Re: Draft Fisheries (Gummy and School Shark) Notice FOR CONSULTATION

CL

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Mon 23/12/2019 6:32 PI

ear madam I would be all for this idea without a problem
Thankyou Colin leatham I

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

MH Matthew Harry
To Joanne E Klemke (VFA)

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Tue 24/12/2019

Hi,
Thank you for your email. It sounds reasonable to me.
Regards,
Matt H

Gummy and School Shark Notice 202(

JB
To Joanne E Klemke (VFA)

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Sat 28/12/2

Hi Joanne,

I support the increase of shark bodies from 2 to 5 per day. I own/operate EZ RL licence and would benefit greatly from the additional shark bodies during a time of increasing RL lease prices.

The benefit will also be recognised through the local community and tourists, seeking fresh local seafood, without friction with the rec fishers (due to the small quantity).

The extra pre landing call will total 3 seperate contacts with VFA each time we come in (RL pre landing/small sale permit/gummy, school pre landing). Could the shark pre landing on the RL licence be recognised with the IVR call in and numbers noted on the Daily Catch Record? This would only be until VMS 30?) is implemented. This might help compliance efficiency, limit costs in setting up regulation for only 5 months and help fishers (especially single handed operations).

Thanks for your time and look forward to being involved in positive VFA initiatives.

Regards,

Jonathon Brocklesby

Sent from my iPhone

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

BK

To: Joanne E Klemke

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Thu 2/01

Hello Joanne I Barry Kuhnell are interested and support the gummy and school shark increased possession limit increase and would like to apply for the licence endorsement.

Re gummy school shark endorsement for ocean access

KK

To: Joanne E Klemke

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Sun 5/01/2020 1

You replied to this message on 6/01/2020 10:32 AM.

Hi Joanne,
I have no problem with the increase from 2 shark to 5 for an Ocean Access Licence and it will be linked to a Tac of 40 ton for Victoria.

I need to know how I will have to apply for the endorsement to go on my Ocean Access Licence and any fees to do so.
I understand that for a vessel it will require a VMS or prior reporting before landing but what about beach fishing using Rods as people would be landed already.
Also is there going to be an ongoing annual fee for the endorsement to take shark.

I have held this Ocean Access licence since 1984 and want to be part of the shark endorsement which will allow me to take up to 5 Shark.

Your comments would be greatly appreciated.

Can you send you comments to

I can be contacted on my mobile

Cheers
Dick Smith

Draft Gummy and School Shark Notice 2020

S

To: Joanne E Klemke (VFA

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Mon 6/01/2020

Hi Joanne,

Thanks for your informative call just now. I note that comments from stakeholders have to be received by the 10th January, 2020, only four days away.

I think the proposal put forward by VFA involving a bl catch of 5 shark endorsement on my, and other southern rock lobster stakeholders entitlements to be a positive move and I will certainly be applying for an endorsement when they are issued.

Will VFA be charging a fee for these endorsements, and can the fishers use a line to catch the shark? Please take into consideration the fishermen bringing in their lobster catch already have a lengthy and involved reporting system to contend with before they arrive in port with their catch and therefore the l catch of shark should be handled by the VFA representatives at docking time, rather than the fishermen having to report to the Commonwealth arm as well. This would become too difficult to handle given the time involved in reporting to two different fisheries.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Peardon

5 Gummy shark comment.

DS

To: Joanne E Klemke (VFA)

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Tue 7/01/2020 9:

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Sincerely
Daryl Stewart
OFAL License holder and often dissatisfied (with the VFA) fisherman

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From:
Date: Thu, 9 Jan 2020 at 5:52 pm

Dear Dr Klemke
Comments regarding 5 gummy shark proposed Fisheries Notice Fish.
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Sincerely
Joe Booth
OFAL License holder.

Comment on Draft Fishery Notice

MG

to Joanne E Klemke (VFA)

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Thu 9/01/2020 10

My name is Wayne Gallop and I am the owner/operator of trawl licenc operate between Lakes Entrance and Apollo Bay and I prawn trawl for 6 months and fish trawl the other 6 months of the year targeting octopus and other unlimited species.

I am writing in regards to the letter I received dated the 20th December 2019.

I am in agreeance with the increased landing of gummy and school shark. However, instead of going from 2 bodies to 5 bodies I would like to see it increased to a 50kg trip limit with no reporting as trip limits work fine with other species such as flathead and whiting.

