

Fisheries (Gippsland Lakes Black Bream) Notice 2021

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

I have decided to implement the Fisheries (Gippsland Lakes Black Bream) Notice 2021 after undertaking consultation in accordance with Section 3A of the Fisheries Act 1995.

The Fisheries (Gippsland Lakes Black Bream) Notice 2021 sets a new maximum size limit of 38cm for recreational fishing for black bream in the Gippsland Lakes and its tributaries.

All other recreational fishing rules that apply to black bream, including the 28cm minimum size limit, remain unchanged. The new maximum size limit will protect larger breeding fish that produce a higher proportion of eggs during spawning to contribute to rebuilding the population, whilst creating a slot limit for recreational fishers to catch and keep a fish.

Alongside the new maximum size limit, ongoing monitoring and research will continue together with a range of other actions under the Gippsland Lakes Recreational Fishery Plan 2020 to accelerate the recovery of black bream and restore the Gippsland Lakes recreational fishery.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Travis Dowling".

Travis Dowling
Chief Executive Officer
Victorian Fisheries Authority

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