

Fisheries Act 1995
FISHERIES NOTICE 2021

I, Travis Dowling, Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Fisheries Authority, as delegate for the Minister for Fishing and Boating, having undertaken consultation in accordance with Section 3A of the **Fisheries Act 1995** (the Act), make the following Fisheries Notice under Section 152 of the Act:

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Travis Dowling
Chief Executive Officer
Victorian Fisheries Authority

FISHERIES (GIPPSLAND LAKES BLACK BREAM) NOTICE 2021

1. Title

This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Gippsland Lakes Black Bream) Notice 2021.

2. Objectives

The objective of this Notice is to set a maximum size limit for recreational fishing for black bream in the Gippsland Lakes and its tributaries.

3. Authorising provision

This Notice is made under section 152 of the Act.

4. Commencement

This Notice comes into operation on 1 April 2021.

5. Definitions

In this Fisheries Notice –

‘black bream’ means *Acanthopagrus butcheri*;

‘Gippsland Lakes and its tributaries’ means the total area of all waters bounded by a line commencing at the seaward end of the western pier at the entrance wall at the entrance to the Gippsland Lakes, continuing in a generally north-westerly direction to the shoreward end of that pier then following the shoreline along the mean high water mark of such waters in a generally clockwise direction to the shoreward end of the eastern pier at the entrance wall at the entrance to the Gippsland Lakes, then following that wall to its seaward end, then in a generally westerly direction to the commencement of that line, and includes the waters east of Eastern Beach Road or any river, creek or stream flowing into the Gippsland Lakes.

6. *Maximum size limit for black bream in the Gippsland Lakes and its tributaries*

For the purposes of the Act, the maximum size with respect to the taking and possession of black bream in the Gippsland Lakes and its tributaries is 38 centimetres.

7. *Application to Fisheries Reserves*

For the purposes of section 152(4), this notice applies to all Fisheries Reserves.

8. *Revocation*

Unless sooner revoked, this Notice will be revoked on 31 March 2022.

Notes:

Regulation 157 and item 11 of Schedule 24 of the Fisheries Regulations 2019 specifies a minimum size limit of 28 centimetres for the taking or possession of bream (all species including tarwhine) in Victoria, including the Gippsland Lakes and its tributaries.

Section 68A(3) of the Act prohibits a person from taking or having in their possession, fish of a species that are less than the minimum size or more than the maximum size specified for that species of fish, by the regulations or in a Fisheries Notice. A maximum penalty of 20 penalty units applies.