

Re: Draft Fisheries (Gummy and School Shark) Notice for your consideration



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Hi Jo,

Happy new year.

We've re-commenced for the year. It's practically impossible for us to consult over the Xmas/New year period with recreational fishers and we shut down over that period also. January is difficult with fishers off fishing but we do what we can.

I note the closing date for comments on the Draft Fisheries Notice was 10 January. As per our previous comments on the proposal we did not anticipate an increase in gummy/school shark harvest in across Victorian waters by the commercial sector would have any detectable impact on the quality of recreational fishing.

The change is a departure from a bycatch allocation to a component which is targeted harvest. However the current reported annual commercial catch is fairly minor (~20 tonnes) and the increase in harvest to the upper limit (36 tonnes) is still small in comparison to the total harvest in the commercial fishery.

I will still circulate the draft fishery notice throughout our membership for any further comments.

Cheers,

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Executive Officer



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