

**Public submissions sent to the VFA commenting on the
proposed Fisheries (Corner Inlet Fishery) Notice 2022**

1. As a Corner Inlet Fishery Access Holder, I am writing to comment on the Draft Fisheries Notice 2022. I am in agreeance with the draft notice that is designed to simply replicate the arrangements in the existing notice.

I would however, like to see the implementation of a further regulation in the Management plan. I have for some time, been advocating for the implementation of a regulation relating to the amount of time that set nets (mesh nets) are permitted to be left to "soak" with a mesh net shot. I believe that these nets should not be permitted to be left in the water for a period longer than 6 hours. The longer the nets are left to "soak", the higher the likelihood of damaged fish, reduced quality of the catch & wastage related to water temperature, sea lice & crab damage.

When nets are left for a long period of time, it is also a "bad look" & can cause disharmony from the amateur fishing sector. As you are no doubt aware, the number of amateur vessels & anglers enjoying Corner Inlet, has increased significantly over the past few years, especially since the introduction of the State Governments "Target One Million" initiative.

I am hopeful that serious consideration will be given to putting a maximum limit on the time that set nets are left in the water, for the benefit of everyone enjoying the resources of Corner Inlet.

Gary Cripps

2. I am very happy with the fisheries Notice. The fisheries department have done a great job and have been very supportive to the Corner Inlet fishery. The fisheries notice supports Sustainable Commercial Fishing and the Victorian public have a fishery that supply same day fish to the Melbourne Fish Market. The fisheries department have done a great service for all Victorians. Kind Regards,

Bruce Collis

3. I am very happy with the Draft Fisheries Notice for Cornet Inlet and don't believe any changes need to be made. Regards,

Brett Cripps

4. My father would like to put a submission in for the draft fisheries notice" FISHERIES (CORNER INLET FISHERY) NOTICE 2022". For the length of rope to be able to be used on a seine net. 650mt of net + 100mt rope = 750 mt total usable length. Our nets are 460mt and would it be possible to have the same total usable length as the other nets in use in Corner Inlet ie: 460mt of net + 290mt rope = 750mt total usable length. To make it a fair and even playing field for all licence holders and also Ohs and safety.

Damien Knibbs