My reason not wanting a shark body limit is that I feel that it may lead to fishers possibly upgrading and/or targeting then retaining and landing the 5 largest sharks caught which are mainly large females which are often full of pups.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Regards,
Wayne Gallop

Sent from my iPhone

Gummy proposal 2020

RB

To Joanne E Klemke (VFA)

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Fri 10/01/2020 3:

To whom it may concern,

We wish to comment on the proposed fisheries Gummy school shark notice 2020.

Instead of the proposed agreement of only being able to keep 5 bodies of shark the limit should be reinstated to what it was at 50kg. This will then stop any higher grading that could possibly occur.
We also feel victimised in regards to having to report in before landing or have a vms on board. If we have to report what we are catching why don't recreational anglers have to as well, it seems the commercial fishing sector is being treated like criminals and can't be trusted yet we are the ones that want and n a sustainable industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.
If you require any further information or clarification feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards
Raymond Butcher

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RE: Draft Fisheries (Gummy & School Shark) Notice for your consideration

MN

To Joanne E Klemke (VFA)

Cc

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Fri 10/01/2020 4:

Hi Jo,

Thanks for the opportunity to provide comment on this.

Clearly, all eligible licence holders welcome this opportunity to increase the take of shark from 2 to 5 per trip and we thank the VFA for the efforts made to bring the implementation of this to fruition.

From a VRLA perspective, the only concerns that I have had raised relate to the pre reporting requirements, as follows;

1) If not using VMS it would be helpful that any pre-reporting requirement is integrated into the existing Lobster IVR reporting system (ie is not a completely separate system / process)
2) With regard to the timing for pre-reporting, it would make sense to align that with existing pre-reporting requirements where there are some exceptions in being able to prior only half an hour (rather than 2 hours) before entering port between certain hours (eg at Apollo Bay).

Thanks again,

Markus Nolle
President, VRLA

Shark notice

WC

To Joanne E Klemke (VFA)

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Sat 11/01/2020 12:

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Sincerely William c carr
OFAL License holder and often dissatisfied (with the VFA) fisherman

LK

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Sat 11/01/2020 6:1

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Hello Joanne,

My name is Lynette, I am sending this on behalf of Don Jacobson from my computer as he is having issues with his computer. You can verify this by calling Don on his mobile number at the end of the message.

I Don Jacobson endorse the comments made by Daryl Stewart.
I am an Ocean Access Licence Holder

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Kind Regards Don Jacobson

Daryl Stewart's comments

TP

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Sun 12/01/2020

Hi Joanne , just on Daryl Stewart's comments , he makes very good points ,the vfa does nothing to support fishermen only suppress ,and put added pressure on what is a very physical and mentally draining profession. Vfa needs to rethink its attitude towards professional fishermen and there endeavours. Wi thanks terry pitt

Sent from my iPad

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Stephen Fowler

OFAL License holder and often dissatisfied (with the VFA) fisherman.

I HAVE FORWARDED THIS LETTER TO MR TIM BULL M.P. EDEN GIPPSLAND MEMBER.

John Bennett

Dear Ms JO KLEMKE.

Thank you for a chance to comment on the Draft Fisheries Notice of 20/12/19.

The increase of shark number from 2 to 5 will have little or no effect on the existing 40 tonne T.A.C. because of the relative small number of operators.

I am and have been in the Commonwealth shark fishery for over 40 years, myself and other fishers in the industry have constantly endeavoured to have a sustainable fishery.

Some 30 years ago the VICTORIAN fishers of the Commonwealth gill net fishery lobbied forward a plan to help & protect the breeding stocks of gummy and school sharks along the entire coast line of Victoria in and three nautical miles to sea, this plan was endorsed and fishing by all Commonwealth gill net fishing stopped.

This was a big step the main reason the fishery has remained relatively stable.

One of many concerns is of future stock is the targeting of large pregnant gummy & whaler sharks within the three mile limit of the Victoria coast line by the ever increasing number of recreational fishers as there is no record of what is being taken by these fishers, unlike the Commonwealth fisher who must record for every fish and must release any school shark that is landed alive. It is extremely hard to escape the fact I am among many who are trying to help the fishery to remain sustainable by not fishing in breeding areas, while others are allowed to do the opposite, with virtualy no monitoring

We all know how pro-recreational the Victorian government is, even your government could

not argue that protecting breeding large pregnant school & gummy shark may be the better for all, and, dont forget that school shark are on the endanger list so any action to protect these shark must be applauded.

May I suggest a maximum size limit for all school and gummy shark be introduced, this would ensure any pregnant shark be returned to the water and would stop targeting.

Thank you again if you require any info to this letter please do not hesitate to call me

Yours truly

J. [illegible]