

Fisheries (Gippsland Lakes Black Bream) Notice 2023

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

I have decided to implement the Fisheries (Gippsland Lakes Black Bream) Notice 2023 after undertaking consultation in accordance with Section 3A of the Fisheries Act 1995.

The Fisheries (Gippsland Lakes Black Bream) Notice 2023 maintains the 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 maximum size limit will continue to protect larger breeding fish that produce a higher proportion of eggs during spawning to accelerate the rebuilding of the black bream population, whilst creating a slot limit for recreational fishers to catch and keep a fish.

Alongside the maximum size limit, the bag and possession limit in the Gippsland Lakes and tributaries will be set at 7 fish per person per day to further safeguard bream population and accelerate its recovery over the coming years in alignment with the management objectives set out in the Gippsland Lakes Recreational Fishery Plan.

Ongoing monitoring and research will continue to ensure management arrangements for the bream fishery align with our best available and most recent data and are evidence-based.

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

Travis Dowling
Chief Executive Officer
Victorian Fisheries Authority
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