

**NOTE - SURNAMES HAVE BEEN REDACTED  
TO PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF  
SUBMITTORS.**

Peter  
WZ Rock Lobster licence holder  
Ocean Access licence holder

Luke O'Sullivan  
Director Fisheries Management  
Victorian Fisheries Authority  
1 Spring Street, Melbourne, 3000

Dear Luke

I write to you representing commercial hook line permit holders and ocean access licence holders (endorsed for longline) in Portland (detailed below).

I would like to thank-you for the opportunity to provide a representation on the draft Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice, however also express my disappointment around the lack of engagement regarding the recently proposed draft Fisheries Notice. As I understand, there has been significant discussion with the recreational fishers in the Portland area when determining the proposed boundaries, however we have not been contacted.

Hook and line permits issued by the VFA are a welcome initiative that was designed to support commercial fishers at a time of need, with the added benefit of providing a significant step towards our mutual goal of providing more seafood to more Victorians. Furthermore, the longline component of ocean access licences is also achieving this goal by regularly producing premium Victorian seafood to Victorian markets.

Portland is an important commercial and recreational fishing community that has enjoyed cohesion for many years as we have worked side-by-side to promote the regional area as a seafood destination. More specifically, the two groups have enjoyed a handshake agreement that stipulated areas commercial fishing would not occur in Portland Bay to provide for a better recreational experience.

As you are aware, recent rouge commercial netting activity has occurred outside this handshake agreement and it is certainly disappointing that the approach taken by one individual has now prompted the current action by VFA.

This handshake agreement has been honoured in good faith by the local hook line permit holders and ocean access licence holders, with exception of one that has recently moved to our Portland community.

While we acknowledge the need for action to reinstate harmony between the two groups, it is not appropriate that compliant commercial longline activity (30-year handshake agreement) is penalised for the actions of one individual conducting commercial netting activity. Therefore, I request that

part 6 of the Fisheries Notice be amended to remove the prohibition on the use of longline with consideration that it was rouge netting which prompted this draft Fisheries Notice.

Furthermore, the boundaries proposed in the draft Fisheries Notice are substantially different to what has worked and been agreed upon by the recreational and commercial groups for many years. If VFA were to consider legislating the original boundaries of the handshake agreement (blue area attached below) or further (green shaded area) to include prohibition of longline fishing in any subsequent Fisheries Notice we would support that decision.

This approach would also serve the purpose of implementing straight line boundaries (as opposed to the draft Fisheries Notice) which would help with operator awareness and compliance, but also help VFA fisheries officers implement the legislation.

In summary, we see two appropriate solutions to this important decision;

- 1) Amend the draft Fisheries Notice to remove prohibition of longline in specified waters; and potentially,
- 2) develop a separate Fisheries Notice to provide for the prohibition of longline in specified waters as detailed below; in either, the original handshake agreement area (blue shaded area or cumulatively further afield (green shaded area).

We look forward to discussing this issue with you further. Please let me know a convenient time and we can arrange a meeting to progress this important management action in a way that does not impinge on licence holders that have had nothing to do with the rogue activity of one individual.

I look forward to hearing from you as we work towards developing further initiatives to provide for a cohesive and vibrant Portland fishing community.

Yours sincerely



Peter

Date: 19/9/2023

**P.S.** It is important to note that I write on behalf of the listed permit and licence holders below that share this view and have signed off on this letter.

Luk

Justin

John

/Mark

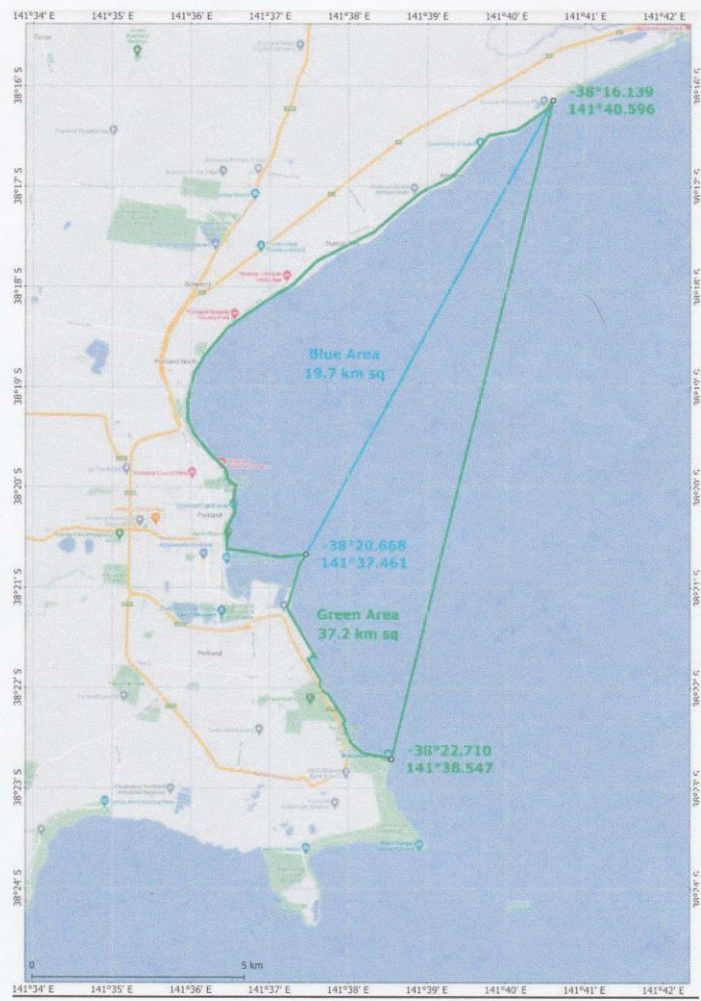
Brian

Dear

Ricarc

Shannon

Neal



**Life is certainly as Forrest Gump quotes “ like a box of chocolate and you never know what you are gunnar get “**

My Husband Phil started in the fishing industry as a young boy, you see his father Arthur, his brother Andrew and his grandfather Arthur were all fishers too and this is what helped shape Phil's life. Phil was born into a life on the sea and as years passed his passion has never wavered.

In the 80's Phil and I got married and started our life together like most in the fishing industry- in Debt for a Fishing Boat. So here we are a young family with the kids the house the Boat the dreams, we only had to figure out a way to make it all work.

Many a week we did not know if we could meet the payments on the Boat or the House or simply afford life, it was bloody hard. Phil and many Fishers like him missed out on seeing their kids growing up, missed school activities, sporting activities they themselves also missed out on life. Fishers have to work by the weather and of course make enough to support the Boat repayments, mortgage and life in general. Being a Fisher is not only a hard physical job but it can take its toll on your mental health too.

Forward to 2015 – We made it... We finally freaking made it ! We had a successful business in Williamstown where we caught and processed Sardine, Blue Bait, White Bait and Glassy. We were packing bait for several Wholesale bait suppliers , supplying the General public and the Markets with FRESH LOCALLY CAUGHT SEAFOOD. Our daughters were involved in the family business both in the factory and as deck hands on the “VANCOUVER”. Life was great, then that bloody box of chocolates appeared in the form of a letter from the VFA. By 2022 you will no longer be able to fish in Port Phillip Bay. Each of the Fishers were given a payout figure depending on their catch history from the previous 5 years ( I think ) .each year that the offer was not taken you would lose 10% of the original offer. Our payout figure was very impressive and a fool if you did not take it and go live life. That is not what Phil wanted and I simply stated “ whatever you decide I am beside you “

So begins the fight to stay in the bay, We rallied, we protested, we wrote letters, had meetings, we cried we had some god awful fights, we were scared, we were stressed and life was falling apart, we had tried everything but our attempts were futile. We were never going to win our right to continue in the Bay. Phil told the VFA to shove their pay out up their and simply



said “ I just want to fish”. That day in 2022 our girls and crew and factory workers were unemployed our multi million dollar business that was built on blood sweat and tears was worth NOTHING and closed their doors.

**Question- Since when did Commercial Fishers become so disposable ?**

We needed a plan for our future and after a lot of discussion a lot of ideas to and froing a plan came into shape. Portland is the answer !

- Buy land
- Build house
- Have boat refitted
- Have boat re surveyed for ocean access
- Re build

**It is a privilege to be Commercial Fisher a duty of sorts to supply our fellow Australian's with the Freshest and best seafood in the world.!**

Portland is a 4 hour drive from where we live in Melbourne, after all these years of owning land ,due to covid and other circumstances in the building and construction industry our dream home in is not finished so we rent a house in town.

The neighbours and general public are delightful and welcoming, it seems as though the next chapter of our lives would be exciting and wonderful !

How wrong was that....One of the 1<sup>st</sup> text conversations I had was with a man called Mathew . He and I had what I thought a nice conversation it seemed respectful, he did not want Commercial Fishers in the bay and he planned to fight to have the Bay closed to Commercial Fishers. We decided to disagree on our opinions wished each other good luck .

**That was the start of the end.**

NO NETTING IN PORTLAND BAY WAS FORMED, this site is the epitome of evil.

I will say and have always said “ If we get kicked out of Portland Bay ( even though it is not a bay it is a coastline ) so bit it, but the truth needs to be told, not the misguided trash that the members of said site are being brainwashed with.

From the beginning some of Portland’s community would report in to the No Netting site that Phil- Mr Netter- Old man was in town and the bay would be -

**THESE ARE FROM THE NO NETTING SITE-**

- START CUTTING UP HIS NET [REDACTED]
- -ENCOURAGING TOWN FOLK TO BOYCOTT A SEAFOOD SHOP WHO BUYS FISH FROM PHIL. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- WE SHOULD PROTEST AT HIS BOAT EVERY TIME HIS HERE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] THE PRESSURE WOULD BE GOOD –YEP IT CERTAINLY WOULD  
[REDACTED]
- IDIOTS SITTING ON THE WHARF, EVEN 1 IDIOT TOOK A PHOTO OF OUR CREW-**NO IDEA THEY DID NOT GIVE NAMES**
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- EACH TIME WE TRIED TO COMMENT AND SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT OURS AND DOZENS OF OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY HAVE BEEN ABUSED, POST REMOVED AND THEN BANNED FROM THE SITE AS THE TRUTH DOES NOT SUIT THE NARRATIVE [REDACTED]
- 
- ONE DILL HINTED THAT WE SPREAD THE AB VIURS WITH OUR NETS-  
[REDACTED]
- WE NEED TO SHOW THESE RUBBER NECKS HOW US LOCALS USE TO DEAL WITH THESE CLOWNS. OL PORTLAND STYLE, WITH PICTURES OF FISTS [REDACTED]
- CRUSH THE PEST – [REDACTED]

- THE FAMILY OPERATING THE BOAT ARE REALLY VINDICTIVE AND DON'T CARE FOR ANYONE ELSE- [REDACTED]
- PRICKS OUT AGAIN DESTROYING THE ENVIRONMENT [REDACTED] L
- HAVE YOU ASKED THE GUY TO LEAVE- CERTAINLY HAVE- [REDACTED]
- GOT THAT RIGHT, WOULD BE A SHAME IF HIS BOAT SANK LOL – [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
- HOLES IN THE BOAT- [REDACTED]
- I'VE WITNESSED THS CLOWN IN THE BAY WIPE OUT TONNES OF UNDERSIZED FISH MISTAKING PILCHARDS FOR PINKIES WITH HIS SONAR ALWAYS FISHING IN THE DARK BECAUSE OF DEATH AND WASTE. IF HE WANTS SALMON HE SHOULD BEACH HAUL I'VE WORKED BESIDE THE BLOKE FOR TOO MANY YEARS TO ANSWER ALL THESE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] QUESTIONS – [REDACTED]
- HE HAS VOWED TO DESTROY ALL OUR HARD KINGFISH RESEARCH INCLUDING ITS LOCALISED BLAH BLAH STEVE DON'T GET ME STARTED DOWN YOUR WAY & WHAT I CAN PROVE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUR BRAKE LIGHTS ARE DISCONNECTED. THIS IS NOT FOR YOU, YOU TRIED **HERE** BLAH BLAH [REDACTED]
- SHARPEN YOUR PROPS AND STRAIGHT THREW THE NETS – [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I could go on and on as there are lots more on the site but you have the gist of it.

It is important to point out that neither Phil or myself have ever met [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

As for the rest of this trash written in my opinion, [REDACTED] lied to the members of the No Netting and many people in Portland by stating that Phil had broken the agreement- This is absolutely untrue. 1st of all there is **NO HANDSHAKE AGREEMENT**, there is only a **CODE OF CONDUCT** which state that Phil can fish in the Bay –restrcitions – no fishing on weekends, holidays etc which is absolutely abided by, the only laws broken on the agreement has been by **THE RECREATIONALS-**

- Recreational Fishers agree to support the following practices.
- Foster and encourage others to recognize the value of Commercial Fisher's in their Community.
- Respect the legitimate and traditional fishing practices of Commercial Fisher's.

This has led to a hate campaign, and I have a sneaking suspicion that these bullying and threatening tactics have been used on other Commercials that have sent them out the bay to fish elsewhere. It would be great if these said Fisher's put their hand up and came forward, but I understand if they do not.

And here we are today we have received a notice from the VFA that has sealed the nail on the coffin to our future in Portland. But do not be fooled we have not lost to lies as yet. The truth will come out one way or another, I make it my mission. I also make it my mission to help others in the fight against the system who want to get rid of us Commercial Fisher's around Australia.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT PEOPLE, YOU NEVER HEAR THE COMMERCIALS  
COMPLAINING ABOUT CATCHING NO FISH AND BLAMING IT ON THE  
RECREATIONALS. MAYBE ITS TIME TO !**

**SAVE COMMERCIAL FISHERS RIGHTS !**

**Kim**

**From:** Mark

**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2023 7:34 am

**To:** [luke.sullivan@vfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:luke.sullivan@vfa.vic.gov.au) <[luke.sullivan@vfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:luke.sullivan@vfa.vic.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Support for proposed fisheries notice

To whom this concerns,

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Therefore I am writing to you regarding the commercial netting in the Portland Bay area of State waters under Ocean Access Fishery Licences and the negative impacts of such an activity. The types of commercial netting activity allowed under this access licence, especially with no cap on levels of take, has the potential to impact our local recreational fishing, marine ecosystem, and whale migration in a negative way.

To date, there are 157 Ocean Access Fishery Licences in Victoria, and many are inactive. Should this situation change, and the latent effort be realised, the negative impact will potentially extend from current localised recreational fishing impacts to reputational damage for Victorian Fisheries Authority and the State.

#### *The Issue*

##### *1. Recreational Fishing is important to Portland and the Southwest Region*

The Portland Bay area in Southwest Victoria is an important year-round, all weather recreational boat fishery for key fish species such as King George Whiting, Snapper and Southern Bluefin Tuna. The recreational game fishing in Portland, due to the proximity of the town to game fishing grounds, now has a National and International reputation. Due to stricter management measures in the multi-jurisdictional Yellowtail Kingfish stock, principally removing commercial fishing effort for this species in NSW, an emerging and high value sports fishery for Yellowtail Kingfish has developed in Portland Bay.

The regional community, local businesses, Local and State Governments have invested an enormous amount of money to promote the regional recreational fishery and to cater for local and visiting recreational fishers. The reputation of Portland as a world class, small boat recreational fishery and the subsequent tourism benefits are now under threat.

##### *2. Transfer of Commercial Fishing Effort is impacting Social Licence and Recreational Fishing*

A commercial operator who was subject to the Port Phillip Bay netting compensation process is now netting in important recreational fishing areas within Portland Bay under an Ocean Access Fishery Licence. This transfer of fishing effort is negatively impacting recreational fishing at Portland, due to competition for localised fishery resources. This is neither good policy, fishery management and is potentially a breach of the Fisheries Act 1995.

##### *3. Compliance with the Voluntary Code of Conduct and a 'Gentleman's agreement' between Commercial and Recreational Fishing*

In 1994, a formal Code of Conduct was negotiated between government, commercial and recreational fishing to exclude commercial netting from important recreational fishing areas in Portland Bay. This was on top of a voluntary agreement that is being ignored by the new commercial operator and recreational fishers are rightly upset.

Recreational King George Whiting and Snapper fishing took nearly a decade to recover from the localised depletion effects of commercial netting under a small number of ocean access fisheries licences operating in the area.

##### *4. Fisheries Regulations are no longer fit for purpose & Precedence*

Fisheries Regulations 2019 - Regulation 144 provides for a limited prohibition on all forms of netting in Portland Bay during public holiday long weekend and the Christmas and Easter periods. However,



the modern recreational fishing community undertake fishing trips whenever they can take time off, and this is no longer predominantly Christmas, Easter, and public holidays.

Regulation 144 further reinforces the historical non-compliance of the voluntary code of conduct by the commercial fishing sector. Regulation 144 was implemented as a direct result of the negative impact that commercial netting was having on the inshore recreational fishing catch rates and recreational experience.

#### *5. Other Environmental Concerns*

There are growing concerns across the broader local community that commercial fishing operations in the nearshore waters of Portland Bay will have negative impacts on the endangered Southern Right Whale migration and calving. The Conservation Management Plan for the Southern Right Whale 2011-2012 identifies the Portland Bay area as an emerging aggregation area.

Whale entanglement in commercial netting is a listed key threatening process under the EPBA Act 1999 and in the subsequent (2018) Threat abatement plan for the impacts of marine debris on the vertebrate wildlife of Australia's coasts and oceans. Night operations by commercial netters in the subject waters and no Vessel Monitoring System in place will guarantee low TEP interaction reporting requirements and significantly increase the risk of ongoing whale entanglements.

#### *Our Request*

That as the responsible authority, you take action to:

1. Immediately issue a Fisheries Notice under the Fisheries Act, that extends the Regulation 144 temporal prohibition on commercial netting in Portland Bay to 365 days a year.
2. Amend the Fisheries Regulations 2019 to prohibit all forms of commercial netting in Portland Bay and at a minimum, from a line between Point Danger, through Lawrence Rocks and to the Fitzroy River mouth.

Thank you for your time on this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

Mark

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Stephen

19 September 2023

Victorian Fisheries Authority  
1 Spring Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000

Subject: Strong Opposition to the Closure of Portland Bay to Commercial Fishermen

Dear Sir,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition regarding the recent decision made by the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) to close Portland Bay to commercial fishermen. It has come to my attention that this decision was made without investment warnings or sufficient scientific data or investigations supporting its necessity. Moreover, it appears to have been a knee-jerk reaction in response to complaints from recreational fishermen about commercial fishing activities.

As an investor in the fishery industry and someone who holds four licenses enabling me to fish in the waters of Portland Bay, I am deeply affected by this closure. Not only does it directly impact my livelihood and financial investments but also jeopardizes the economic stability of many others who depend on these waters for their income.

I find it disconcerting that such a significant decision has been taken without proper consideration of the potential consequences and without providing adequate evidence justifying its necessity. Scientific data should be at the foundation of any fisheries management decision as it ensures that actions are based on accurate information and not driven solely by public sentiment or unsubstantiated claims.

Moreover, I am concerned that this hasty closure sets a concerning precedent for future decisions regarding other areas. If closures can be enacted swiftly based solely on complaints from recreational fishermen without comprehensive evaluation and consultation with all stakeholders involved, then no area is safe from being targeted whenever similar complaints arise.

