greatest, if this is attempted to be pushed through I will make sure everyone concerned will be taken to the high court.
Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
submission

[REDACTED]



 Follow up. Completed on Thursday, 13 November 2025.
We removed extra line breaks from this message.

I am against your proposed notice 2025 for lots of reasons, I assume that it does not matter what my reasons are as since I am not recreational Fisher, who in my opinion you favor.
In my opinion, you have sold the people of Victoria out, the people you should be supporting fairly.
In my opinion, you should not hold the position you do, it's time to retire and bring in someone who wants to do the job properly, do the right thing by all of Victorians and not just a small group of malicious greedyFill in the blanks as I am not going to use foul language.
In my opinion, you are neglecting valuable citizens' rights.
In my opinion, you are neglecting the voices who think you are doing the wrong thing.
In my opinion, you just do not care.
In my opinion, you are the weakest link
Goodbye

[REDACTED]
I DO NOT SUPPORT YOU [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



 Follow up. Completed on Thursday, 13 November 2025.

I DO NOT agree with the proposed fisheries notice. Not that my say matters. The VFA are clearly biased and favour the recreational sector. How about supporting the commercial fishermen that supply the Victorian public with fresh seafood? Instead of a few intitled [REDACTED] that think it's okay to bully and threaten fishermen out of Portland. Rewarding bad behaviour.. [REDACTED] genius.

Not that my say matters
[REDACTED]

VFA

REGARDING: FISHERIES NOTICE 2025

I find the proposed Fisheries Notice 2025 to be an unfair sharing of the resource, it puts access holy and solely to the Recreational sector. This denies over 90% of the population access to that resource.

Fish returns show that the fish targeted and caught by the Commercial Sector are not species that the Recreational Sector is generally targeting.

The 1994 code of conduct was an agreement that shared the resource. An agreement that I was willing to abide by and did, unlike the previous fisheries notice 2023 and this proposed fisheries Notice 2025 these 2 notices do not share the resource on anyway they hand the whole resource to the Recreational Sector which is less than 10% of the general population and will mean that 90% of the general public misses out on their right to share the resource, this whole situation has been stirred up by a very small group of bullies and thugs that have delivered death threats, threat to sink my boat, cut up my fishing gear, even a report was put in saying that I was fishing next to a whale in Portland bay- which was just pure vindictive, my boat was in Melbourne at the time which makes the report another lie to go with the rest and these are the people you are taking notice of ?

In my opinion the VFA need to take a good hard look at themselves and manage the Fishery for all Victorians, not just a handful of Zealots who do not even know the truth. Rumor mongers that want to ruin the Fishery for all, if the VFA continue supporting this type of people by implementing the proposed Fisheries Notice 2025 in my opinion the VFA could be up for legal ramifications.

