

Fisheries (Western Port/Port Phillip Bay Fishery Catch Limit) Notice 2023

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

I have decided to issue a *Fisheries (Western Port/Port Phillip Bay Fishery Catch Limit) Notice 2023* for a 12-month period after undertaking consultation in accordance with Section 3A of the *Fisheries Act 1995*.

This Fisheries (Western Port/Port Phillip Bay Fishery Catch Limit) Notice continues to fix and enforce annual catch limits for the taking of certain species of fish under a Western Port/Port Phillip Bay Fisheries Access Licence.

The notice ensures the intent of the election commitment to recreational fishers is maintained. That is, to remove nets from Port Phillip Bay and to establish a limited non-net 88-tonne snapper fishery, to grow recreational fishing in Victoria. This notice ensures that that some limited catch of species other than snapper may continue to be caught using non-net methods, and that recreationally important species are protected.

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

Travis Dowling

Chief Executive Officer

Victorian Fisheries Authority

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