In order for stakeholders like myself to have confidence in decisions made by regulatory bodies such as VFA, transparency is crucial. It is imperative that decisions impacting our industry are informed by comprehensive research, objective evaluations, and thorough consultation with all affected parties. This includes both recreational and commercial fishermen, as well as other stakeholders who rely on the sustainable management of our marine resources.

I respectfully request that you provide clarity on how this decision was arrived at and what scientific basis supports it. Additionally, I urge you to reconsider this closure in light of any new information or alternative strategies that could address the concerns raised by recreational fishermen while still allowing for sustainable commercial fishing activities.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and kindly request that you keep me informed of any updates or developments regarding Portland Bay's closure. It is my hope that through open dialogue and collaborative efforts, we can work towards a fair and inclusive fisheries management system that considers the interests of all stakeholders involved, without hastily closing areas based solely on complaints.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen



Laura

16 September 2023

Victorian Fishing Authority

Subject: Concerns Regarding the Closure of Portland Bay to Commercial Fishing

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent closure of Portland Bay to commercial fishing. As an avid lover of fresh local fish, I am greatly distressed by the impact this decision will have on the availability of such produce in the region. Unfortunately, due to my personal circumstances, I am unable to go fishing myself, making the accessibility of fresh fish from commercial sources of utmost importance to me.

The closure of Portland Bay to commercial fishing will not only affect me but also numerous local residents who rely on the convenience and affordability of purchasing fresh fish from the markets. This decision will undoubtedly disrupt the livelihoods of many fishermen and fishmongers who depend on the bay for their income. Moreover, it will deprive the local community of a valuable resource and negatively impact the local economy.

I understand the need for sustainable practices and the importance of preserving our natural resources. However, I strongly believe that there must be alternative solutions to address any concerns regarding overfishing or the depletion of fish stocks in Portland Bay. The closure of the bay seems like an extreme measure that will only serve to inconvenience and harm the local community.

I kindly request that the Victorian Fishing Authority reconsider the closure of Portland Bay to commercial fishing. I urge you to explore alternative solutions, such as implementing stricter fishing regulations, monitoring practices, or seasonal restrictions, to ensure the long-term sustainability of the local fish population while still allowing commercial fishermen to provide fresh fish to the community.

I am confident that with careful consideration and collaboration between the Victorian Fishing Authority, local fishermen, and concerned residents, a balanced approach can be achieved, which both protects the environment and supports the needs of the community.

Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns. I trust that you will give this matter the attention it deserves and take appropriate action to address the impact of the closure on the local community. I look forward to a positive response and a favourable resolution to this issue.

Yours sincerely,

Laur

Anne-Marie

16/09/2023

Victorian Fishing Authority  
1 Spring Street  
Melbourne 3000

Subject: Opposition to the Closure of Portland Bay to Commercial Fishing

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition regarding the proposed closure of Portland Bay to commercial fishing activities such as netting and long lining. Particularly, I would like to address the potential impact this decision may have on the sustainable management of key species including King George Whiting, ling, flathead, and gummy shark.

While I understand the need for conservation efforts in our marine ecosystems, it is crucial to consider both recreational and commercial fishing practices when making decisions that affect these valuable resources. Recreational fishing undoubtedly contributes significantly to local economies while providing enjoyment and relaxation for individuals and families alike. However, it is essential not to overlook the vital role played by responsible commercial fishing operations in maintaining a balanced and sustainable fishery.

I would like to bring attention specifically to my family's involvement in commercial fishing. As holders of four commercial licenses including an Australian Commonwealth trawl licence, an Ocean Access licence, and two Victorian inshore trawl licenses, we have actively participated in this industry for years. These licenses reflect our commitment towards adhering to strict regulations imposed by authorities such as yours while ensuring sustainable catch limits are respected.

Our family understands firsthand the importance of responsible fishing practices that prioritize conservation alongside economic viability. We have made significant investments in equipment and training necessary for operating within regulatory frameworks designed with sustainability at their core.

The closure of Portland Bay without considering alternative measures or engaging with industry stakeholders poses a threat not only to our livelihoods but also undermines our commitment towards responsible resource management. Rather than imposing a blanket ban, I urge the Victorian Fishing Authority to work collaboratively with commercial fishermen and other stakeholders to develop targeted solutions that address conservation concerns while still allowing for sustainable fishing practices.

By leveraging the expertise and knowledge of commercial fishermen, we can contribute invaluable insights into developing effective management strategies. These strategies could include measures such as improved monitoring, selective gear modifications, or seasonal restrictions that strike a balance between conservation goals and supporting the economic viability of our industry.



I respectfully request that you reconsider the proposed closure of Portland Bay to commercial fishing activities and instead engage in transparent discussions with affected stakeholders. By fostering open dialogue and collaboration, we can collectively develop solutions that uphold both environmental stewardship and the sustainability of our local fishing communities.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this matter. I trust that you will take into account these concerns as you make decisions regarding the closure of Portland Bay to commercial fishing practices. I am available should you require any further information or wish to discuss this issue in more detail.

Yours sincerely,

Anne-Marie

BOB

Portland Sport & Game Fishing Club PS&GFC



12/7/2023

This letter is in regards to: **A boat netter, Phil McAdam, owner of 'Vancouver'**

Dear Dan,

This month, on the front page of our local newspaper, "The Portland Observer" it was mentioned that Phil McAdams (netter) who is not a local resident was a recipient in the "Dan Andrews" Port Phillip Bay" \$27.5 million dollars buy-out, in which he took a 60% portion.

Lately, Phil has been seen here in Portland netting with a \_\_\_\_\_ license and as we find out this should not be transferable. He has jumped through the buy-out and should not be netting here as they are not allowed to net in: Western-Port bay, Port Phillip bay & Gippsland lakes. Phil should not be netting locally here or at Logan's beach where the whale nurseries are located.

For more than 30 years, we have had no trouble here in Portland with professional fishermen, until this netter arrived of late.

The local Fisheries have not helped toward this issue either and this one individual netter, spends very little toward the local fishing economy. Local recreational fishermen contribute \$11 million annually toward fishing licenses and have 750,000 votes and this is why Phil along with other netters were bought out. Please respond back to this local issue.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Bob

Local business owner and recreational fisherman.

**From:** Mathey  
**Sent on:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 1:12:37 PM  
**To:** Luke O'Sullivan (VFA) <luke.osullivan@vfa.vic.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Amendment Doc for Portland Fisheries Notice Portland 2023  
**Attachments:** VFA Amendment Letter (2).docx (460.52 KB)

Hi Luke,

Please see the attached document, this outlines the proposed amendment to the line from Danger Point to the Southeast Tip of Sir Lawrence Rock (including the coordinates). The line would then go back to the original coordinates that you have specified on the zone as per the new marked line.

Regards,

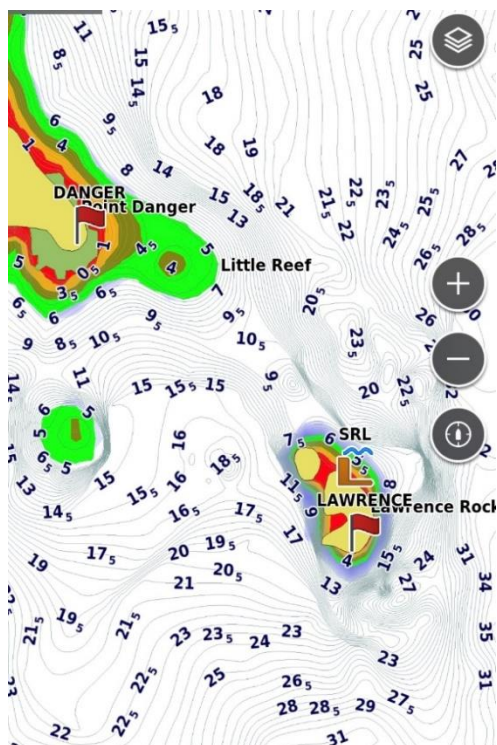
Dear Luke,

The Committee has reviewed the Draft Fisheries (Fisheries Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023; we would like to suggest an amendment to change the line from the original landmark at Point Danger to the southeast outer tip of (Sir Lawrence Rocks) as detailed in our initial proposal.

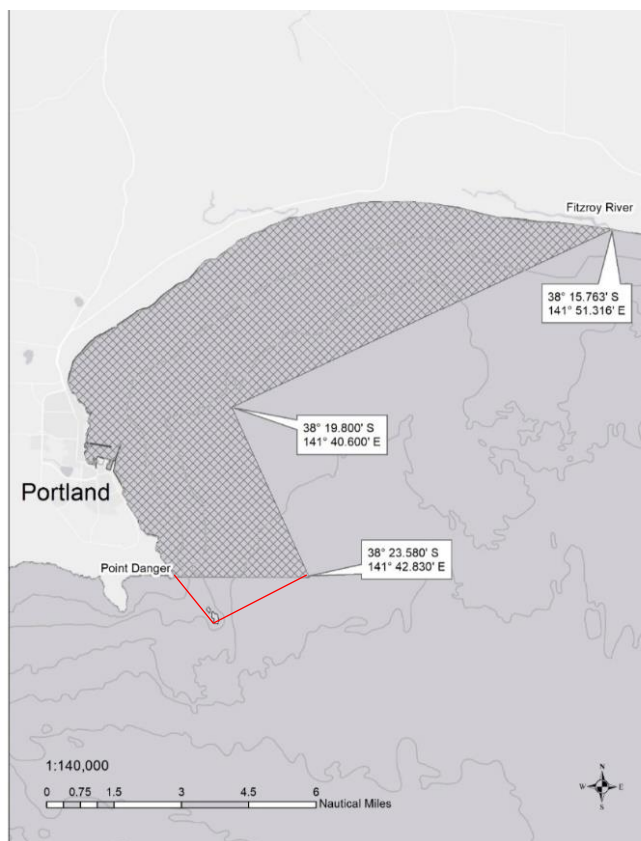
Point Danger and the reef line structure to the outer southeast tip of Sir Lawrence Rocks are essential because this area's reef structure holds a diversity of fish species that are important to recreational fishing in Portland. This habitat is also essential in that the ecosystem of that area allows the fish species to migrate from the reef into the zoned bay area.

This important recreational area is popular with Whiting and Kingfish anglers.

### Proposed New Mark



### Draft Notice Current, Including New Line



### New Proposed Marks:

Latitude

S 38 . 39324 °

Longitude

E 141 . 64928 °

Regards,

Mathew

On behalf of the No Netting in Portland Bay Committee.

**From:** Debra  
**Sent on:** Monday, September 18, 2023 7:59:54 AM  
**To:** Luke Osullivan (VFA) <luke.osullivan@vfa.vic.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Ban netting

I do not approve of the netting of the Portland bay I would like a ban in place 3nm off shore from the Fitzroy river to cape grant it's been a net free zone for 30 years and should stay that way  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** terry  
**Sent on:** Monday, September 18, 2023 8:04:20 AM  
**To:** Luke Osullivan (VFA) <luke.osullivan@vfa.vic.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Ban netting in Portland

I don't approve of the netting of the Portland bay and would like to see a ban in place inside 3 nm from the shore . From the Fitzroy river to cape grant . As it has been for the past 30 years  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** matthew  
**Sent on:** Thursday, September 21, 2023 12:25:13 AM  
**To:** Luke Osullivan (VFA) <luke.osullivan@vfa.vic.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Commercial Fishing around Portland Vic

I am writing to support the VR Fish proposed changes, including limiting Yellow tail kingfish take limits,  
I live in Geelong Vic & spend most Hollidays fishing the Portland area.  
I have seen first hand the utter destruction of species & habitat by commercial fisherman along with relentless lies & even accusations that recreational fisherman were the problem.  
Since we banned all netting in Corio Bay a few years ago the slow return of many species including Yellow tail kingfish is evident to even the dumbest person on earth.



Mick

To: Kylie E Wohlt (VFA)

You forwarded this message on 11/09/2023 4:41 PM.

Reply Reply All Forward

Mon 11/09/2023 3:02 PM

This is another strong arm tactic against commercial fishermen, now there is only one bay left in Victoria to feed the 7 million people who live in Victoria, this is brought about by being affiliated with most of the recreational fishing clubs which have a total of around 300,000 licensed recreational fishermen, this directly effects the rest of the 6,700,000 residents of Victoria, this is going to put a huge strain on the resource of Corner Inlet which will make it overfished and cause it to be closed down, my belief was that the VFA has been formed to look after the resources so that all Victorian residents can share the proceeds from these resources not just a very selfish minority group of recreational fishers and an ill directed CEO of the VFA , I would hope that this email is published to let the general public know how they are being treated by the VFA all for a few minority very selfish recreational fishers.

Best regards,  
Mick



Mon 11/09/2023 4:34 PM



Wayne



**Re: For Comment-draft Fisheries Notice - Portland Bay**

To: Kylie E Wohlt (VFA)

Well that's just great, another fishery area closed for good.







 **Daryl**  
To  Kylie E Wohlt (VFA)

  Reply  Reply All 

I assume that if there are genuine concerns to fish stocks in Portland Bay the recreational fishery will also be excluded from that area?

Regards  
Daryl





 **Grant**  
To  Kylie E Wohlt (VFA)  
Cc  Luke Osullivan (VFA);  Mat






 

Hi Kylie, can I come in and have a chat to you, Luke and Matt? Just may help sort all of this out. Have some new info for you all.

Cheers 🙌😊

Grant

 **Maria**  
To  Kylie E Wohlt (VFA)  
Cc  Matt  Luke Osullivan (VFA)


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Wed 13/09/2023 4



Can you please explain why this is necessary. Whist commercial fishers may not target a particular species under their current licence/s there may be an intention to do so in future. This is why they are called commercial fishermen. It's time the govt started supporting them more and focusing on their sustainability.

Maria

 **Cliff**  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

  Reply  Reply All

Hi Luke



As a fisherman that enjoys every visit to Portland I would like to whole heartedly support the Proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Noti


The objectives of this Notice are to:

- prohibit the use of commercial mesh nets, trawl nets, seine nets and long lines, in specified waters of Portland Bay at all times.
- set a catch limit on the commercial take of yellowtail kingfish in specified waters of Portland Bay by Ocean Fishery Access Licence and Victorian Inshore prevent targeting of this species.

Thank you to you and the VFA team for keeping fishing in Victoria amazing now and into the future.

:liff

 **Jonathar**  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Tue 26/09/2023

I Jonathan am contacting you in the support to stop the over fishing of Portland bay.

I support the below points and wish to keep our waterways plentiful for us and future generations.

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# Banning the use of nets in Portland bay areas, Andrew



ANDREW

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Sent from my iPhone



Andrew

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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> I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial fishery) notice 2023.  
> My family has for over 100yrs fished and stayed at Portland, we have always fished in small recreational boats.  
> To have this leisure activity put in jeopardy by netting activities will severely impact us and all of our family and friends that enjoy this activity in this region.  
> Your Sincerely  
> Andrew  
>



Christopher

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Mon 25/09/2023 8:08 PM

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Your Sincerely

Christopher



Portland Sport Fishing Club

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Start your reply all with:

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Dear Luke

I am writing today to support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fisheries )notice 2023

Signed Steve

Portland Sportfishing Clud Secretary



Fiona

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Mon 25/09/2023 4:

Dear Sir,

As a resident, father, and grandfather I have great concerns about maintaining the beauty and wonder of Portland Bay.  
The use of Gill netting in this area (which is of great Tourist value) is totally against any logic. It should be left as it is for now and into the future. I wholeheartedly support the prohibition of Gill netting in Portland Bay (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery Notice 2023).

Sincerely

Brian



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To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Sent from TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO SUBMIT YOUR SUBMISSION TO THE VFA!!

DO IT NOW!!!

Email your support to the following address

[luke.osullivan@vfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:luke.osullivan@vfa.vic.gov.au)

Subject- Support for proposed fisheries notice

\*Include this in your email\*

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

LETS MAKE SURE THIS HAPPENS!!! my iPhone



To Luke Osullivan (VFA); Sonya Kilkenney (PARL)



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Dear Luke and Sonya,

We need fresh Australian fish not imported Chinese Fish, so I do not support the closure of fish netting in Portland Bay or any other Bay in Australia.

Bill



Lachie

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Hi Luke,

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Kind Regards Lachie



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To Luke Osullivan (VFA); Sonya Kilkenney (PARL)  
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Reply

Reply All


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Regards,  
Bill



Anthony Z

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Hi,


I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Anthony

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Shane



To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Shane



Peter

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA);  Sonya Kilkenny (PARL)

To Travis Dowling

I DO NOT support the supposed closure of Portland bay



Regards

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Regards

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Regards

Peter

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To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Mon 25/09/2023 12:28 PM

Hello Luke

I support the objectives of the notice in ensuring the sustainability and preservation of Victoria's fisheries and endorse the Proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023

Kind Regards

Phi



To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Mon 25/09/2023 11:42 AM

We removed extra line breaks from this message.

To whom it concerns

Please be notified that i support the following statements:

- prohibit the use of commercial mesh nets, trawl nets, seine nets and long lines, in specified waters of Portland Bay at all times.
- set a catch limit on the commercial take of yellowtail kingfish in specified waters of Portland Bay by Ocean Fishery Access Licence and Victorian Inshore Trawl licence holders, to prevent targeting of this species.

Regards

Reg



To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Mon 25/09/2023 9:31 AM

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to add my protest to all the other Ocean access holders that will be affected by the closure of commercial fishing in Portland Bay.

As a stakeholder with 35 years experience in the fishing industry.  
I was denied a livelihood in Westernport Bay and then Port Philip Bay. Now you are denying my right to commercially fish in Portland Bay which is the ocean.  
I have invested and supplied fish to the Victorian public and communities.  
It is disheartening to observe such an abrupt action without any prior information or opportunity for dialogue between the Victorian Fisheries Authority.

There is no scientific research supporting this closure and no evidence of fish stocks undermined.  
I acknowledge the sustainable management practices within our fisheries sector. I cannot help but worry about potential future closures if they are executed without proper consultation and transparency. There has been no adequate justification or engagement with concerning parties. It raises questions in the future.  
This uncertainty threatens my livelihood but also undermines confidence within the industry.  
In lieu of these concerns, I request the Victorian Fisheries Authority reconsiders the closure of netting in Portland Bay.

Furthermore, I urge scientific research related to the closure and the restrictions of Portland Bay.

A full and adequate I goes ahead.

Regards  
Lou





Paul  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Mon 25/09/2023 8:58 AM

Looking through the window at the back of my house through my telescope I see the netter filling up his tubs with fish. He is about 200 Mtrs off shore . Nothing makes me more angry eating my breakfast and see him raping our waters of fish. This fisherman has no morals only greed he doesn't care about Portland locals or the feelings of tourist that come to Portland to enjoy a lovely bay and good fishing . I know human beings can be very greedy arrogant but this fisherman he is one of the best I've seen . The gall of the man thinks he can come to Portland nett all our fish and the locals don't care , Well we have got bad news for him Pau Jutton Way Portland. I fully support the proposed fisheries Portland Bay commercial fishery notice 2023.

