

## Melissa Schubert (VFA)

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**Subject:** FW: Response to Fisheries Notice for Management of Gippsland Lakes Black Bream

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Sent: Wednesday, 26 July 2023 7:49 PM

To: Michelle L Wenner (VFA) <michelle.wenner@vfa.vic.gov.au>

Subject: Response to Fisheries Notice for Management of Gippsland Lakes Black Bream

Attention Michelle

In relation to the Fisheries Notice for Management of Gippsland Lakes Black Bream, I would like to provide the following comments.

I do not support the 5 Bream bag limit per day for the following reasons:

1. By the time you pay for a Recreational Fishing Licence, Bait, and Fuel the 5 Bream Bag Limit will put people off going fishing.
2. People think you catch fish everytime you go fishing. On many occasions this is just not the case and you come home empty handed. In your survey did you ask people how often they go fishing and how often they come home without a feed of Bream?
3. Gippsland and especially East Gippsland is still recovering from major bushfires and now the shut down of the timber industry. We should be encouraging people to come in to our area and be able to catch a feed of 10 Bream per day. Not so easy if your a camper, paying camping ground fee's and only able to take 5 bream per day. This will put many people off visiting and spending money in our economically trouble area as its just not feasible and another kick in guts to a region trying to get back on its feet.
6. You'll find a lot or recreational fisherman give fish away to the elderly who can no longer fish. A 5 x Bream per day bag limit will not help this kind gesture.
8. Who's going to go camping for 3 days to bring home a maximum bag limit of 15 Bream. Its just not worth making the effort \$\$.

Michelle in finishing I would like to see the daily bag limit of 10 Bream remain.

Please contact me if you have any queries

Regards

Cameron Gibbs