

Fisheries Act 1995
INITIAL QUOTA ORDER UNDER SECTION 64 OF THE FISHERIES ACT 1995 FOR
SNAPPER FISHING IN THE WESTERN PORT/PORT PHILLIP BAY (COMMERCIAL)
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I, Travis Dowling, Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Fisheries Authority, having undertaken consultation in accordance with section 3A of the **Fisheries Act 1995**, make the following Initial Quota Order under section 64 of the Act for snapper fishing in the Western Port/Port Phillip Bay (Commercial) Fishery.

1. Snapper fishing in the Western Port/Port Phillip Bay (Commercial) Fishery will be managed by the allocation of quota to Western Port/Port Phillip Bay Fishery Access Licences.
2. The number of individual snapper quota units in the Western Port/Port Phillip Bay (Commercial) Fishery will be equal to the total allowable commercial catch (TACC) of snapper divided by the value of an individual snapper quota unit, as determined in a Further Quota Order pursuant to section 64A of the **Fisheries Act 1995**.
3. The quota units are to be allocated as follows:
 - a. All quota units are to be allocated evenly to those licence holders holding a Western Port/Port Phillip Bay Fishery Access Licence on 1 April 2022.
 - b. No quota units are to be allocated to those licence holders granted a Western Port/Port Phillip Bay Fishery Access Licence after 1 April 2022. These licence holders need to acquire individual quota units by transfer pursuant to section 65A of the **Fisheries Act 1995**.
4. Individual Western Port/Port Phillip Bay (Commercial) Fishery quota units may be transferred permanently or temporarily to a holder of a Western Port/Port Phillip Bay Fishery Access Licence.
5. Individual quota units that are not taken during a quota period cannot be carried over in the next quota period.

Dated: 11/03/2022



Travis Dowling
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