Sent



Kellie  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)



Good morning Luke,

I am emailing you to notify that I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Kind regards

Kellie

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Kevir  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)



Good morning Luke,

Just a quick email to notify you that I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Kind regards

Kevin

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**From:** Ray  
**Date:** 24 September 2023 at 10:26:42 pm AEST  
**To:** [luke.osullivan@vfa.gov.au](mailto:luke.osullivan@vfa.gov.au)  
**Subject:** Portland

Hello I fully support the Portland bay commercial fishery proposal 2023  
 There is multiple opportunities for commercial fishermen to make a living along the coast with concentrating on a small section of protected water in Portland bay  
 Personally I believe that this situation has been brought on by the licence but out scheme in port Phillip  
 The scheme wasn't considered correctly and there should have been a couple of restricted bait licence made available  
 Thanks for considering that we save Portland bay from any further exploitation  
 Ray

Sent from my iPhone



Tahj  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Sun 24/09/2023 10

Dear Luke,  
 As a young man born and raised in the town of Portland, I hope this message is heard. I am studying marine and animal science at university currently, and the Portland bay aquatic wildlife is what's sparked my passion. I hope it can continue to do so for many more years, however recent events have threatened this. Commercial fishing rules and regulations need adjustment before the Portland bay aquatic is permanently damaged.

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

I hope this finds you well,  
 Yours sincerely,  
 Tahj

Sent: Sunday, 24 September 2023 10:18 PM  
Subject: Support for proposed fisheries notice

Hi Luke,

I am a local recreational fisherman in Portland Bay.


I have just bought a boat and I take my family fishing in the bay as a day outing. We love it and would like to continue doing so, but if they keep net fishing in the bay our family outings will no longer exist for a very long time.

I Fully Support The Proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.  
LETS MAKE SURE THIS HAPPENS!!!

Regards  
Fabian



Mary-Rose

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Hi Luke,

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.


LETS MAKE SURE THIS HAPPENS

Regards  
Mary-Rose

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amanda


To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed fisheries ( Portland bay commercial fishery) Notice 2023

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Alex

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed fisheries (Portland bay commercial fisherie)notice 2023

Sent from my iPhone



To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Sun 24/09/2023 10:05

Hello Luke,

I fully support the proposed fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) notice 2023.

As a keen local angler and a family member of commercial fishing licence holders it is with careful consideration that I raise my objection to the current netting of the bay.

Whilst I respect the ability of a fishermen/women to make a living from there commercial licenses, the risk of degradation of our local fishing grounds should never be put at risk. Our local fishing industry is unique and should never be underestimated.

The current area that is be allowed to be netted is unique and unsustainable for a commercial fishing licence.

At the very least and investigation into its sustainability needs to be conducted prior to the recommencement of commercial fishing in this area.

The referred to "gentleman's agreement" came to fruition after locals decided that the area was to vulnerable to be commercially fished. Why is this now being disregarded.

I appreciate your time and consideration

Yours sincerely

Ryan



terry

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Terry



matt

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed fisheries (Portland bay commercial fisheries) notice 2023



Joel

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)



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Sun 24/09/2023 9:14 PM

Hi it's Joel here a third generation fisherman of portland Victoria 3305 .My farther Peter and I are passing on this information in regards to dads ocean access licence in this western zone portland bay and his previous knowledge of his Gill netting over a 15 year period . Note Peter dad currently hasn't paid his renewal for this licence as he believed it was a gentleman agreement not to do it and he could see a by catch he wasn't proud of coming into the boat . We had fished from point danger to the Fitzroy river mouth and Bridgewater bay . By catches vin his history of fishing included seahorses north shore of portland bay . Small rock lobsters in portland bay .red velvet crabs Bridgewater and portland bay . Red mullet portland bay . Dolphins babies portland bay and Bridgewater bay .seal pups Bridgewater bay . Additionally to the previous he occasionally had some juvenile white pointers tangled and drowned north shore of portland bay and Bridgewater bay . We had previously operated a charter boat out of here aswell fishing for bottom fish in the portland bay fishing for whiting and snapper . We still fish recreationally frequently and have very good knowledge of the fish patterns places to catch them what time of year . We have seen a tremendous reduction in stock in the portland Bay Area for lithe pike whiting and snapper some days going out recently coming home with absolutely nothing this is in heard of . The reduction in stock and hearing from other bay fishermen is from the netting boat that we are looking to move on . The bay hasn't been fished on a regular basis since dad netted it though then no one would travel this far to go fishing we didn't and the town itself didn't want tourist here and they didn't promote it . So less fishermen more fish . World populations are getting at bigger and fish consumption is getting larger . Our town had promoted fishing and tourist after the constant arrival of large southern blue fin tuna all year .though this has attracted the fisherman here they also come here to fish the bay for our bread and butter species with there families creating variously outlets of income from fuel shopping food accomodation and of coarse there fishing supplies and associated maintenance or upgrading services or boat storage to name a few . This fishing boat will put all of these businesses in decline if he continues in portland bay as hell fish it out then no one will travel here to fish or holiday . Infrastructure has been invested in here to meet the demands of the public and travelling families or fishermen . We don't want him here or other boats in the bay . We believe from the lack of fish available currently the constant fishing from the netting boat and fishing he influx of boats each year to the bay it is not sustainable to have both here . In our opinion the netting boat has to go . Port Phillip bay had the same problem they stopped the netting there and it has recovered . No netting boat we recommend from our knowledge of the bay with constant fishing commercially and recreationally that it is in the best interest of the town to buy out the licence and cancel it . Regards Joel and Peter of Portland Victoria 3305 .



christine

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Hi

I fully support the proposed fisheries (Portland bay commercial fishery notice 2023)

We are recreational fishers who reside on the North shore 10kms east of Portland.

Please protect our fish as this is so important to our future in Portland.

Kind regards


Chris



Sun 24/09/2023 9:00 PM

Alan

**No Netting in Portland Bay**

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Alan



Darrer

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)




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I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) please ban professional fishermen from netting in the Portland Bay Area



Tanya

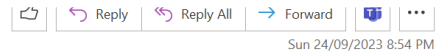
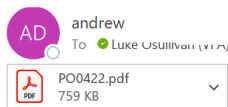
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Please ban professional fisherman from netting in the Portland bay

Kind regards

Tanya



To Luke Osullivan, Director Fisheries Management,

I am one of original signatories on the agreement that was signed by six delegates, three from amateur

fishing clubs and three commercial

fisherman, as explained in the Portland Observer newspaper article by Chalpat Sonti , which is attached to this email.

Over the years since then, I have observed that the area that the V.F.A. wants to close off to commercial fishing is used by amateur anglers, mainly in the summer months. There is very little or no use over the colder parts of the year, sometimes going for weeks without any amateur anglers using that area. You are more likely to see a ship at anchor, waiting to go into the Port Of Portland.

Most of the fishing activity for amateur fishing is done off Portland, South of Lawrance Rocks, Cape Nelson, and Cape Bridgewater, out to the continental shelf, which is between twenty to twenty-five nautical miles off the coast.

I believe that the current agreement, which is part of the V.F.A. regulations, is more than sufficient and gives everyone access to the resource, not only amateur anglers but the other eighty-five percent of the population who enjoy eating fresh fish.

Yours Sincerely  
Andrew

# Existing agreement 'sufficient'

## CHALPAT SONTI

AS the deadline for submissions on the proposed netting ban in Portland Bay nears, another local commercial fisherman has raised concerns for the future of the industry.

Andrew Delony was one of the six initial signatories – three commercial and three recreational fishers – on an agreement in 1994 that set out some rules for both sides, and said he had been concerned about the way the issue was being portrayed in light of recent events.

The Victorian Fisheries Authority last week opened for public submissions a draft Fisheries Notice that would ban the use of mesh, seine and trawl nets as well as long lines in specified waters in and around Portland Bay, from Point Danger to the Fitzroy River.

The draft notice also proposes a commercial catch limit for yellowtail kingfish in Portland Bay of 50 kg a day.

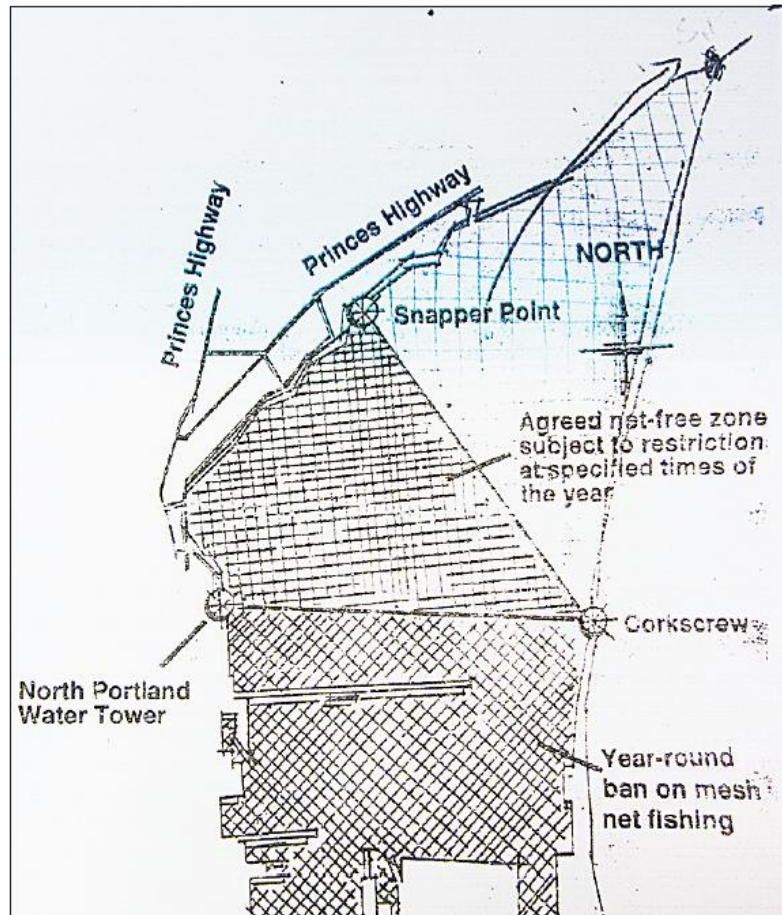
No changes to kingfish bag or size limits for recreational fishers are being proposed.

The submission period runs until Monday, September 25 and submissions can be made at [vfa.vic.gov.au/consultation](http://vfa.vic.gov.au/consultation).

It follows concerns after Phil McAdam began gill netting in the Bay earlier this year, something he is allowed to do under the terms of the Ocean Fishery Access Licence he holds.

An online petition opposing any netting in the Bay has gathered more than 8000 signatures, and the move to do so has also been supported by Glenelg Shire Council and State Member for South West Coast Roma Britnell.

But Mr Delony joined another Portland commercial fisher Robbie Davis (in last Friday's *Observer*) in raising concerns about the proposed ban, taking issue with several aspects of the campaign.





One of those was that the 1994 agreement was a "gentleman's" or unofficial one, as has been described.

"It was not a gentleman's agreement," he said.

"It was gazetted and has been through Parliament – it's part of the regulations."

A Fisheries Notice currently exists that bans netting in the Bay at certain times of the year.

"The original agreement is sufficient," Mr Delony said.

"It gives opportunity for everyone."

Mr Delony, like Mr Davis, said he was concerned about the continuing encroachment on what commercial fishers could do and said there was a "slur campaign" against professionals.

"In my lifetime I have gone from being a respected member of the community to being a raper and pillage of the sea, when all along all I've tried to do is make a living for myself and my family," he said.

"I'd like to know where it's all going to end, whether there'll be any commercial fishing in Victorian waters at all – these same amateurs are fishing out on the Continental Shelf and they might put in a claim for the blue-eye as well."

"Is Victoria going to finish up with no fish supply? They took Port Phillip Bay, Westport Bay, with no scientific evidence at all, but a big media campaign, and the politicians are only worried about losing votes."

"They're supposed to represent all of us and most of the majority eat fish – but when they realise all they can buy is the crap out of the supermarkets, it'll be too late then, it'll be all gone."

The 1994 agreement came about after a similar campaign.

"I was the only one netting here at the time," he said.

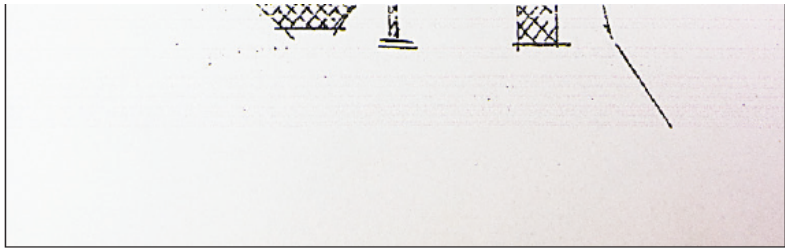
"It's a tough way to make a living and I finished up going crayfishing instead."

"There were a few idle threats to me at the time, but nothing too severe."

"I was asked by Fisheries and we were all brought together to try and sort something out."

#### So what does the agreement say?

The full text of the then Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Code of Practice for Commercial and Recreational Fishing in Portland Bay, dated August 30,



A MAP of the original 1994 agreement between commercial and recreational fishers over netting in Portland Bay.  
Picture: SUPPLIED

**'It was not a gentleman's agreement. It was gazetted and has been through Parliament – it's part of the regulations.'**  
- Andrew Delony

1994, is as follows:

"This code is intended to resolve conflict between commercial mesh net fishers and recreational fishers operating in Portland Bay, Victoria."

"The code is based on the current knowledge practices and opinions of fishers using Portland Bay and information available from DCNR catch and effort unit and Portland Fisheries and Wildlife officers."

"This code was developed via a series of

- No mesh netting to occur in this zone from December 24 to January 22 inclusive each year.

- No mesh netting to occur in this zone from Good Friday to Easter Monday inclusive each year.

- No mesh netting to occur in this zone during major recreational fishing competitions by negotiation.

- No mesh netting to occur in this zone during long weekends.

- No target fishing for yellow-tail kingfish with mesh nets to occur within this zone.

- Recognise a net free zone from the shore out to an imaginary line from the Portland Water Tower adjacent to Andersons Point to the Corkscrew in Portland Bay (subject to the following conditions).

- No mesh netting to occur in this zone throughout the whole year.

"It is understood by all parties that these arrangements may increase fishing pressure in other areas during these closures."

"Recreational fishers agree to support the following practices."

- Foster and encourage others to practice good fishing ethics (ie) take only as many fish as needed.

- Return unwanted fish alive to the sea.

- Dispose of all litter (including fishing line) in an environmentally acceptable manner (ie) land based disposal.


- Foster and encourage others to recognise the value of commercial fishers in their community.

- Respect the legitimate and traditional fishing practices of commercial fishers.

"All delegates support this code of practice and recommend it become state fisheries legislation."



Jason

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Please stop the netting in the bay before it becomes too late.

Regards

Jason



Kim

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

As a local resident of Portland

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Regards

Kim

Sent from my iPhone



David

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward   
Sun 24/09/2023 8:22 P

Hi Luke,

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

This fishery if not protected from the commercial industry will be decimated as it had been in the past. We can not let this happen again. It is not only for the sustainability of the fishery but also local tourism which will be hurt, if once again reachable fishing grounds are decimated.  
We need this to happen!

Kind Reeards  
David



Daniel



To Luke Osullivan (VFA)







Good evening,

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Cheers

Daniel

 Callum  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

  Reply  Reply All  Forward   •  
Sun 24/09/2023 8:07

Good evening Luke,

Just writing to inform that I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023

As a portland resident of 27 years I have never seen a community so passionate about a threat to our town, the sheer numbers on the petition prove this. The decimation of our fishery and the impact these netting boats will have will be enormous with the impacts already being felt by recreational anglers.

If the town loses its ability to support holiday makers wishing to fish with their family the Portland economy in both accommodation, hospitality and retail will all suffer and the prolonged effects in the community will linger.



Interns of the impact on the commercial fisherman there is none, in the past there has never been any commercial fishing in these zones due to the gentleman's agreement and none of the local boats fish this area. All local commercial operators are either deep sea trawlers, shark boats or cray fisherman, whom all operate outside or are exempt of this notice.

Please do not let someone who has just appeared in our beautiful coastal town wreck our entire fishery that so much effort has gone in to establishing.

Better yet then line of notice should align with Lawrence rock all the way through to the mouth of the Fitzroy and along. Commercial netting operators do not need to be in the waters.

Kind regards

Callum

 Sandra  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)



To whom it may concern

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023

Kind Regards


Sandra

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 Libby  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

 john  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023 Johr

Sent from my iPad





Nick

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.


Thanks,

Nick

Sent from my iPhone



John


To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.



John

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

  Reply  Reply All  Forward  

Sun 24/09/2023 7:37 PM

Hello Luke, Luke I am being a bit naughty but at 75 years old I ask you to forgive me. I have already put my "no netting in Portland Bay" submission in, but I just need to say more because I am so concerned about this net boat in the Bay.


Luke, I am a member of an old club here in Portland, all our members are old, like our boats. (My boat "Gunsynd" was built in 1972 after the mighty Gunsynd won the cox plate ). But the main problem here is that of all these "Old Blokes" I would be the only one even slightly useful on a computer. So there are dozens of people who have no way of knowing how to send an anti netting in Portland harbour submission.

Also, the netter claims he only targets Snook and Pike, (This of course is a blatant lie) the exact same fish our slow old troll boats target. Our slow old boats with slow old men are not capable of fishing outside the bay, and always fish in close. This netter is fishing 50 metres off shore, so we have less chance of a feed anymore.

Thank you for reading Luke, cheers, Thomas



Darren

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Hi Luke

Good to meet you when you were in Portland last month

Just confirming that I fully support the proposed changes listed in the Portland Fisheries Notice

Regards

Darren



Jinda

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Regards



johr

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)



Sun 24/09/2023 12:53 PM

Start your reply all with:

[Thank you for your response.](#)

[Thank you!](#)

[Thank you very much for your response.](#)

[Feedback](#)

I fully support the fisheries notice (Portland Bay Committee Fishery) Notice 2033.

I have property on Dutton Way and regularly travel to fish in the harbour area. My family were responsible for setting up the original gentleman's agreement around commercial fisherman not netting in the harbour area, due to its effects on recreational fishing. The effects will flow on to effect Portland economy and tourism. When people can no longer catch fish they will travel to other areas. Other Bay areas have now banned commercial netting in these areas for exactly the same reasons.

Kind regards

Johr



Wendy

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)



Sun 24/09/2023 12:46 PM

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No change needs to be made to The Portland Bay Fishery net free zone.

I was never consulted by anyone!

Local Dutton Way & Alllestree residents who live on the coastline have whipped up a storm dividing the community.

There has been a misleading of the population & local members of government by the power of Facebook to whip up a storm.

There is egg smeared on many faces who are angry at the misleading lies they were told.

Recreational fishers became involved when they saw an avenue they could advance from - albeit it lies.

If you grant the recreationals what they want it won't be long and the bay will be decimated by their own fishing effort. (Eg as in WA).

Simple maths tells me their effort & effect is not minimal to the taking of a resource that all of Victoria owns.

