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Dear Scott,

VRFISH RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT FISHERIES (COMMERCIAL SNAPPER CATCH LIMIT) NOTICE 2018

Thank you for the opportunity provided to VRFish to comment on the proposed Fisheries (Commercial Snapper Catch Limit) Notice 2018 ("Snapper Fisheries Notice") on behalf of the Victorian recreational fishing community.

As Fisheries Notice is a continuation of the catch limits and arrangements under previous Fisheries Notice, the position of VRFish remains unchanged. VRFish is satisfied that the continuation of the current commercial catch limits for snapper in the Western and Eastern zones is a sustainable and equitable arrangement in the short term.

In the long term and with the review of the Fisheries Regulations 2009 flagged to commence 2019, VRFish anticipates that the Snapper Fisheries Notice be transitioned into regulation. As a key stakeholder, VRFish looks forward to being engaged in the review and the co-management of the fishery moving forward, including in the development of an integrated snapper stock assessment model which captures the data needs of the recreational sector.

VRFish invites contact if you like to discuss our submission further.

Kind regards,



Rob Loats
Chair
Victorian Recreational Fishing Peak Body

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better, for everyone.**