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Fisheries (Commercial Snapper Catch Limit) Notice 2019

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

I have decided to continue the Fisheries (Commercial Snapper Catch Limit) Notice for a further twelve months after undertaking consultation in accordance with Section 3A of the Fisheries Act 1995.

Fisheries (Commercial Snapper Catch Limit) Notice 2019 will continue the management arrangements that limit snapper harvest by inshore trawl fishers from east and west of Wilsons Promontory to 10 and 35 tonnes, respectively. Pre- and post-landing reporting by inshore trawl fishers will also continue to be required. If either of these limits is reached, a 50 kilogram trip limit will be implemented in that area.

The boundary between the eastern and western zone remains to the line of longitude 146°20' east. This line of longitude is aligned with the western edge of grid 33 in the catch and effort reporting map and ensures easier and more accurate reporting for Inshore Trawl Licence holders.

My decision does not take away the ability for Victorian Inshore Trawl licence holders to fish for snapper but rather puts in place management arrangements that will help to ensure the supply of fresh snapper to the general public is sustainable.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Travis Dowling", is positioned above the printed name.

Travis Dowling
Chief Executive Officer
Victorian Fisheries Authority

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