Recreational fishers should have to show their fishing licence, where they're from, do logbooks on their catches and should be searched as they leave & arrive back at port.

They are a bio security hazard to our Portland Bay. Did they wash their gear before they placed it in our ocean, did they wash their boat beforehand? What filthy bait might they have? What have they got as rubbish to get rid of? (Tyres, batteries, rubbish?) Abalone virus has desimated stock twice already.

And what other groups are now watching that will be able to make bigger impacts on Portland Bay.

Is there a group that are trying to make it a marine park? I bet they're watching right now and will make their move soon too.

And as far as tourists go - not every tourist that comes to stay in Portland is a recreational fisherman, there is far more to the South West of Victoria than just the fishing and this is why nothing should change because not everyone will have a say in your submission process. How do I know this - I'm a local!

Stop the banter and bullshit and come to your senses. Leave the bay alone. Tell them NO!

I work as a receptionist for the two of the biggest employers of Portland and am married to a commercial fisherman. We haven't fished the bay, we're locals and we're keeping our community happy by staying away from the area since that gentleman's agreement was made in the 90s even though we "could have".

I've raised 4 sons & a daughter (now grown-ups) in our lovely town and this town is now against me. It's no thanks to the VFA who are letting the recreationals away with this. You could have said NO to them and asked said netter to refrain from fishing there. Instead all OFAL holders are now being impacted.

How many of the signatures on the no-netter campaign are locals. Our population is less than 10k, so many signatures came from elsewhere and possibly from keyboard warriors & bots.



I have friends who are genuinely worried about me, checking we're ok because they see the hysteria that has happened. I own a fishing boat capable of destruction - but "she" has never been used in that manner. You don't go destructing things or you'll not make any money to survive and make your payments. Destruction is not something I've ever been interested in, but sustainability of resource is - that's what will pay my bills and allow us all to continue to eat fish.

Please say No?

Signed Wendy



Francoise

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA);  [sonya.kilkenny@parliament.vic.gov](mailto:sonya.kilkenny@parliament.vic.gov)

We need to have access to fresh fish even if we are not fishermen!

Please, keep some sustainable commercial fisheries for us

Thanks

Francoise

From: **Janine**

Date: Sun, 24 Sept 2023, 9:19 am

Subject:

To: <[luke.osullivan@vfa.gov.vic.au](mailto:luke.osullivan@vfa.gov.vic.au)>

I believe that commercial fishing should continue in Portland Bay as I love my fresh local seafood and I do not fish myself.


Recreational fishers do not feed the public as it is a hobby. Commercial fishing is more important. There is no scientific proof to say the bay is not sustainable.

Regards

Janine



Bronwyn

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Good afternoon Luke

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Regards

Bronwyn

Sent from my iphone



chris

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Hi,

I would like to stage that I fully support the proposed (Portland bay commercial fishery) notice 2023.

Thank you,

Chris

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Phil

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)



Reply



Reply All



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Sun 24/09/2023 7:59 AM

I wish to indicate my support for the draft Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Having personally witnessed the detrimental impact on recreational fishers resulting from commercial netting on the recreational fishery on the lower Yorke Peninsula in SA I believe it is imperative that this notice is enacted ASAP. Nil recreational fish catch for up to 12 months after one sweep through by the commercials.

Regards.

Phil



To Luke Osullivan (VFA)



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23/09/2023

Dear Luke

I fully support the proposed fisheries (Portland bay commercial fishery) notice 2023.

It would be nice to keep Portland a destination many people like coming to for the fishery here.

Kind Regards Lee



Will

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)



Reply



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Sat 23/09/2023 9:06 PM

Hi Luke,

As someone who grew up in Portland but has lived away for the last decade, I was gladdened to see that the issue of commercial operators fishing close in at Portland is being taken seriously.

I fully support the recommendations regarding netting and long lining and the reduced kingfish limit in close at Portland.

Thanks for taking action, it's good to know the fishery won't get destroyed by a few greedy operators.

Will



Rachael

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Good evening Luke.

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023!

Kind regards,  
Rachael.



Andrew

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Sent from my iPhone

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) notice 2023.



Vicki

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed fisheries notice ( portland Bay commercial fishery) Notice 2023



briar

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Sat 23/09/2023 6:16 PM

To whom it concerns,  
AS a 40yr Portland resident and a benefactor of the existing gentleman's agreement that has been long recognised and honoured that the professional fishing license holders have left Portland Bay for the use of recreational anglers to no be enforceable by legal means by the relevant Victorian minister that had the same powers to close Port Phillip Bay to commercial fishing,  
yours sincerely  
Brian

Sent from my iPhone




Russell

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed fisheries (portland bay commercial fishery) notice 2023



Lincoln

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Good afternoon Luke,


Just so you are aware, I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Kind regards

Lincoln



Travis

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)



Start your reply all with:

[Thank you!](#)

[Thank you for your confirmation.](#)

[Received, thank you.](#)

[Feedback](#)


Good day Luke,

Please accept my submission, I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Kind Regards

Travis



To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Dear Luke

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay commercial Fishery) notice 2023.

Regards

Russel

Sent from my iPhone



William

To  Kylie E Wohlt (VFA)

Cc  Luke Osullivan (VFA);  Matt

Hello,


I do not support the proposed Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay.

Best regards,

William



Luen

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)



Hi Luke

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

The Portland bay and its shoreline is important for recreational anglers.

The boat and land based fishing has been very reliable since the local commercial fishermen agreed to not net the bay.


The economics of tourism is clearly greater than the commercial fishing in this situation.

Regards

Luen



Jenna

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)



Sat 23/09/2023 1:49 PM

I DO NOT support the proposal fisheries notice.

My family have been in the commercial fishing business for generations and from this prospective has always been a sustainable way of providing local and fresh seafood and bait to the community.

Victorians deserve the right to have access to locally caught fish and not imported from all around the world.

By imposing this notice you are taking away that right and destroying my families livelihood and careers.

Not only that, it's taking away any chance for the next generations to continue to keep these businesses alive.

Not only is it destroying people's livelihoods, it's going to over populate the waters with bait. Noone will be able to catch any fish of their own because the fish are well fed on bait that is not being sustainably harvested.

The abuse and threats from the "No netting in Portland" page towards Phillip and his crew (Vancouver fisheries) is absolutely horrendous!

It's bad enough that he and other sustainable netting businesses were forced out of Port Phillip Bay and to now be targeted in Portland Bay for absolutely no reason at all is ridiculous.

Phillip and his crew have done all the right things and have followed the rules and guidelines. None of which have been broken.

I and many others fully support these comercial fishing businesses to continue to provide sustainably caught seafood and bait and hope the VFA can do the same.

Regards

Debbie



debbie

To ✓ Luke Osullivan (VFA); ○ sonya.kilkenny@parliament.vic.au

To whom it my concern

I DO NOT Support the proposed fisheries notice

Not everybody can go and catch there own fish

We need more local seafood for our commity

Who wants to buy fish from overseas we need more local produce

Thanks for you time

Debbie

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donna

To ✓ Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I do not support the proposed fisheries notice for Portland

Donna

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Tania

To ✓ Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

No netting in Portland Bay.

Kind regards

Tania





Ray

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Start your reply all with:

[Thank you!](#)

[I vote yes.](#)

[Thank you for your vote.](#)

[Feedback](#)

Hello Luke,

I fully support the proposed Fisheries ( Portland Bay Commercial Fishery ) Notice 2023.

No netting in Portland Bay...

Regards,

Ray



Nicole

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Hello Luke,

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.  
LETS MAKE SURE THIS HAPPENS!!!

Nicole

Sent from my iPhone



darryn

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed fisheries (Portland bay commercial fishery) notice2023.  
Darryn


**From:** Lawrence  
**Sent on:** Monday, September 18, 2023 8:12:57 AM  
**To:** Luke Osullivan (VFA) <luke.osullivan@vfa.vic.gov.au>; Luke Osullivan (VFA) <luke.osullivan@vfa.vic.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Bans on commercial fishing .

Dear Luke and Sonya ,  
It has come to my attention that once again the Victorian Fisheries Authority ; acting on behalf of the Victorian State Government ; is proposing to stop a commercial fisherman who was forced out of Port Phillip Bay and relocated to Portland .  
Enough is enough . When is the VFA going to realise that we as Victorians deserve to eat fresh local fish and not inferior imported rubbish ?  
I believe that this fisherman is once again being persecuted . He was thrown out of Port Phillip Bay where he caught pilchards for table fish and bait . This was a fully sustainable resource but he was forced to relocate to follow his life's occupation .  
Mr Phillip is innocent man who has done the right thing and relocated his whole life , family and business to Portland to fish LEGALLY in the local waters . He is being treated poorly by the government once again !  
As stated , he has done everything LEGALLY !  
Once again it appears that State Government is bowing to the wishes of recreational fishermen .  
Port Phillip and Western Port Bays , along with Mallacoota and Gippsland Lakes closures to netting have resulted in a lack of fresh local fish for All Victorians .  
It appears that this government is siding with recreational fishermen merely to attract election votes . Recreational fisherman are only a small proportion of Victorian residents so why are they given 100 percent access to 100 percent of the Victorian stocks ?  
The Victorian fish stocks belong to all Victorians , not just those licensed to fish recreationally !  
Doesn't this government realise that commercial fishermen are like farmers . THEY FEED PEOPLE !  
I , along with all Victorians , deserve to eat local fish . I therefore demand that you stop any further closures of Victorian waters , including Portland !  
Enough is enough !  
Yours truly  
Lawrence

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Kane


To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.  
Regards Kane

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.




Micheal

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)



Luke

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

I feel that it is very fair for all parties, hobby anglers and commercial.

Sent from my iPhone



Lockie

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed fisheries (portland bay commercial fishery) notice 2023.



Jake

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Dear Luke,

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Jake

Portland local

Support for proposed fisheries notice



Ivan

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Don't let them ruin one of the best fishing places! You will lose so many people. This isn't fair!



brion

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Fri 22/09/2023 10:07 PM

I am writing this as I DONT agree with the proposed regulation change for portland. The current regulations are more than enough to accommodate both commercial and recreational fisherman. Portland is not a bay or inlet its a part of the southern ocean

Commercial fisherman in Victoria have had alot of fishing ground closed to them over the years when does it end. The vfa promote local seafood at ports all over Victoria how can this be viable when fishing grounds keep getting shut down

Thanks

Travis

Sent from my Galaxy



To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply

To whom it may concern,

As a recreational fisher, and someone who travels around 600km to get to Portland for fishing, this is an important issue for me.

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Carol



Alar

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Start your reply all with:

[Thank you!](#)

[Thank you for your vote.](#)

[Thank you for your response.](#)

[Feedback](#)

I fully support the proposed fisheries (Portland Bay commercial fishery) Notice 2023



Darren

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Kind Regards

Darren and Sheryl



Jane

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)



Reply

Reply All

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Fri 22/09/2023 7:51

Hi Luke

Thank you for your email. I believe the proposal of not allowing netting etc in Portland bay and limiting commercial catch is fantastic.

This will help rejuvenate the bay by allowing the juvenile fish to reproduce and return it will increase recreational fishermen/women which will increase revenue for the town.

This would be a win, win situation.

The commercial fishing should be banned from a certain radius from the town sending them out to deeper water!

Kind Regards  
Liza



Barry

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

"I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023."

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Russell

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)



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Fri 22/09/2023 6:2





Hi Luke,

Just a note to advise I support the action proposed in the notice.

I believe this is sound and will assist in protecting the fish species and numbers within this sensitive inshore area. It will ensure there is no loss due to by-catch losses and help the overall environment generally.

Best regards.  
Russell

 PJ  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Fri 22/09/2023 5:39 PM

Sir

I wish to formally approve of a total ban on all commercial fishing in the Portland Bay area.

It is much too small an area for a fair and equitable share with amateur and commercial fishing. Commercial fishing does not allow fish to spawn when they wish and the by catch is a total kill. If I killed the small fish and not wanted species, I would be prosecuted but the netters plead they cannot avoid it.

Thank you for this opportunity

Briar

 matthew  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA);  Sonya Kilkenny (PARL)

Start your reply all with:

Thank you!

Received, thank you.

Thank you for letting us know.




To whom it may concern.

I as a member of the Victorian public OBJECT to the proposed closure of Portland bay.

We are entitled to fresh local and sustainably sourced fish as a consumer.  
This closure takes this resource away from us!

Matthew

Sent from my iPhone

 Will  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA);  Sonya Kilkenny (PARL)

  Reply

To whom this may concern,

I DO NOT support the proposed fisheries notice!!  
Portland bay should not be closed down because of a few recreational fisherman that don't know how to share the fishing grounds.

I WAS a commercial fishing in Port Phillip Bay with my dad for 14 years. We got no help from anyone.  
Victoria has the right to fresh local seafood, but that right got taken away from them just like our right to fish got taken away from us.


It's one guy fishing Portland by himself! Give him the right just like you guys said you would

Thanks  
Will

## Fisheries Notice 2023 Support



Grant


To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

"I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023."

Grant

## Support for proposed fisheries notice




To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

From the staff at Portland Compleat Angler



Alex

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Luke,




I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Kind Regards

Alex



To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

  Reply  Reply All  Forward  

Thu 21/09/2023 1:16 |

Good afternoon Luke

As an avid angler and regular visitor to Portland and the south west, I'd like to throw my opinion behind the Portland bay issue.

It is a truly unique ecosystem that should be protected for rec fishers, its one of the best kingfish spots in the state and I believe the presence of bait on the reef is why, we need professional fishing out of that environment. While we are at it, kingfish bag limits need to be reduced to 2 and its time for a slot limit or at least a more sensible legal minimum.

Regards

John

# Support for proposed fisheries notice



David

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Start your reply all with:

[Thank you!](#)

[Thank you for your vote.](#)

I fully support proposed fisheries  
Portland bay commercial fisheries.

Sent from my iPhone



em.

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed Fisheries notice (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Regards,

Emma

Sent from my Galaxy

I fully support the ban on netting in Portland bay they do far to much damage to stocks and breeding grounds.



Brett

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)



Reply

Reply All




Sent from mv iPhone  
Brett





Stephen

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)



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Luke,


Commercial fishing should be banned in Portland bay, its a joke that there has been a trawler in there in recent times.

Regards

*Stephen*



Jeff

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)



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Hi Luke,


I'm supporting the objectives of the notice, as outlined below.

Kind Regards Jeff.

I support your proposal. Thanks Peter



Peter

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Sent from my iPhone





Christopher

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)  
Cc Rob



Reply

Reply All

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Thu 21/09/2023 12:12 P

Dear Luke,

I fully support the above proposed Fisheries Notice and its objectives.

Namely to:

- prohibit the use of commercial mesh nets, trawl nets, seine nets and long lines, in specified waters of Portland Bay at all times.
- set a catch limit on the commercial take of yellowtail kingfish in specified waters of Portland Bay by Ocean Fishery Access Licence and Victorian Inshore Trawl licence holders, to prevent targeting of this species

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a public comment.

Kind regards,

Christopher



tony

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Hi Luke,

Please accept this as my support for the objectives for the:

**Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023,**

Kind Regards,

Anthony

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Dennis

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

To Luke O'Sullivan,

I, Dennis                      Support the Proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Regards,

Denni:

# Please protect the population of yellow tail kingfish at Portland



David

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)



Sean

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Thu 21/09/2023 11:15 AM

Hi Luke, please see below. I am a rec fisher and fully support the objectives listed below. I will be very interested in the outcome.

Cheers Sean

**•prohibit the use of commercial mesh nets, trawl nets, seine nets and long lines, in specified waters of Portland Bay at all times.**

**•set a catch limit on the commercial take of yellowtail kingfish in specified waters of Portland Bay by Ocean Fishery Access Licence and Victorian Inshore Trawl licence holders, to prevent targeting of this species.**

Sean



Frank

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Thu 21/09/2023 11:15 AM

## Proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023

Mr O'Sullivan,

I am writing to pass on my support for the Portland Fisheries proposal.

As a recreational fisher I find it frustrating to witness the depletion of fishing stocks with commercial use of long lines, nets etc. This leads to overfishing with serious detriment to fish stocks and to a lesser degree other species that get captured in the process.

Quarantining an area will help improve fish stocks that eventually migrate into areas commercial fishermen use and in long term benefit them.

I fully support the proposal, the sooner implemented the better for all.

Frank



Rich

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Thu 21/09/2023 10:59 AM

**I Support to prohibit the use of commercial mesh nets, trawl nets, seine nets and long lines, in specified waters of Portland Bay at all times.**

**set a catch limit on the commercial take of yellowtail kingfish in specified waters of Portland Bay by Ocean Fishery Access Licence and Victorian Inshore Trawl licence holders, to prevent targeting of this species.**

Regards,

Richard

## Proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023



Evie and Jerry  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)



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Thu 21/09/2023 10:55 AM

Proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

The objectives of this Notice are to:

- prohibit the use of commercial mesh nets, trawl nets, seine nets and long lines, in specified waters of Portland Bay at all times.
- set a catch limit on the commercial take of yellowtail kingfish in specified waters of Portland Bay by Ocean Fishery Access Licence and Victorian Inshore Trawl licence holders, to prevent targeting of this species.

Good morning Luke, as a resident of Portland and a keen recreational fisherman, I am deeply concerned by the current netting of fish within Portland bay. I feel that there is plenty of ocean for the netters to fish without spoiling our local fishing area.  
Regards.

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Ower  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)



↩ Reply

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Hi Luke,

I just wanted to let you know that I support the objectives of the Proposed Fisheries Notice 2023 for Portland Bay.

Regards,

Owen



Brave  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)



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Thu 21/09/2023

## I Support the Proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery)

Sent from my iPhone



Darren  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Yes i support the vfa and there recommendations

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vern.

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Hi I support all the objectives cheers vern

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To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Hi Luke

I support the objectives of the aforementioned notice.

Regards  
Ben



Ben

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Thu 21/09/2023 10:17 AM

Hi Luke,

**I would like to express my strong support for the proposed objectives outlined in the Proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.**

As with a large contingent of recreational anglers Victoria wide, my concern is the protection of vital marine areas and sustainable harvest of a number of key recovering species in our fishery.

Kind regards,

Ben



geoff

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Reply Reply All Forward

Thu 21/09/2023 10:14 /

Dear sir, I support the plan to prohibit the use of mesh nets, trawl nets, seine nets and long lines, in specified waters of Portland Bay and to set a catch limit on the take yellowtail kingfish in specified waters of Portland Bay by Ocean Fishery Access Licence and Victorian Inshore Trawl licence holders, to prevent targeting of this species

VAF member  
Geoff



TO Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Thu 21/09/2023 9:57 AM

Dear Sir,

I support prohibition of the use of commercial mesh nets, trawl nets, seine nets and long lines, in specified waters of Portland Bay at all times.

I also support the setting of a catch limit on the commercial take of yellowtail kingfish in specified waters of Portland Bay by Ocean Fishery Access Licence and Victorian Inshore Trawl licence holders, to prevent targeting of this species.

Regards

*T.A.*

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EDDIE  
TO Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Thu 21/09/2023 9:49 AM

To whom it may concern,

I wish to express my support of The Proposed Fisheries Notice 2023, regarding Portland Bay Commercial Fishery. I fully support the following recommendations.

