

**Fisheries Act 1995**

**DRAFT FISHERIES NOTICE 2026**

I, Luke O’Sullivan, Director Fisheries Management of the Victorian Fisheries Authority, as delegate for the Minister for Outdoor Recreation, 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:

**LUKE O’SULLIVAN**

**Director Fisheries Management and Boating, Victorian Fisheries Authority**

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**FISHERIES (GIPPSLAND LAKES BLACK BREAM) NOTICE 2026**

**1. Title**

This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Gippsland Lakes Black Bream) Notice 2026.

**2. Objectives**

The objective of this Notice is to set a maximum size limit, catch and possession limits 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 the day it is published in the Victorian Government Gazette.

**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;

‘**the Act**’ means the **Fisheries Act 1995** (Vic).

**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. Catch and possession limit**

For the purposes of the Act, in case of black bream in the Gippsland Lakes and its tributaries, the daily catch and possession limit is 7 fish.

**8. Application to Fisheries Reserves**

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

## **9.      *Revocation***

Unless sooner revoked, this Notice will be automatically revoked 12 months after the day on which it comes into operation.

### ***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.

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