

## Melissa Schubert (VFA)

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**Subject:** FW: Gippsland lakes black bream regulations

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Hi Michelle ,

Just have a couple of questions regarding the proposed changes ,

1. Are they for Gippsland lakes only or Victoria wide ?  
( both the slot limit and the bag reduction)

2. Will these new changes make the slot limit permanent ?

One question I've always asked is in regards to the fertility rates in the larger fish , I understand that they carry a lot more eggs than the smaller fish but has any research been done on the survival / fertility of larger fish spawning in the wild ?

I'd have thought the 32-35 cm brackets of fish would be in its prime spawning age as I don't know of any other species of animal that breeds better the older it gets ?

3. How was the decision made to halve the bag limit , Personally I am all for a reduced bag limit but I think cutting it in half is a bit much ,  
5 fish would only just feed my family and surely with the removal of the netters such a huge cut should not be required?

4. Possession limit - does this mean that after a 4 day weekend I can only bring 5 fish home ?  
I am not one for bringing home esky's full of fish from these trips ( and I understand that's what your trying to stop ) but the possession limit should be raised to 10

5. Survey results, is it possible to see the survey results once completed ?  
Along with the age and post code of all who filled it out ?

It seems to me that the survey has only targeted those who are internet or Facebook active , which is mostly the newer generation of catch and release anglers , ( not to mention a fairly large group of ' tournament anglers ' who seem to want the entire Gippsland lakes to themselves) which is not a bad thing that this is the changing trend but you seem to have forgotten the old school bait angler who is not on the internet or Facebook, it's these guys I'm guessing who would make up a fairly large portion of Victorian anglers .

Why wasn't the survey mailed out to every license holder in Victoria along with the pensioners who held a license in the last 10 years , this is the only way to achieve a true result for your survey .

Thanks for your time and looking forward to your feedback, Steven

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