- prohibit the use of commercial mesh nets, trawl nets, seine nets and long lines, in specified waters of Portland Bay at all times.
- set a catch limit on the commercial take of yellowtail kingfish in specified waters of Portland Bay by Ocean Fishery Access Licence and Victorian Inshore Trawl licence holders, to prevent targeting of this species.

Yours sincerely  
Edward



Nichola  
TO Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Thu 21/09/2023 9:37

Hi Luke

**Please find my email support in relation to a:  
set a catch limit on the commercial take of yellowtail kingfish in specified waters of Portland Bay by  
Ocean Fishery Access Licence and Victorian Inshore Trawl licence holders, to prevent targeting of  
this species. Thank you REGARDS Nicholas**

Sent from my iPhone



TO Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Thu 21/09/2023 9:36

Hi Luke

I support any proposed restriction to ease pressure on all fisheries

I think we (Victoria) should look to lead with restrictions before numbers crash.. Not just netting but closed seasons for snapper to spawn like SA or any pre emptive actions as Victoria population and boaters numbers explode the fish stocks must be under immense pressure

Jasor



Russell  
TO Luke Osullivan (VFA)

We removed extra line breaks from this message.

Luke

I support the objectives of VRFish in relation to the Portland Commercial fishing Proposal

Russell

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** uru

**Sent:** Thursday, 21 September 2023 7:29 AM

**To:** Luke Osullivan (VFA) <luke.osullivan@vfa.vic.gov.au>

**Subject:** Thank you for the great and excellent work you are doing for the reef and the ocean to prevent the fish and to be look after, I do support you in all verifications written.

## Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice



George

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Hello Luke.

I have been fishing Victorian water ways and oceans for the past 42 years and totally support the proposed restrictions for commercial Fishing.

I would also recommend changes to the charter fishing limits in these waters. Too many fish are killed by these operators.

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## Support the Proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023



To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Good morning Luke,

An email to show my support for the Proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

In principle, I fully support the objectives set out in the proposal.


I don't live in the area but I am equally supportive of similar actions in Gippsland where I live (and fish).

Ken

## Portland Bay proposal



Geoff

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Hi Luke

I strongly support the VR fish proposal for Portland Bay

It would nice if this could be extended to Port Fairy and commercial crayfishing as well

Regards


Geoff

Port Fairy

# Proposed fisheries Portland



Robyn

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)


I support your proposal completely

Sent from my iPhone

Portland Bay Commercial Fishing

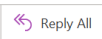


Geoffrey

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)



Reply



Reply All

Hi Luke, as the secretary of the Charlton Angling Club I write to you to support the ending of the commercial fishing in Portland Bay.

As a fishing club that has over 100 members, we do support to cease all commercial fishing operations in the bay of Portland to assist recreational fishing to prosper in the area.


Regards,


**Geoffrey**

Support for removal of Portland Bay commercial fishing



Dar

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Hi Luke,

I support the removal of commercial fishing from the portland bay along with catch limits on yellow tail kingfish in the area.

Cheers


Be Strong, Stay Strong,

Dan

## Portland bay fisheries



Johr

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Dear Luke

As a member of VRFish I support the proposed exclusion of Commercial fishers from operating in Portland Bay.


Thank you,

Johr

## Portland Bay Notice 2023



wazsom

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Hello Luke

I would like to add my support to the proposed restrictions on the fishery on "Portland Bay commercial fisheries" with the Proposed Fisheries Notice 2023,


thank you

Warrer

# I support no nets !



Joe

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)


Sent from my iPhone



# Netting



Darren


To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Sent from my iPhone

Support the Proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023



Marinus

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Dear Luke,

Please accept this email as support for the praised changes.

Regards

Marinus

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# Portland fisheries notice



Daniel

To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I support the notice

Sent from my iPhone

## Portland Bay fisheries



To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Thu 21/09/2023

*A Call To Action!*

# Support the Proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023

I strongly support the proposed fisheries notice. I was a resident there, recreational fisherman and ran a cafe there for several years. It is such a special place for residents, tourists and holiday makers. Portland's bay and surrounding waters need protection from commercial fishing. Your's faithfully  
John

Sent from my iPhone

## Support for Proposed Fisheries Notice



Kim  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Thu 21/09/2023 12:38 AM

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

I live at Dutton Way on the beach side and have been very disappointed to note that netting has begun in our area. I don't have any judgement against the person but only their actions. They are netting way too close to the shoreline. We have created access on the rock wall for a lot of older persons to have easy access and this is utilised by a lot of beach fisherman. But that is changing as the fish are not coming, the bites are getting less. It's not a coincidence. Rather than being able to net only 3 miles from shore maybe this should be changed to only netting more than 3 miles from shore. Recreational fishing is an important past time for Portland. I remember as a young girl going with my dad to the Lee Breakwater and beaches to catch fish. Tourists and locals love to be able to do this with the likelihood of catching a fish. But this will be null and void if the majority of fish stock is taken or scared away. This happened years ago by a couple of netters which is why the gentleman's agreement was put in place. It then took a couple of decades for the fish to come back like they have. Please don't let this happen again. The ocean is a big place and I'm sure the netters could find a less intrusive place to net.

Regards, Kim

Sent from my iPad

## Portland notice



Nicole  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA); Sonya Kilkenney (PAKL)

Reply Reply All Forward

Mon 18/09/2023 9:52 F

To whom it may concern,

I DO NOT support the proposed fisheries notice! Portland bay should not be closed down because a few recreational fisherman don't know how to share the fishing grounds.

Commercial fishermen supply the Victorian public with fresh local seafood! The people of Victoria are more important than a select few hobby fishermen. We all deserve fresh local seafood!

Nicole

Sent from my iPhone

## Strong Opposition to Proposed Fisheries Notice



Vittoria  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA); Sonya Kilkenney (PAKL)

Reply Reply All Forward

Mon 18/09/2023 9:52 F

To Whom It May Concern,

I DO NOT SUPPORT THE PROPOSED FISHERIES NOTICE.

Every resident of Victoria should have the opportunity to enjoy locally sourced seafood!

I wholeheartedly support the efforts of commercial fishermen, as they play a crucial role in providing fresh seafood to our community.

Not everyone desires imported fish from other regions that may have undergone questionable processes.

The harassment and threats directed at the commercial fishermen on the 'No Netting Portland Page,' including his family and Vancouver boat, are unacceptable. This proposal threatens the livelihoods of many individuals.

This closure, without a valid reason, adversely affected local commercial fishermen, and now they face removal from Portland, which is deeply troubling. I urge you to consider reopening Port Phillip Bay for commercial Sardine/Pilchard fishing.

Sincerely,  
Tor

## I agree with the proposed netting ban to the bay of Portland



Greg  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I would like to see the ban go from Cape grant to the Fitzroy river mouth 3 nm off shore to protect the bay of Portland from breeding fish being over fished

## support for proposed for fisheries notice



Chris  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)



Wed 20/09/2023 10:54 AM

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I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023. I have read the proposed changes and believe this is an important change for the good of the local community and all the people that travel to the area during the year. In my opinion it creates a fair balance between the needs of recreational fishers and commercial operators. I do recreational fishing in this area and the ability to take the grandkids out for a fish in the more sheltered area is very useful. Taking them out into the open ocean its not really an option in my small boat. The commercial fishery has been able to operate from Portland for many decades now without netting in the proposed area so this should not have an impact on them.

Thanks

Chris



Nick

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

## Subject- Support for proposed fisheries notice

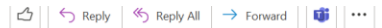
Dear Luke,

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Nick



Jonathon  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)



Tue 19/09/2023 7:22 PM

To Whom This May Concern,

I recently read the open letter regarding the proposed Fisheries Notice for Portland Bay Commercial Fishery. While I appreciate the effort to address community concerns, I must express my strong opposition to this notice.

As an avid seafood lover, I believe that every Victorian should have access to fresh local seafood. Commercial fishing plays a crucial role in ensuring that the public is fed with high-quality seafood. It is unfair to penalize the commercial fishing sector based on the complaints of a few recreational fishermen who are unwilling to share fishing grounds with the general public.

Furthermore, commercial fishing not only provides sustenance but also creates job opportunities for many individuals. It is an industry that contributes to the economy and supports livelihoods. By restricting fishing methods and catch limits, we risk jeopardizing these valuable contributions.

I understand the importance of sustainable fishing practices, and I assure you that the commercial fishing industry is committed to protecting the environment. Instead of imposing unnecessary restrictions, we should focus on promoting responsible fishing practices and educating all stakeholders about the importance of conservation.

In conclusion, I do not support the proposed fisheries notice for Portland Bay. It is essential to find a balanced approach that allows for the sustainable coexistence of all fishing sectors. Thank you for considering my perspective.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathon

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Rodney

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I agree commercial fishing should be banned within 3 miles off land .



lar  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I agree with the proposal on the ban of net fishing in the Portland bay inside 3nm stretching from cape grant to the Fitzroy river mouth

Sent from my iPhone

Portland Bay Netting



todd  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Like Reply Reply All Forward Tue 19/09/2023 4:

Sent from my iPhone

I Todd from Portland appose netting in Portland Bay.I am a local fisherman and is deeply concerned about our fish stocks with commercial netting,not only for myself but for tourism and future generations.



Sarah  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA); Sonya Kilkeny (VFA)

Like Reply Reply All Forward Tue 19/09/2023 3:58 P

To Whom This May Concern,

After reading the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023. I appreciate the opportunity to provide my comments on this matter.

Firstly, I would like to express my support for commercial fishing and the important role it plays in providing fresh local seafood to the Victorian public. I believe that every Victorian has the right to enjoy the benefits of our abundant coastal resources.

While I understand that there have been concerns raised by the community regarding commercial fishing practices in Portland Bay, I do not believe that closing the bay is the solution. It is important to foster a spirit of sharing and cooperation among all sectors involved in fishing activities. I do firmly believe that there is a group of louder voiced individuals "bullying" and fabricating the truths behind these important matters.

Commercial fishing not only provides sustenance for the public but also creates employment opportunities and contributes to the local economy. It is crucial to strike a balance between the needs of the recreational and commercial fishing sectors to ensure the sustainable management of our fisheries.

I believe that the proposed notice, which seeks to prohibit the use of certain fishing methods and set catch limits, unfairly targets commercial fishers. It is essential to consider the long-term implications of such restrictions on the livelihoods of those involved in the industry.

I would like to urge the Victorian Fisheries Authority to explore alternative solutions that promote collaboration and understanding between the different fishing sectors. By working together, we can ensure the responsible and sustainable use of our precious marine resources.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this matter. I trust that you will take into account the diverse viewpoints of all stakeholders involved in the consultation process.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah



Claire  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA); Sonya Kilkeny (VFA)

Like Reply Reply All Forward Tue 19/09/2023 3:40 PM

My name is Claire until the closure of PPB in 2022 I was working as a deckhand on my dad's fishing boat. It's not a nice feeling to have your job taken away from you for a recreational vote and what turns out to be no scientific reason. Now it seems that history is repeating itself. Since when did a hobby become more important than somebody's livelihood? Does fun pay the bills?

You have no scientific proof as to why you want to close Portland bay. It seems as though you are giving in to a group of hobby fishers. Some who may only decide to go and fish a handful of times a year. People who fish for themselves. Who feeds the people that can't go and fish for themselves? Us. The commercial sector. That is why my family have spent a fortune for the right to supply for the public.

Hobby fishers spend a small amount for a license and quite often profit illegally from their catch we all know they sell on the side. Probably why they want the commercials to fish further away.

Doesn't really matter which way you spin it, there's no proof scientific or otherwise as I doubt you've bothered to find out whether there actually is any truth in what the recreational's say. Once again the commercials are the bad guys.

Don't even get me started on the mental health impact that already has and is going to have even more if this goes the way the rec's want it.



Lindsay  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)



Hello luke I would like to make the case for not making any changes to the existing regs/agreements that are being followed.regards Lindsay



Rachael  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Like Reply Reply All Forward Ti

To Luke,

I would like to register my full support for the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Although I am not a Commercial or Recreational fisher, I am very concerned about the marine wildlife in the bay.

The area currently being gill netted along the North Shore of Dutton Way is vital for many species.

The Bay itself is a Southern Right Whale historic and emerging Aggregation site, covered by the EPBC Act. The North Shore is also a regular site of whale and calf sightings close inshore.

Thank you for your time and registering my submission.

Rachael



vicki

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Start your reply all with:

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## I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023



robbie

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)



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Mon 18/09/2023 5:31 PM

Writing this letter for my friend and good honest mate Phil  
him a fair go.

o he can keep fishing in Portland .Don't let the bully's have their way let the man fish his only been down there 13 times in 8 months give



Richard

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)



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Thanks for support on ceasing netting in Portland Bay. We support the Draft Fisheries Notice to protect recreational fishing and tourism, and the marine ecosystem of our Bay.  
I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Richard and Heler



Will

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

## I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023

I object to Portland Bay being Closed



kim

To Sonya Kilkenny (PARL); Luke Osullivan (VFA)



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Mon 18/09/2023 2:02 PM

To Travis Dowling

I object to what you are planning – re closing Portland Bay

How many times can you destroy someone's life ? Last year you closed down Port Phillip Bay and in doing that you PERSONALLY are responsible for ruining my husbands life. Over 30+ plus my husband devoted his life to serving the public in supplying Fresh Local Fish. You did not give a f\*\*k about anyone apart from yourself. Port Phillip Bay is sustainable and always was but you were too busy trying to keep the Recreational sector happy.

I am strongly OBJECTING TO WHAT YOU ARE PROPOSING- laugh out loud as you will not care how many people want their share of a commodity that they are entitled to and you have probably already made your decision to stick by the scum of Portland who have done nothing but abuse, threaten and bully Phil for months.

Thanks for destroying our lives again...Are you going to reimburse us the hundreds of thousands of dollars we have spent settling in to Portland ?

You are in the wrong job, you do not nor have you ever done the right thing for the Commercial sector you need to be investigated and you will be held accountable as I intend to contact IBAC regarding your actions.

KIM

Sorry Luke this is obviously not attitude towards you and I apologise ( I am slightly pissed off )

I DO NOT support the proposed fisheries notice!



Katheren

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)



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Mon 18/09/2023 2:02 PM

To whom it may concern,

I strongly OBJECT to the proposed fisheries notice. I have been a commercial fisherman for 15 years. Myself and my family lost our job last year when you closed down Port Phillip Bay. We decided to re build our fishing business in Portland and now you're trying to close that down too.

The VFA is clearly biased and Pro recreational fishing. People shouldn't lose their jobs for someone's hobby! Every Victorian has a right to fresh local seafood and yet again the VFA are closing down another SUSTAINABLE fishery all because a small minority of recreational fisherman are having a sook! These recreational fisherman have been making threats and bullying commercial fishermen in Portland and you are not only letting them get away with it but rewarding them with this proposed netting ban. Absolutely disgraceful!!

Katheren

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## Re Portland bay netting and hook proposed closure



Dick

To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)



Mon 18/09/2023 1:21 PM

Hi Luke,

My name is Richard and I live in Portland, Victoria and have done all my life.

I have been an OFAL licence holder since 1984.

I was a cray/net fisherman in the early 1980s to the mid 1990s but then mainly concentrated on lobster fishing and hooking shark and blue eye later on in the 2000s onwards.

I am also a commercial Pipi fisherman.

I built a new 8 meter boat back in early 2021 to survey and have it registered with the VFA to use my current OFAL licence to hook some shark and other species and the opportunity to run some nets to target Salmon and bait fish mainly. This boat cost me \$200 K to build and over the last few months I have been running some hooks out of it.

What concerns me is the area that these recreational fishermen want which is way out there as in too much and it will have a major impact on my fishing capability and also my investment if this area was approved to take out the hook fishery.

I am not over concerned about the nets as I have always abided by the gentlemen's agreement but this big sea grab is too much. I think that the area for a net free zone for the net closure should run from Blacknose Point in a NW straight line direction to snapper point.

Craig has also put a submission in for a few of the hook and OFAL holders which we all agree on after a small get together.

I spoke to Mr Mat regarding this sea grab and net closure and he told me that it would not be happening if the guy from Melbourne had not started netting in the area.

So why should a few of the local OFAL and hook permit holders have their businesses crushed or wiped out if this area was closed on the actions of just one person with no compensation or at least some common sense to reduce this sea grab zone back to Blacknose to Snapper Point and I think all of the OFAL and hook permit holders locally are all happy to agree with this.

I have then written another submission from Mr Craig sent in on our behalf also as OFAL and hook permit holders.

My hope is for a good outcome on this matter as it is a major change to my access in the fishery if not and the big sea grab wins.

I hope for a good outcome on this matter as it is a major change to my access in the fishery if not and the big sea grab wins.

Cheers

Dick

## Objection to close Portland Bay



Kim

To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Cc: Sonya Kilkenny (PARL)



Mon 18/09/2023 12:08 PM

Sent from Mail for Windows

My name is Elaine and I am writing to you to say "I object to you wanting to close Portland Bay to commercial Fishers"

These fishers are only trying to make a living to support their families and the supply me with Fresh local Seafood from Portland Bay.

It seems to me that this protest to get rid of Commercial Fishers is run by a few individuals, the water has always been free to all to enjoy and I deeply resent a few people who can rule others lives by trying to close the Bay down.

Elaine

I do not have a computer hence why my daughter is sending in my objection.

# Support for proposed fisheries notice



Ricky

To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed  
Fisheries (Portland Bay  
Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Sent from my iPhone

# Supprt for propsed fisheries notice



Phil

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

## I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery)

Phil

Support for proposed fisheries notice.



Lucas

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward ...

Sun 17/09/2023 11:24 AM

As a local born, raised, working and now raising my own family in portland, I fully support the proposed fisheries ( portland bay commercial fishery) notice 2023.

As a keen recreational angler and local resident i believe the proposed no netting area will only benefit the portland community with tourism being a major contributor to the local economy. Fishing is the main draw card for bringing tourism into portland. The bay of portland offers a sheltered area from most wind conditions that is close to the harbour, making it safe for family's to access an awesome fishery.

I would also like to suggest the proposed no netting area to extend from point danger to cape grant, this bay is a breeding ground for whiting and pinky snapper. This bay provides a sheltered area for recreational boaters/land based fishing. From fishing this bay for the last 20 years I believe it to be a schooling/corridor for fish moving though to portland bay. If cape grant bay was left open to commercial netting , I believe it would be hammered by commercial fisherman and have a flow on effect for the rest of the bay.

I would also like to question why there's is no bag/kg limits for commercial fisherman operating with an open access fishing license?

Regards,

Luca



Cameron Beazley

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward ...

Sat 16/09/2023 2:46 PM

Hi Luke,

My name is Cameron. I'm writing this email to voice my thoughts on the netting ban in Portland.

Firstly I will say that my family were all told to move on from port Phillip bay after our family commercially and sustainably fished it for over 100 years so I feel I have a fair grasp on what Phillip and his family are feeling atm.

