

Hi Kylie,

My comments regarding the setting of a TACC quota order for our Western Port/ Port Phillip Bay Fishery.

This Total Allowable Catch was Based on the Andrews Governments " Target 1 million "which has cost in excess of \$30,000,000 and has been an absolute flop with each year being a decrease of registered recreational fishers, to the point now where the total number is now less than 275,000 registered licensed recreational fishers, this and the scientific evaluation of our fish resources should be taken into consideration before setting a TACC of 88 tonne for any year ie 1st of April to the 31st of March the following year. For an example with the allowance of 1,000,000 recreational fishers our commercial catch was 88,000 kgs so with 725,000 less recreational fishers the 88,000kgs should therefore be increased by 63,800kgs this being the percentage difference between the allowed for and the actual amount of recreational fishers.

Working on these figures the yearly annual catch limit should be calculated annually and worked out from the figures for the recreational registered license holders, as this must have been the scientific method of how the original 88,000 kgs of snapper allocation was made for the commercial catch.

Yours sincerely

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