Phil and the rest of the netters were told in no uncertain terms to leave port Phillip bay and fish in the ocean. So he did. He has spent over \$200k getting his boat and gear safe enough and worthy enough to fish in the ocean. Add to that he now has to drive over 4 hours to work (in Portland) and is also in the process of building a house in Portland. He has made a huge commitment to do what he was told to do. Now he has been told he has 2 weeks left to fish down there before he is made to finish up there. Let's put a few facts out there. The fish Phil is chasing down there (pike), nobody catches. In fact, in the dozen trips he has been out he has barely seen a recreational boat anywhere let alone a boat anywhere near him.. These recreational fishermen in Portland only fish a handful of times a year when the weather gets warm , and I know that for a fact as I've been told that by somebody that lives there . How on earth can people that fish a handful of times a year as a HOBBIE have right of way over somebody trying to feed his family?? It's an absolute disgrace and I'm sure you guys wouldn't be happy if not only you lost your job, but the only thing you have done since you were 13 to a group of people that do your job for fun on weekends.

The recreational sector think that every litre of water in any bay, inlet and ocean belongs to them. The water and what lives in it belongs to everybody, commercial, recreational and the general public. Eliminating commercial fishermen from everywhere is taking fresh local fish from the millions of people in Victoria that eat locally caught seafood. This again is not fair and something that can't be replaced with ocean trawl fish or imported crap from overseas.

I could write all day dispelling the rubbish that gets thrown around about the netters but I think these submissions to be in by the 25th opposing this is simply lip service and a box you have to tick. I don't think it matters how many emails you get, the decision has already been made which is very sad but it's the least I can do for a mate.

I sincerely hope that common sense prevails and the decision is overturned and you don't bow to the loud minority.

Regards

Cameron

## Support for proposed fisheries notice



Dary

To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward ...

Sat 16/09/2023 4:36 PM

Hello,

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Committee Fishery) Notice 2023.

I live on Dutton way and fought to get the rock wall we fought to get the gentleman's agreement .I dive on the reef it's very light and cannot survive commercially fishing its only just starting to come back and it's been years since we got the gentleman's agreement up. If we don't stop the commercial fishing it will be years for the bay to come back again

Daryl



## No netting in Portland bay



GRAHAM  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward ..  
Sat 16/09/2023 4:07 F

Hello Luke as a lifetime resident and fisherman of Portland I fully support the proposed fisheries notice 2023 for Portland Bay, I feel it's extremely important that commercial netting is never allowed in the bay ever again kind regards Graham

## Fisheries (Portland Bay )Notice 2023



Tom  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward ..  
Sat 16/09/2023 2:29 PM

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in regards to my concerns about the impact of commercial fishing in Portland Bay. I now almost consider myself as a local -for I bought a holiday house in Portland some 12 years ago. During this time I have renovated my holiday house and built a thirty thousand dollar shed to house my boat. All in which has been a sizeable financial investment and was intended for a long term plan to retire in Portland (I'm currently in my mid-fifties).

I also chose Portland Bay because it is probably the most protected spot on the entire Victorian West coast where you can fish safely in a small boat in almost all weather conditions and within easy reach of a protected and safe harbour.

The first thing I learnt about the Portland Bay fishery is that it is different to Port Phillip Bay. As for Port Phillip Bay I have forgotten how many times I have bagged out on snapper or whiting over the years. I soon found that fishing in Portland Bay was different and where catching 2-8 King George whiting, maybe a squid or two and a couple legal pinkies was considered a good day. I've been happy with this as it allows my family to have seafood for a day or two and allows me to go fishing again a few days later.

My daughters (5 and 10 years old) caught their first pinkies/King George whiting off the Portland Breakwater last January - which they still talk about. I consider that the Portland Breakwater possibly both the best land based and easily accessible land based fishing platform in Victoria. I have personally seen snapper to over 10kgs and kingfish caught here while simply driving by. It isn't unusual to see anywhere from 10-40 cars parked along the breakwater during the peak summer months with whole families fishing a few feet from their cars.

Summer in Portland Bay allows for perhaps the best easily accessible Kingfish fishery in Victoria. Kingfish here as always are hit or miss. Earlier this year I had my best fishing session in over ten years. I caught five kingfish and lost about the same in a frenetic late morning session and all less than 3 kilometres from Portland Harbour. I've fished in five different Australian states and even Lord Howe island in this time

and this session still stands out as being special. The same day -I didn't hear of anyone else getting their bag of kingfish - some thirty boats were anchored/parked under the water tower. I've spent other days trying but not catching kingfish. Like always sometimes it's the possibility of what might happen that is the most important.

Allowing commercial fishing in Portland bay will jeopardise all of the above. I have been aware that there has been a gentleman's agreement not to fish Portland Bay for the last 30 years. Despite this the fishing in Portland Bay is patchy at best. Often the best that can be hoped for is to get a feed of fish. Over the years I have found that the 4-5 hour drive to Portland never gets any shorter. Would I personally drive all the way to Portland to catch less than 2-8 King George whiting in a day? The answer is no. I already have days where I catch nothing. If the fragile Portland Bay fishery is put under more pressure by commercial fishing then I simply wouldn't bother going to a Portland any more. Portland's main attraction has always been its fishing as it is more an industrial hub and working harbour against other more scenic towns on the coast like Port Fairy and Warrnambool. Portland over the last couple years has boomed a little bit. I have noticed more houses being built and more money being spent around town. This is despite the uncertain future of the Alcoa smelter which will surely close down one day. Portland is increasingly becoming more reliant upon tourism and in some ways it's future is reliant upon safeguarding this.

So I'm against allowing commercial fishing in Portland Bay.

I support the Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Tomislav

## Support for proposed fisheries notice



Robert  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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I fully support the proposed fisheries (Portland Bay Commerical Fishery) Notice 2023.

Regards,  
Robert

## Support For Proposed Fisheries Notice 2023



peter  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward ..  
Sat 16/09/2023 11:59 AM

Dear Luke,

I live near and regularly fish Portland Bay.  
I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.  
Netting must be banned in Portland Bay.  
Commercial fisherman have a huge area to fish outside the proposed ban area.  
The bay must be protected for recreational anglers to fish.

Yours sincerely,

Pete



## Proposed fisheries notice



Nid  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

👍 Reply Reply All Forward 📧 ⋮

Sat 16/09/2023 8:08 AM

Dear Luke,

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Portland Bay is a very unique and special fishery to recreational anglers from across south west Victoria, the state and country.

It is one of the only shallow water gamefish locations in the entire state, regularly producing Yellowtail Kingfish over the coveted 1m mark in the warmer months.

Having previously lived in Portland and currently residing in the South west, I personally have taken friends, family and fellow anglers from as far away as Darwin to this remarkable fishing location to target and catch trophy sized Yellowtail Kingfish.

Portland Bay and more specifically, the North Shore area is also unique in that it allows small trailer boats, kayaks and divers to target this incredible sport fishing icon. Opening up the chances of grassroots fishos to capture the fish of a life time.

Commercial netting in Portland Bay poses a great risk to destroying this long standing and unique recreational fishing opportunity and location for fishos in our area.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this email.

Kind regards,

Nic

## Portland bay commercial fishing ban



Andrew  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed fisheries (Portland commercial fishery notice 2023)

Portland bay needs to be a recreational fishery only for future generations to enjoy.

Thanks.

## Support for proposed Portland fisheries notice



Lubir  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

👍 Reply Reply All Forward 📧 ⋮

Fri 15/09/2023 7:58 PM

Hi Luke,

I fully support the fisheries notice as I travel from SA each year to fish the area.

As it's been proven in many other areas across Australia, removal of this type of fishing efforts has huge benefits for the local area and economy.

Kind regards,  
Lubir

Sent from my iPhone

## Support for proposed fisheries notice



Natasha  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

👍 Reply Reply All Forward 📧 ⋮

Fri 15/09/2023 4:16 PM

Dear Luke O'Sullivan,

My name is Natasha and I am emailing today to relay that I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

I grew up in Heywood with a father who loved fishing and passed that love of fishing to me and now I am passing that love down to my own children. Unfortunately, my dad passed last year. Some of the best times I spent with my dad were out on Portland Bay fishing for snapper, whiting and gummy shark, or trawling for salmon or kingfish under the lighthouse, to kipping garfish along the shore at Wallis ramp. Right from a little tacker, I was exposed to fishing, all the way up to my current 37 years, we were always out in the boat. Portland Bay has, and always will be, an important part of my life.

Thank you for helping to safeguard our beloved bay for future generations. We are so very lucky to have our own little slice of heaven so close to home.

Thank you for helping to protect that.

Kind regards  
Natasha

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## No netting



Kodi  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Fri 15/09/2023 1:13 PM

I fully support the proposed fisheries (Portland bay commercial fishing) notice 2023

## No netting in Portland bay



To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Fri 15/09/2023 2:33 PM

I would like to sent my submission in to stop netting in our bay. Our town is a touris town and our community relies on it staying that way. Fishing is now the major draw card to our town and we need to keep it that way for future generations.  
We have an annual whale migration happening every year and we often have a mother and calf staying in the bay for weeks. Also our bay is one of the few places that has sea horses. I can only see that netting would damage this population.  
I understand that this man netting needs to make a living but he comes from Melbourne and is putting nothing back into our community, he is only taking it away.  
I have lived here for 57 years and I want my grandchildren to be able to go out fishing the bay with there grandfather and catch the fish we have been lucky enough to have. Netting will destroy this.  
Please do the right thing by a very concerned community. We rely on recreational fishing and tourism.

Thank you  
Diane and Stepher

Sent from my iPhone

## Netting Portland bay!



jake  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Fri 15/09/2023 1:14 PM

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

LETS MAKE SURE THIS HAPPENS!!!

Sent from my iPhone

## Support for proposed fisheries notice



Wayne  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Fri 15/09/2023 1:03 PM

I fully support the proposed fisheries (portland Bay commercial fishery) notice 2023

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

## Support for proposed fisheries notice Portland Bay Vic



Jai  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Fri 15/09/2023 11:46 AM

Hello Luke  
I support the Portland Bay fisheries notice as an urgent action.  
Thankvou  
Tania

## Proposed fisheries notice to prohibit fishing in the Portland Bay.



To ● Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Fri 15/09/2023 11:03 AM

Dear Luke

I would like to voice my concern and disappointment on the proposed fisheries notice of the Victorian Fishing Authority to prohibiting professional fishing in the Portland Bay.

As a senior citizen and former owner of Eel Access Licence, I believe it is imperative that we keep the professional fishing industry alive and viable so every Victorian is able to buy fresh local seafood for their families. Everyone has the right to eat locally caught seafood.

If professional fishing is stopped in Portland Bay are locals going to be able to purchase seafood for their families to eat ?

The professional fishermen would lose their livelihood, they would be disadvantaged economically and it would have a detrimental impact on the operation of their fishing business. Also their families would suffer with no income coming into their household this is very daunting considering the cost of living crisis we are in at present .

All professional fisheries have rules and regulations regarding their catch, their fishing gear and the operation of the type of fishing they do which they must adhere to at all times in order to carry out their fishing endeavors and to maintain a sustainable resource. We need to respect professional fishers they provide seafood for everyone to purchase and consume. Victorians should not have to purchase imported seafood for their families to eat they have the right to eat local seafood !!!

In anticipation that the prohibiting of Professional Fishing will not go ahead in Portland Bay.

Yours Sincerely,

Carol M

## Support for proposed fisheries notice Portland Bay



Clara  
To ● Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Fri 15/09/2023 8:24 AM

Hello

I also live in Portland, I want 'NO NETTING' in Portland Bay Forever, complete 'BAN' on all Netting & Longlining etc in Portland Bay. Protect our Portland Bay from commercial fishing, let it be a Recreational fishing only zone.

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Kind Regards

Clara

## Support for proposed fisheries notice



Emily  
To ● Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Thu 14/09/2023 10:16 AM

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

## Support for proposed fisheries notice



MIKE  
To ● Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Thu 14/09/2023 1:48 PM

Hello

I live in Portland & I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Make Portland Net free, this must happen immediately.

Kind Regards

Michael

## Portland Bay Commercial Fishery Notice 2023.



Mark  
To ● Luke Osullivan (VFA)


Reply Reply All Forward

Thu 14/09/2023 11:56 AM

I fully support the proposed fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023. The town of Portland relies heavily on recreational angling. Many local businesses will feel the pinch if the continued netting of the Portland bay area continues and decimates the local fish populations as it has in the past.

I DO NOT support the proposed fisheries notice.

 Kar  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

  Reply  Reply All  Forward  

Tue 12/09/2023 3:22 PM

To whom this may concern,

I DO NOT support the proposed fisheries notice.

I love fresh seafood and every Victorian has a right to fresh and local sea food.  
You're taking away people careers and lively hood.  
I give all my support to commercial fishermen as it's feeding locals.

NOT EVERYONE wants to eat imported fish from different states and country's that's been through god knows what.

It's ridiculous that something like this has made it this far. The abuse and threats from nearly every person in the 'No Netting Portland Page' towards the commercial fishermen himself and of his Vancouver boat and his family is disgusting.







How about you consider opening Port Phillip Bay to commercial Sardine/Pilchard fishing again it was taken away from local commercial fishermen without any hesitation or valid reason and now again he is trying to be removed from Portland.

Absolutely disgusting.

Regards  
Kar.

Support for proposed Fisheries notice

 Zoe  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)



  Reply  Reply All  Forward  







Tue 12/09/2023 3:19 PM

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Zoe

Support for proposed fisheries notice

 Ben  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

  Reply  Reply All  Forward  



Tue 12/09/2023 3:00 PM







I fully support the proposed fisheries notice (Portland Bay commercial fishery) notice 2023. I really hope this proposal makes it through to protect Portland Bays wonderful fishery so myself and future generations of recreational anglers can use the protected bay to enjoy a day out fishing on their little boats that would be unsafe to venture further offshore in. Also for land-based anglers to enjoy the beach fishing opportunities along the coast of our great bay.

Yours sincerely Ben

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Support for proposed fisheries notice

 Ethar  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

  Reply  Reply All  Forward  

Tue 12/09/2023 2:59 PM

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Support for proposed fisheries notice

Greg  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply

Reply All

Forward

Tue 12/09/2023 2:27 PM

Dear Luke,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023, as a passionate recreational angler and a frequent visitor to Portland for both fishing and quality family time.

Over the course of the past two decades, I have had the privilege of fishing in the Portland Bay area, my fishing grounds stretch all the way from the back of Alcoa to Narrawong. What makes this fishery truly exceptional is its accessibility, welcoming anglers of all skill levels, including my daughters and my elderly disabled father-in-law. The ease of access and the rewards it offers have made it a cherished destination for our family.

It is disheartening that circumstances have led to the necessity of this proposed notice. For years, an unspoken 'gentlemen's agreement' has effectively preserved this area from commercial exploitation, resulting in a noticeable improvement in fishing quality throughout the years. In these waters, it has become a common occurrence to catch and release juvenile snapper, whiting, salmon, and trevally—testament to the nurturing environment it has become. I am genuinely concerned that the continued practice of commercial harvesting in close proximity to the shore may undermine this progress. Furthermore, the allure of Portland Bay extends beyond its nursery-like conditions; the opportunity to hook prized catches such as Kingfish, Shark, sizable red snapper, or incredible whiting is what draws me and many others to this remarkable area.

I commend the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) for their efforts in formulating the draft Fisheries notice, and I fervently implore you to formalise the no-commercial-fishing zone around Portland Bay. Preserving this pristine fishing haven for future generations, and ensuring its continued accessibility for anglers of all backgrounds, is a cause worthy of support.

Thank you for considering my perspective and for your commitment to maintaining the ecological and recreational integrity of Portland Bay.

Kind regards

Greg

Greg



Support for the proposed fisheries notice - Portland Bay

Samantha  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply

Reply All

Forward

Tue 12/09/2023 2:25 PM

Dear Luke,

Please accept this submission as follows:

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Kind Regards  
Narren and Samantha

support for proposed fisheries notice

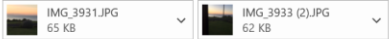
Rose  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply

Reply All

Forward

Tue 12/09/2023 2:22 PM



Hello Luke, I fully support the proposed Fisheries(Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023  
My husband is a shore fisherman and he catches our food from the North shore. Lately the fishing has been poor. Today the commercial fishing boat was again just offshore at the Maretimo Gates. It is imperative that local and visiting people have fish to catch. Surely all bays should be protected from this mindless, selfish practice of fishing in the bays, Please hear the locals and look to the future and to future generations. Yours sincerely Rosi

Attached for you are today's photos of the commercial fisher at maretimo gates September 12 2023

Netting in Portland VIC

angie  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply

Reply All

Forward

Tue 12/09/2023 2:21 PM

As a local Portland person from a family who have resided in Portland since 1888. I'm emailing to voice my shared concerns over netting activities in our recreational fishing areas close to shore. These are proving destructive and certain offenders very disruptive to the local community and our community's highly lucrative recreational fishing industry with negative impacts on our tourism. I'm not one generally to encourage banning or restriction of activities, but this is an exceptional circumstance, I believe it is vital in this instance for the wellbeing of our community. I urge the VFA to take action.  
I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Thank you,  
Angie

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

## Support for proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023



To Luke O'Sullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward ...  
Tue 12/09/2023 2:05 PM

Dear Luke,

I am writing to convey my support for issuance of the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023 which I understand is in draft form at this stage.

As I'm sure you are aware Portland Bay is much loved by visitors (such as myself and my family) and locals alike for catches of snapper, King George whiting, squid and kingfish in summer, with deeper waters in the region being renowned for big tuna.

Please help preserve this wonderful resource in every way you can.

Many thanks.

Regards.

Gregory

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## Support for proposed fisheries notice



To Luke O'Sullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward ...  
Tue 12/09/2023 2:00 PM

To Luke O'Sullivan,

I am writing to express that I fully support the proposed fisheries notice ( Portland Bay Commercial Fishery 2023 ).

I am a passionate recreational angler and I believe that the gill netting currently occurring in the inshore waters around Portland is unsustainable and will have a devastating impact on the fish stocks impacting numerous local businesses and local and visiting recreational anglers.

Portland bay and the North Shore area is unique fishery where land based, kayak and small boat anglers can target both a range of inshore species and also Kingfish and Bluefin Tuna in a relatively safe and sheltered waters.

The money spend by visiting and local recreational anglers is extremely important to numerous local businesses.

The netting of this area also goes against a long held gentlemen's agreement between all other commercial fishermen and the local community.

Yours sincerely Justir



To Luke O'Sullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward ...  
Tue 12/09/2023 1:54 PM

The Portland Bay area is not an area suitable for netting. Please ensure the future of this area is not endangered by commercial netting.  
I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery ) Notice 2023.

Kind regards

Martin

Sent from my Galaxy

## No Netting in Portland Bay



Russell and Tammy  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

[Click here to download pictures.](#) To help protect your privacy, Outlook prevented automatic download of some pictures in this message.

Reply Reply All Forward

Tue 12/09/2023 1:52 PM

Hi Luke,

Re: chance to have my say on proposed changes to commercial fishing in our area.

As a Portland resident for the past 38 years, I have many times enjoyed the opportunity to catch the many varieties of fish that Portland Bay is renowned for.

I very much fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Should you wish to discuss this further with me or if there are other actions I can take to support these proposed changes, please email or call me directly on Mobil

Regards,

Russell



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## Portland Bay Commercial Fishery



Lewis  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Tue 12/09/2023 1:48 PM

Good afternoon,

I am writing to you in regards to the ongoing issue of Commercial netting within the Local Bay of Portland Victoria.

I am 16 years old, born and raised in Portland and have been fishing since I can remember. Over the years I have commercially fished on various commercial vessels which consisted of an Abalone Boat, A Southern Rock Lobster Boat, A Long-Line Boat, A Gill-netting Boat, and a range of Charter Boats. In no way or form do I want you to think I am prejudice to the idea of commercial fishing in open waters. Infact it is the industry i wish to pursue my future career in.

Commercial fishing in the open ocean undeniably contributes to several positive aspects.

First and foremost, it supports the livelihoods of thousands of individuals working in the industry. From fishermen to processors, this sector generates employment opportunities, supporting local economies.

Furthermore, commercial fishing aids in meeting the demand for seafood from both domestic and international markets, ensuring a steady supply of protein-rich food for millions of people worldwide.

In this respect, the industry plays a crucial role in global food security.

Through licensing fees and taxes, governments can allocate resources towards marine research, monitoring, and conservation initiatives. This, in turn, may contribute to the preservation and restoration of local ecosystems, benefiting not only the marine life but also the communities situated around the coast.

However, the practice of commercial fishing inside our local bay has its own detrimental consequences that we must consider.

One of the primary concerns involves overfishing, particularly targeting the most economically valuable species. The continuous extraction of these species without appropriate management measures can lead to their depletion, disrupting the natural balance within the ecosystem. Overfishing can also have indirect effects, causing the collapse of food chains as predator-prey relationships are disrupted, potentially triggering cascading impacts throughout the entire ecosystem.

Additionally, the loss or degradation of these habitats has long-lasting consequences, impacting the reproductive success of species and diminishing biodiversity.

It is crucial to scrutinize the impacts it has on marine biodiversity, ecosystem stability, and local economies. Overfishing, habitat destruction, and conflict with small-scale fisheries represent negative consequences that should not be neglected. Striking a balance between the economic benefits of commercial fishing and the need for sustainable management practices is crucial to ensure the long-term viability of both the industry and the ecosystems it relies upon. Strict regulations, effective monitoring, and public awareness campaigns are essential in mitigating the negative impacts associated with commercial fishing inside our local bay, in this case it should be that the Netting in Portland Bay should be completely withdrawn.

the incidental catch of non-targeted species, is another substantial ecological impact of commercial fishing in our local bay. When nets and fishing gear are deployed, they often trap and kill marine animals that were not intended to be caught. Bycatch can result in population declines and ecological imbalances, threatening the biodiversity and long-term sustainability of local bay ecosystems.

In conclusion, commercial fishing's catastrophic effects on our bay's fishery demand urgent attention. By taking immediate action we can restore balance to our ecosystem and ensure a prosperous future for both our environment and local communities dependent on a healthy fishery.

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Thankyou,

Lewis

## Support for propose fisheries notice



Jamie  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Tue 12/09/2023 1:26 PM

Hi Luke,

I fully support the proposed fisheries ( Portland Bay Commercial Fisher ) Notice 2023.

Having a commercial netter in this heavily used recreational zone is a ridiculous situation from many obvious viewpoints.

It is great to see Fisheries taking some timely action in this matter.

Regards

Jamie

Support for proposed fisheries notice



To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Tue 12/09/2023 1:22 PM

Hi Luke,

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

The Bay is much loved by visitors and locals alike with catches of snapper, King George whiting, squid and kingfish.

Given Portland Bay is a very small area with fish congregating in areas around the small reef systems, a professional netter will likely cause long term damage in a very short period.

My group spends tens of thousands of dollars holidaying and fishing in Portland each year, but given the well known destruction to fish stocks this netter is currently causing we will likely not return.

Please stop netting in Portland Bay before it's too late.

Kind Regards

Andrew

Email sent using Optus Webmail

Support for proposed fisheries notice



Dave  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Tue 12/09/2023 1:18 PM

Hi

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Regards

Dave

Support proposed fisheries notice 2023



James  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Tue 12/09/2023 1:17 PM

I fully support proposed fisheries 2023.

Sent from my iPhone

Support for proposed fisheries notice



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To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Tue 12/09/2023 1:09 PM

I fully support the proposed fisheries (Portland bay commercial fisheries) notice 2023

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Support for proposed fisheries notice



Daniel  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Tue 12/09/2023 1:08 PM

I fully support the proposed fisheries notice (Portland bay commercial fisheries) notice 2023

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## Portland Bay consultation



richardc  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Tue 12/09/2023 1:07 PM

Hi Luke,

I'm a commercial fisher just providing a few comments in support of the industry regarding the fisheries notice on Portland Bay.

I think initially the legitimacy of the consultation needs to be questioned as certainly the timeframe does not allow sufficient time for industry to communicate to impacted stakeholders (wholesalers, retailers and the 6 million+ Victorians about to be subjected to another government initiated food price increase during a well advertised cost of living crisis) how this potentially impacts their access to the heart foundations recommended 2 serves of seafood per week.

Given the current state of the economy, failing industries and cost of living pressures I would suggest that perhaps fisheries should re-evaluate it's pre-covid view of the resource as the people complaining about commercial activity this year may well have their boats on the market next year.

There is significant potential for commercial fisheries of the state, both past and present to ease the financial strain of a households ability to feed itself. Fisheries should look past the noise made by a few people with plenty and look to the needs of the growing number of people that are missing out. Now is not the time for more restrictions and regulations indeed the only thing in the way of the commercial sector being part of the solution is VRFish and the VFA

The recreational fishery has enough, now more than ever it is time for the community.

Kind regards

Richard

## Support for proposed fisheries notice



brander  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Tue 12/09/2023 1:07 PM

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

## Re: Netting Portland Bay



To: Rob & Wendy  
Cc: Kylie E Wohlt (VFA); Luke Osullivan (VFA)

This message was sent with High importance.

Reply Reply All Forward

Tue 12/09/2023 1:07 PM

**From:** Rob & Wendy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 12:40:10 PM  
**To:** Travis J Dowling (VFA) <[travis.dowling@vfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:travis.dowling@vfa.vic.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Netting Portland Bay

Good morning Travis

I'm writing to you today to let you know of a Facebook post in Portland from Rob (husband) which is a very informative and a factual read.

It has been shared 90+ times, many of the comments it is receiving are mostly of support and has opened the eyes of many individuals who have been led down the country path by a small minority group.

It has been sent earlier on messenger to VFA and a response received which I'm pleased about. Kindly confirm that the response to me was actually a person who replied and not a computer generated bot please.

*I'd like to put an idea forward that as part of all this submission work a survey and collection of signatures be conducted on the non-fishing population of Australia for a response as to where they purchase their fish.*

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards  
Wendy

**Facebook post link & actual story below:**  
[Facebook](#)

FACTS ABOUT NO NETTING IN PORTLAND  
A Recreational Fishing Licence is a Right and privilege  
A Commercial Fishing Licence is a Right and privilege  
all coming with responsibility  
I have been a commercial fisherman for 42 years out of Portland (including nets)  
I also have been secretary and president of the Portland Professional Fisherman's Association.  
I currently have two Victorian fishing licences and also run a fishing charter vessel utilising the recreational fishery regulations.

How many recreational fisherman or the general public know anything about commercial fishing licenses and commercial fishing techniques?

What does gill netting do to fish stocks, and how do you use them?

Gill nets,

Besides catching fish, allows small fish swim through, big fish to bounce off and occasionally bag themselves or fish just get shied away, or avoid the foreign object.

Some of the sea gardens are damaged but this is very minimal, to the scale of boat anchors bedding in and out, just as a boat moving from place to place.

Most by-catch are released unharmed.

A skilled operator knows the type of net to use to target certain species and sets the nets to minimise damage to the net which in turn minimises damage to the sea floor and bycatch.

Sustainable fishing practices require a good understanding of the area and farming areas, or leaving fallow ground, should be considered, there fore keeping impact on the eco system low. Fish recruitment and replenishment of fish stocks to an area is imperative to a commercial operator so he remains viable throughout his career , and is particularly important for fishing families.

Of course over fishing small areas repeatedly is not an acceptable practice and is not viable in an economic sense commercially.

Netting the bay here has created fear among the recreational fishing fraternity lately, a fear spawned by the unknown, and by unsubstantiated claims that a new member of our community is damaging the fishery in Portland Bay.

No facts of the said fisherman's impact have been produced however the peace of mind and assumption that the bay is just for recreational fishing has definitely been an issue.

The area in question has been net free for a few years mainly through the goodwill of local OAFL holders.

The arrival of a new commercial gill net operator has worried the local recreational anglers that he may be the first of more to follow, but this is a highly unlikely scenario given the small amount of fishing grounds available in this area of the coast.

Also the demographic of licence owners still holding an Ocean Access Fishery Licence and the fact the licence is non transferable would limit immigration of more operators.

OAFL is the licence needed to operate gill nets in State waters, being, from the high water mark to three nautical miles from the coast.

An OAFL is the permit, which allows a total of 10 80metre x2 metre gill nets and 200 hooks on a single long line to be used as the designated fishing gear allowed. Fishing rods or handline are also allowed to be used. Catch limits on school and gummy sharks are set at 5 combined and certain other species are off limits. All catches and fishing practices are recorded with a detailed log book daily and then submitted to Fisheries monthly.

The OAFL is only a permit and is not a property right, which means it is not transferable to anyone so only the holder can operate a vessel for that OAFL to be used. This is also why many are not used at all but occasionally are activated as part time fishing, seasonally, where holders work in other fisheries non OAFL related.

To put this in perspective, to make the huge investment in your life to learn a skill that is rare, then invest hundreds of thousands to set up a vessel and gear, then try your luck at hunting down fish in the abyss of mother ocean and, tackle the unpredictability of market forces and imported fish products, without any chance of solidifying an asset at the end because it's a permit, well that's crazy unless you love that kind of challenge and it's what you are good at it.

But with all that challenge against you, people doing it for fun (recreational lobbyists), decide to derail the job , the life , the livelihood?

Already commercial fishing has had, catch and gear restrictions, buyouts, marine parks, cheap imported fish and quotas. We mostly took all this on the chin, and sure, some of these controls help, some just hurt. But considering the price of fish and running expenditures, it's tough.

GILL NETS

Gill nets are still, set up just like a fence on the ocean floor, leads on the bottom and floats along the top. They can be set in varying depths of water but are more effective in shallow water.

They are designed to allow the head of the fish to go through one square of the mesh and then grip in the gill slots of fish.

The net material is restricted to a

weak monofilament of point 4 of a millimetre to allow large fish, mammals and sharks to break through and escape.

The weakness of this material also helps for the net to rip easily so all the net can be retrieved before it is entangled on the seabed.

So, a good operator has to pick good weather, setting nets in foul weather is not recommended.

Gill Netting is a pretty specialised profession. Even with skill, luck and good timing, catch results can be futile.

Operating gill nets requires a high response from fisherman to retrieve them to ensure the catch is not predated by seals and other fish while it is 'meshed', this also minimises bycatches.

The nets are set by trailing them out of your vessel in a line or arc and retrieved by hand or hauler.

JOBS/LIFESTYLE THREATS

Some very enthusiastic lobbying by Portland's local recreational fishing people to remove one fisherman from a fishing area he is legally allowed in has escalated into a sickening situation for commercial licence owners across the whole state.

Political influence and lack of respect for a sensible analysis of the facts are now threatening to extinguish OAFL holders completely!

The No netting Portland's Bay group has looked for numbers through petition and also now have ear of serious players (government local/state), despite the fact their claims about commercial netting are flawed and unfounded.

Some extreme proposals affecting a huge number of commercial operators by the recreational sector have been put in the ring, so far without input from the commercial sector.

Ironically all levered off the goodwill of local commercial fisherman who relinquished their rights to gill net in Portland Bay many years ago.

Now this has turned into a massive claim for net free ocean, and completely wiping out our OAFL businesses.

All this based on conjecture and fear, still no facts and figures, regarding OAFL current impact on any of the grounds in the proposal

The Government, Glenelg Shire, and recreational fishing fraternity have all based this war on a fishing industry that has world class sustainability standards and regulations, from the knee jerk reaction of halting one single operator in Portland's little bay.

From a small request of asking one new settler in Portland to abide by the local 'gentleman's agreement', which he was, to a complete political tsunami that has now washed away any chance of sensibility.

Since the 1990's, Commercial Fisherman have been belted from pillar to post and the ones still operating basically feel they are treated like second class citizens.

If they treated our primary producing farmers the same there would be trouble.

YOUR OWN BACKYARD

If we put the boot on the other foot and all recreational fishing was logged, catch, place, time, and we decide to have a nice recreational only zone, then you could know if recreational fishing is sustainable. So lets turn it around, it's clearly a case of the massive reco fishing effort and ultimately potential 'threat' to a sustainable resource is trying to be rewarded for pointing the finger at a hamstrung industry already under tight scrutiny.

Commercial fisherman know what they do to the fishery.







Recreational Fishing is the real unknown.

So if you're thinking about making new rules and cutting us right out, be careful of the backwash.

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## support for proposed fisheries notice



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To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)







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Tue 12/09/2023 12:56 PM

I fully support the proposed fisheries (portland bay commercial fishery) notice 2023

## Portland no netting



 raymond  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)






  Reply  Reply All  Forward  

Tue 12/09/2023 12:55 PM

Hi Luke I fully support the proposed fisheries Portland bay commercial fishery (notice 2023) thanks

## Support for proposed fisheries notice

 **Markeet**  
To:  Luke Osullivan (VFA)  
(i) We removed extra line breaks from this message.

  Reply  Reply All  Forward  ...  
Tue 12/09/2023 12:55 PM

Hi,

I Markeet:  
fully support the proposed fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery Notice 2023).

CALL FOR SUPPORT!

Now is the time to email your support for the Draft Fisheries Notice!!!  
Email your support to the following address [luke.osullivan@vfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:luke.osullivan@vfa.vic.gov.au)  
Subject- Support for proposed fisheries notice

\*Include this in your email\*  
I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

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## Support for proposed fisheries notice

 **Kayne**  
To:  Luke Osullivan (VFA)




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Tue 12/09/2023 12:48 PM

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## Support for Proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery)

 **Shane**  
To:  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Tue 12/09/2023 12:48 PM

Hi Luke,

I want to thank the VFA for reviewing the community and wider concerns regarding Portland Bay. As an avid recreational with significant ties to the Portland area and community, this issue is extremely important in protecting fish stocks in the area from overfishing, thus maintaining important elements such as tourism in the recreational sector.



We all know how important this is to the town and appreciate the support this matter is being given.






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Regards,

Shane

## No Netting Portland Bay

 **kelvir**  
To:  Luke Osullivan (VFA)






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Kelvin T

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 **jasor**  
To:  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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**From:** [Jason](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 12 September 2023 12:02 PM  
**To:** [luke.osullivan@vfa.gov.au](mailto:luke.osullivan@vfa.gov.au)  
**Subject:** Support for proposed fisheries notice

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As A Keen Amateur fisherman I Fully Support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.  
The Natural Spawning Area Has To be Protected For Tourists As well as Fisherman.  
Jasor

## Support for proposed fisheries notice



cjsbet  
To Luke O'sullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Tue 12/09/2023 12:19 PM

Hi,  
I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Recreational fishing is suffering because of the actions of a few rogue operators. We need to stop this practice of netting anything that swims without discrimination of species.

Tourism and the holiday traffic if recreational fishers is already at risk as the fishing suffers in Portland Bay.

We need to stop this practice of netting ASAP

Thx

Chris

## Support for proposed fisheries notice (Portland Bay netting)



Rol  
To Luke O'sullivan (VFA)

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Tue 12/09/2023 12:18 PM

To Luke O'Sullivan

I'm a regular visitor to Portland with my three children. We do some fishing and diving every time we visit.  
I have some lifelong friends who live there too who are into fishing and diving too.

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Kind regards

Rob

## Support for proposed fisheries notice.



Lee  
To Luke O'sullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Tue 12/09/2023 12:17 PM

Hi Luke,

I fully support the proposed fisheries (Portland bay commercial fishery) notice 2023.

Regards, Lee

## Draft Fisheries Notice



Brian  
To Luke O'sullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Tue 12/09/2023 12:16 PM

Hi Luke,

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.  
When netting was last allowed it was to the detriment of recreational catch of this species so please include me as against commercial netting in Portland Bay.

Regards

Brian

## Fwd: Portland Bay Draft Fisheries Notice



Viti  
To Luke O'sullivan (VFA)

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Tue 12/09/2023 12:15 PM

Start your reply all with:    Feedback

Dear Luke,

I strongly agree with the Draft interim Fisheries Notice, and all the recommendations that apply.

Kind Regards,

Vitani

Support for the proposed fisheries notice

 Brac  
To 

I Brac fully support the proposed fisheries (Portland bay Commercial Fishery Notice 2023).

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 Tim  
To 

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





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 John  
To 

Hi Luke,


We fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Regards  
Brad  
Margaret  
John









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 Joe  
To 

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.  
Regards  
Joe



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



Support for proposed fisheries

 brad  
To 

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Portland Bay Commercial Fishery

 Helen  
To 







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Attention Luke

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023

Sincerely

Helen



Tue 12/09/2023 11:38 AM

Portland Bay Draft Fisheries Notice

 Vic  
To 

Dear Luke,

I strongly agree with the Draft Interim Fisheries Notice, and all the recommendations that apply.

I would also recommend that Fisheries regulate this current licensing so that catch limits and GPS coordinates can be monitored

Thanks Mathew

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Tue 12/09/2023 11:16 AM

## Portland bay



Ker  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Start your reply with: [Yes, I agree.](#) [Thank you!](#) [Will do.](#) [Feedback](#)

Yes great idea to formalise the gentleman's agreement,  
Good work  
Regards Ken

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Mon 11/09/2023 8:30 PM

## Portland bay commercial fishing



Paul H  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

We removed extra line breaks from this message.

I agree with the proposal to ban commercial Fishing in the bay of Portland and for the gentlemen's agreement to be maintained.

Thanks for protecting our waterways from Been over fished.

Thanks

Paul  
Sent from my iPhone

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Mon 11/09/2023 7:55 PM

## No netting in Portland bay



susr  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I think netting in Portland bay should be legally stopped as a gentlemen's agreement is not working as it has done for many years .My brother Richard who is deceased held a netting license for many years but did not net in close as he abided by the gentlemen's agreement as all that live or visit this has in merchant fisherman's commercial and recreational view this is why it's such a great and sustainable place to fish .Pleas let's keep it a great place to fish for a feed of lovely fresh fish for rich and poor Your truly Susa

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Mon 11/09/2023 7:50 PM

## (no subject)



Rodney  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Hi Luke in light of the netting of Portland bay it is a direct threat to all types of different species of fish that are not intended species but more than this it is a direct threat on the tourism that is a very important economy to the town and people of Portland. Even now with just the talk about the trawling in the bay there will be a lot of recreational fisherman that will believe that economically not viable to go and fish at portland due to it being over fished and finding alternative fishing spots which for the same as portland you have to go interstate to find a fishery like this portland is very unique fishery in that it has a very diverse range of fishing opportunities e.g. if it is large swell or rough you can fish in the bay then when the conditions are favorable you can go out onto other fish. which mean you get more days in fishing than anywhere else which means less down time sitting indoors at your accommodation and more fun and more product .Recreational fishing is fun but also very costly with travel, accommodation, fuel ,eats, bait, tackle and outlay of gear you go where you think you have the best chance of catching quality fish and making the trip an enjoyable experience with great stories to Share but unfortunately this netting of portland is doing more economic damage than good we are 5 hrs from portland and come to portland 2 times a year for 2 to 3 weeks at a time and in rough term spend about 500 dollars a day minimum around Portland and local area and have been for over 19 yrs fishing with my wife and kids and while they love fishing the girls love eating out doing all the tourist stuff and over the years we have brought many other people to enjoy portland with us .But unfortunately we are now have to consider whether or not it is worth the expense to come all that way with little to no chance of being able to keep the stories alive of the catches and bring home some table fish to share with our family. so please put a stop to this netting of portland bay and in doing so you will not only save the local economy but save a very unique fishery from being destroyed .Fish stocks take years to replenish and can be damaged in a very short space of time so there is a need of urgency to put a stop once and for all thankyou for reading this and I hope this matter can be resolved for the town and the tourism cheers Rod

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Mon 11/09/2023 7:43 PM



Steve  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Dear Luke,  
Re comment on Proposed Portland bay nett closure,

Are there any mesh nett fishers that will be effected by the proposed nett closure and if so ,  
What assistance will be provided to ocean access licience holders who have there income either removed or reduced by the proposed ban.

Sincerely  
Steven  
Ocean access licence holder

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Mon 11/09/2023 7:02 PM

## Netting in Portland Bay water.



Jame  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I would like to object to professional fishermen being allowed to use nets and longlines in the Portland Bay Area from Point Danger to Fitzroy river inside 3klms from shore. The gentleman's agreement stood the test of time until an outsider started to net this area. He is quite within his rights to do so and was probably not aware of said agreement. The outrage from locals and visitors is justified as this area is small and the most fished area by most fishermen. The area is a nursery for snapper, they have found tagged fish both east and west of Portland. Data should be available from Fisheries on fish species caught in area as I was one of the amateurs collecting data. As stated earlier this is an important location for boaters as it is almost an embayment, making it fairly safe for families to fish. Being a former net and longline fisherman the area is easily fished out and is not sustainable. The Southern Wright whales frequent this bay usually accompanied by dolphins and seals, we have already had a whale tangled in line a few years ago. Thank you.  
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Mon 11/09/2023 6:55 PM

## Portland consultation



James  
To ● Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Mon 11/09/2023 6:37 PM

Hey Luke,

Im a passionate rec fisher and while i dont have a dog in either fight between the commercial and rec argument about portland bay i do have this to say.

Give the bloke back his licenses to fish for pilchards in PPB. It is a serious key missing element in the bait supply chain for rec fishers. I could waffle on about it but i think it was a major mistake to cut his license out. I do support other licenses being withdrawn but his was a real blow to the bait supply.

I am happy to talk more on it either via email or phone at if needed.

Have a great day.

Jame:

## Portland no net ban.



Matt  
To ● Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Mon 11/09/2023 4:19 PM

I fully support the enforcement of the "gentleman's agreement" in Portland Bay.  
Thankyou.

Regarde  
Mat

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## Support for proposed fisheries notice



Paul  
To ● Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Wed 13/09/2023 9:27 AM

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I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Kind regards

Pau

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Lee  
To ● Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Thu 14/09/2023 11:07 AM

Hi Luke  
Just letting you know that I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Thank you for time.

Yours great fully

Lee  
Recreational fishermen.

## Support for proposed fisheries notice.



Tony  
To ● Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Wed 13/09/2023 6:42 PM

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I fully support the proposed fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fisheries Notice 2023)  
Please prohibit all commercial netting in Portland Bay to keep the bay a draw card  
for future generations.

Yours  
Sincerely  
Tony.



Support for proposed fisheries notice.



Asaf  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Wed 13/09/2023 5:05 PM

Good afternoon Luke,

A quick email from me... I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

I'm a man of few words however being a Portland local I can see the future impact of our local economy and tourism if changes are not made.

For your information and consideration.

Asaf

NO support for proposed fisheries notice



Brenton  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Wed 13/09/2023 6:31 PM

Hello Luke and Victorian fisheries authority,

**No netting Portland bay**



**CALL FOR SUPPORT!**

Now is the time to email  
your support for the Draft  
Fisheries Notice!!!  
Email your support to the  
following address  
luke.osullivan@vfa.vic.gov

Subject- Support for  
proposed fisheries notice

\*Include this in your  
email\*

I fully support the  
proposed Fisheries  
(Portland Bay Commercial  
Fishery) Notice 2023.

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HAPPENS!!!



I am writing to you in regards to seeing numerous media and social media images/campaigns to ban net fishing in Portland Bay and the draft fisheries notice.

It offends me when recreational anglers use their status and popularity in the recreational fishing scene to drive a campaign against Victorian Fisheries Authority and its fisheries Managers.

These people are sponsored and make money from the Portland Bay area. If this issue was in another waterway the chances of them recognising or even showing any interest in the matter is nearly non-existent.

I am not always supportive of the way that VFA and its Fisheries Managers manage the Commercial and recreational fishing sector and I have made this known on Facebook.

I have been contacted by VFA via Facebook messenger and have been provided with a name and number of a person internally to discuss this with but I never followed it up.

Although I am not working in the field any longer I have a background in marine biology and have worked a short time as a Fisheries Officer in another State.

I am concerned about the social media and rec fishing movement and how it impacts on the sustainable management of the Victorian inshore net fishery as a whole.

A lot of bay/inlet and inshore net fisheries are being closed or have been recently. The campaign by recs to ban net fishing in Port Philip bay was huge and they succeeded.

These same people that wanted the fishery closed are now coming further east and fishing in the Corner inlet/Nooramunga fishery due to the hype and social media/tv coverage around the good offshore fishery and large Snapper at Port Welshpool.

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Maree

To 

Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Wed 13/09/2023 4:04 PM

Dear Luke

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

As a resident of Portland and a keen amateur fisherman all my life, it saddens me to see what is happening at the moment. The proposed Fisheries Notice will be a massive step forward in protecting a small corner of Portland Bay.

The existing "Gentleman's Agreement" has not been effective, and clearly isn't adhered to especially when other professional fishermen have netted the bay back in 2009. And now it is happening again on a massive scale!

The proposed area is a recognised whale nursery for Southern Right Whales. I'm very surprised there was no entanglement this winter with a cow and calf active in the area for some weeks.

The benefits of fishing tourism to Portland and the surrounding areas, plus the huge investment made to the boat launching facilities/ marina will be at threat if this issue is not resolved in a way which locks off this corner of the coast from professional netters, permanently, 365 days of the year.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and I look forward to some very positive news in the near future.

Kind Regards  
Phil

No netting Portland bay.

JC

james

To 

Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Wed 13/09/2023 3:38 PM

Hello Luke here my letter to why the Portland bay should not be netted again .. First of it took bay and years to recover after the last netter .. As you are aware Portland is a fishing town well known for its table fish and also Tuna. And King fish.. it's a fishing haven for the locals and tourists to get a feed of fish and the tourist mostly travel here in small boat and kayaks to hopefully catch a kingfish or a feed of pinkies or whiting..pike trevelly.. Noramally in winter you get infested with undersize. Pinkies but our last 8 trip not even one which is unusual.. Also notice that kingfish that usually are around till April went quite after February.. look tourist is how Portland how money and keeps town going and 75% are fisherman no Fish no tourists it's that simple.. look we don't want Philip Macadam to stop netting .. Just not in our bay... I would love to see him be able to net bait only back in port Philip bay . Thank you for taking time to read my letter..

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MC

Micca

To 

Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Hi Luke

Thank you for acting so quickly in relation to this matter

I support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

However, I believe you have missed the whiting grounds highlighted below in Red.

Please consider increasing the area to capture this zone ( shown in red below)



Regards

Michae

### Support for proposed fisheries notice

LH  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

I fully support the proposed fisheries (Portland bay commercial fishery) notice 2023.

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### Re: support for proposed fisheries notice 20203

PA  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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### support for proposed fisheries notice 2023

i philip x i fully support the proposed Fisheries

of the ( Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023

regards  
Philip

GS  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Wed 13/09/2023 3:23 PM

Hi Luke,I fully support the proposed fisheries (Portland Bay comercial fishery notice 2023) regards Geoff

### Support For fisheries notice

DB  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Wed 13/09/2023 2:42 PM

Hi Luke,

I own two tourist properties that rely heavily on tourism in Portland Bay.

These are Portland Bay Lodge and Portland Seaside Tourist Park.

I also assist Deakin University with tagging of kingfish that congregate in Portland Bay from October to April.

Fish from this region have recently been pinged at Bondi Beach NSW which shows the importance of this fishery not only to locals and tourists, but also Australian fish populations.

The Bay is also a know nursery for many species of fish.

Thank you for your assistance to help manage the long term future of Portland Bay.






Cheers,

Dear

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Netting in Portland bay



 Ken  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)


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Wed 13/09/2023 11:25 AM

Yes well overdue to formalize the netting ban in Portland bay  
Regards Maryke

Support for the draft fisheries notice

 Jeremy  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Dear Luke,

I strongly agree with the Draft interim Fisheries Notice, and all the recommendations that apply.

Proposed fisheries, Portland Bay

 ann  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)






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Wed 13/09/2023 10:27 AM

Hi ,  
I fully support the proposed Fisheries, (Portland Bay commercial fishery ) notice 2023.  
No netting for the bay , cheers Annie

Support for local proposed fisheries notice


 Drew F  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)






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Wed 13/09/2023 10:06 AM

I fully support the proposed fisheries ( portland bay commercial fishery ) notice 2023

Subject- Support for proposed fisheries notice

   
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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CALL FOR SUPPORT!

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

LETS MAKE SURE THIS HAPPENS!!!

Graeme and Caroline

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 Micheal  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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I fully support the proposed  
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Commercial Fishery) Notice  
2023.  
Michea

## Proposed fisheries (portland bay commercial fishery notice)



To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)  
Cc: Sonya Kilkenney (PARL)

Follow up. Start by Wednesday, 13 September 2023. Due by Wednesday, 13 September 2023.

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Tue 12/09/2023 11:44 PM

I love fresh seafood and every Victorian has a right to fresh local seafood!  
- I support commercial fishing because it feeds the public!  
- Portland bay shouldn't be closed because a couple of recreational fishermen don't want to share fishing grounds with the general public!  
- I DO NOT support this fishery notice. Recreational fishermen need to learn to share their resource!

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## Commercial Netting, Portland Bay



Brya  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Tue 12/09/2023 9:46 PM

I am absolutely shocked and appalled by what is happening here in Portland with respect to a commercial fisherman netting in Portland Bay. The last time this happened it devastated the fishery which then took a number of years to recover.  
Many businesses in the town are reliant to a greater or lesser degree on tourism. Any degradation of the natural ecosystems and fish stocks, adversely affects not only the recreational fishing industry, but also many of the businesses in the town.  
There has been a gentleman's agreement reached by local stakeholders to preserve the natural ecosystems and fish stocks of the bay. This agreement has been voluntarily observed to the benefit of all concerned for the past 30 years.  
I find it absolutely appalling that a commercial permit holder who has been prevented from netting in Port Phillip Bay, is given permission to come to Portland, to commercially net the bay, totally disregarding an agreement that has been in place for decades. An agreement that has ensured the preservation of the natural ecosystems of our bay. This is now under real threat from commercial netting.  
I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.  
The use of nets and longlines needs to be permanently banned in Portland Bay.  
The current gentleman's agreement needs to be formalised to ensure the continued preservation of the bay.

Bryar

## I DO NOT support the proposed fisheries notice



DaveB  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA); Sonya Kilkenney (PARL)

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Tue 12/09/2023 9:20 PM

I am writing about the proposed ban on commercial fishing in Portland Bay.  
  
I love fresh local seafood and every Victorian has a right to this, we don't all fish and love supporting our local fresh seafood sellers. Friends of mine are commercial fisherman and you are wanting to destroy their jobs and lives. Commercial fishing feeds the public and supports other parts of the industry.  
  
Recreational fishermen and commercials can all live and fish together.  
I DO NOT want to have our shops filled with imported lower quality product!  
  
Please take to the time to act properly and appropriately on this matter.  
  
David

## Support for proposed fisheries notice.



John  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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



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Hello Luke, I support the proposed fisheries notice as an urgent action.  
Please understand that every day that goes by is another day of approximately 18 boxes of assorted fish taken, and a huge amount of undersized and non-targeted species killed.  
Already these fish kills are going to take many years to replace. We know, as we have been through this before.  
I am not against netting, but NOT in Portland bay, which is small and shallow.  
I am hoping for your immediate intervention.

Best wishes  
Thomas

Unofficial: Netting in Portland

 Russel  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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UNOFFICIAL

Hi Luke  
I was writing to let you know that  
I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Thanks i think this is critical for the sustainability of the Portland bay so locals and tourists can catch good fish close to shore and off the beach . The reefs in the area are home to so many fish and have them so close to shore is amazing and it allows people with small boats, kayaks and surf fisherman to catch amazing fish like King George whiting, snapper and Kingfish. Netting this area will deplete these fish and have a huge impact on bay .






Thanks for your Tme

Russel

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Please allow and support commercial fishing in Portland Bay Victoria

 Marcelle  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)


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



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Dear sirs

Please allow commercial fishing along the coast of Victoria and especially in Portland Bay, so that ALL of Victoria can benefit from SOME of the lovely fresh fish available, not just the few that go recreational fishing. STOP recreational fishers acting like they own the waters. The waters are for all victorians to benefit from. I'm so sick of finding only imported seafood available to me and my family. What has happened to Victoria? When I was young it was amazing to be able to buy fresh Victorian seafood !!!! PLEASE don't let this happen in Victoria. Allow the commercial fishing for the sale of Victoria  
Sincerely  
Marcy

Support for proposed fisheries notice

 Mei  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Dear Luke,







I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Thank you!

Kind regards  
Merc

Netting in Portland bay

 Darren  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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



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Darren

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 Michael  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)




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 Mark  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Dear Luke,

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Kind regards  
Andrew

### Support for proposed fisheries notice



Alei  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Stephen  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Jacinta  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Jor  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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bianca  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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### Fwd: Portland Bay Draft Fisheries Notice



Gabrielle  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Tue 12/09/2023 7:18 PM

Dear Luke,

I am writing as a Portland resident to express my feedback regarding the Draft interim Fisheries Notice.

I strongly agree with the Notice and wish for all its recommendations to be applied.

I hope it goes ahead as is.

Thank you for your interest in this important matter.

Kind regards,  
Gabrielle

### Support for proposed fisheries notice.



phil t  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

Tue 12/09/2023 7:18 PM

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fisheries) Notice 2023. I dont want to see Portland bay recreational fishery destroyed like Port Phillip Bay was before the netting ban. Portland Bay is the best recreational fishery in Victoria. Regards, Phil

### Fwd: Portland Bay Draft Fisheries Notice



Harmat  
To Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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


Dear Luke,

I strongly agree with the Draft interim Fisheries Notice, and all the recommendations that apply.

Sincerely,  
Harmat

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

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To 





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 Fiona  
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 Nigel  
To 



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

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




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
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


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Jason

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 kez  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023

Keryr

 Georgetti  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

My family and I bought a holiday house in Portland and have been put off using it as the last time we came down the netters were netting where we fish. We have not been back since.

Regards

Georgetti

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 jo  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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To Whom It May Concern,

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice . The sooner this is implemented the better!

Sad that the netting is clearing the bay of fish for recreational fishing. Have lived in the area for over 20 years, and never seen such a decline in fish availability .

Ji

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No Netting Portland Bay

 mathew  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Luke,




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


The Bay is much loved by visitors and locals alike with catches of snapper, King George whiting, squid and kingfish in summer, while deeper waters in the region are renowned for big tuna. Let's keep it this way!

Regards Mathev

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 Pauline  
To  Steven  
Cc  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

I would like to add my **support** to commercial fishing in Portland.

Since the Victorian Government stopped it in Port Phillip Bay, it is obvious we shouldn't stop them everywhere. That was a disaster to those who found the quality of fish being imported to Victoria was so inferior to before commercial fishing was stopped.



We need Commercial Fishermen.. and as a recreational fisherwoman, I am happy to work side by side.





Please, please allow them to continue.

Thank you.

Pauline

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 Josh  
To  Luke Osullivan (VFA)

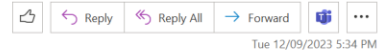
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Dear Luke, I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Regards, Josh



portland bay



Hi Luke

Portland Bay is a beautiful holiday spot I want to revisit because it is full of life.

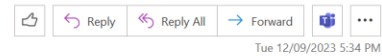
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Regards

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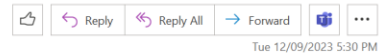


Hi,

Having recently read the notice I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023. with the exception of the possibility of it being lifted in 2024. I feel that this proposal should be instated permanently.

Ronard Davie

Support for proposed fisheries notice



Greetings Luke

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

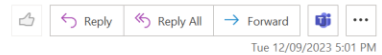
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Let's continue saving our precious marine environment

Cheers

RoI

FW: Support for proposed fisheries notice.



Dear Luke,

Alongside many like minded residents of Portland I am concerned about netting in the bay. This cannot continue. The issue needs to be addressed, and promptly.

My late brother would be horrified to know it has been happening here. So, on his behalf I add my voice to the other locals as we ask that it is stopped.

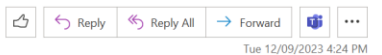
A sense of normality and commonsense needs to prevail.

As such I would like it noted that I totally and fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Hopefully we will hear of a positive outcome to this very concerning situation.

With thanks  
Irene

Stop netting in Portland bay



I fully support the Fisheries (Portland bay commercial fishery) notice 2023

Stop the netting in Portland bay before the damage is done!

### Support for proposed fisheries notice



Casey  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Tue 12/09/2023 4:17 PM

Hello!

If you allow them to do the netting in the bay in Portland you will lose so much business and people actually going there on family holidays, fishing there is what being People from all over to come there.

I fully support the proposed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notice 2023.

Thank you

Casey

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Brader  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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I fully support the propsoed Fisheries (Portland Bay Commercial Fishery) Notcie 2023. This needs to happen!!

### Support for proposed fishing notice



Adam  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

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I full support the proposed fishing notice. Portland bay commercial fisheries notice , 2023 .  
Adam

### Support for proposed fisheries notice



Madeline  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA)

Reply Reply All Forward

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The Bay is much loved by visitors and locals alike with catches of snapper, King George whiting, squid and kingfish in summer, while deeper waters in the region are renowned for big tuna. Let's keep it this way!

Regards,  
Madeline

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### Portland fisheries



Troy  
To: Luke Osullivan (VFA); Luke Osullivan (VFA)

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Hi luke this is an email to say I fully support the proposed fisheries ( portland bay commercial fisheries) notice 2023

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