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Hi Guys,

Representing Gippsland Anglers Face Book Group ( Formally No Nets Gippy Lakes ) we have a very good following & reach we represent a lot of Anglers

History Michelle ,

I was involved along side with David & Jackie Warren in the No Nets Gippy Lakes Campaign, David & Jackie Warren did the majority of the work in the end, I was still there helping where I could and involved .

David & Jackie where amazing and had the time and expertise to get through the systems. I can never thank them enough for what was achieved.

Just so you know my background a little, by the way it was my second attempt at getting Nets removed along side the the Lynton Barr many many years ago.

Im passionate about the Gippsland Lake System and especially Bream Fishing, I have a long Family History that involes Bream Fishing in Gippsland

Michelle Im not sure why Im not on the email List ? , I should be . Can you add me pls, this email address would be fine.

I do see an email to No Nets Gippy Lakes Gmail account either (not used much ).

### CONCERNS

Im hearing solid rumours of a Proposal of 1 Trophy Sized Bream in the New Regulations.

We are totally against that proposal - Gippsland Anglers Fbook Group

Gippsland Lakes hasn't recovered its only been 3 years of the current Slot Limit 28 - 38cm was implemented

The recent Twin Rivers Comp Shows that Catch Rate is still Terrible less than 1 Bream per Angler as detailed in previous email

Im sure your own Catch records would also show similar results

Im sure Survey will also be a great insight

We agree with Bag limit Reduction, Total Possession Limit reduction, Slot Limit there all good, but strongly against the Trophy Sized Bream Idea.

Im not sure where this 1 Trophy Sized Bream Idea has came from , but its a Terrible Idea, I heard David Kramer mention it on his Radio show before I was advised of this proposal.

## 1 TROPHY BREAM

Does that mean Mum Dad & 2 kids can Take 4 Trophy Sized Bream in 1 Session potentially killing 100 Plus Years of Bream Growth

Members Of Angling Clubs or Large Competitions can all Bring Back 1 Trophy Sized Bream to weigh in Dead Killing Hundreds of years of Bream Growth

Anglers Upsizing during the day, especially in Competition , killing the previous Trophy Bream , **How will you control upsizing ?** this is not to be overlooked

Upsizing is a major known issue with many species of Fish , and needs to be thought about with this proposal.

Anglers going out Day after day in Spawning Season ie Mitchell Backwater and removing a Trophy Sized Aged Bream Everyday.

2 Anglers Together 2 Trophy Sized Bream , 4 Anglers Together 4 Trophy Sized Bream Etc

We need those breeding Bream Stocks in our System to Help it recover,

We all know that Large Bream normally School Together, so when you catch 1 Trophy Bream theres Normally more about. its not like there a

We Have Legal Limits on many species ie: FLATHEAD Bag Limit Slot Limit without a Trophy Fish . why does Bream need a Trophy Size in the Regulations ?.

Gippsland Anglers will totally be against this Idea of 1 trophy Sized Bream per Angler for all the reasons mentioned above.

This Proposal of 1 Trophy sized Bream has major concerns to me on every level , Im very concerned,

Potential

We could see People /Anglers coming to our Region to Catch a Trophy Sized Bream take a picture release to be caught another day by another Angler.

We have a chance to Build this into Australia's Premier Big Bream Destination, bringing Anglers from all over Australia and potentially the world, don't destroy that opportunity now just as we have got started.

Ill be awaiting more feedback from the VFA before I become more vocal about this proposal



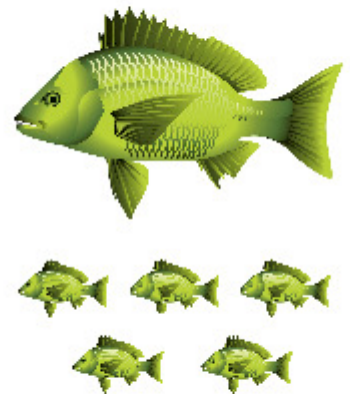
**GIPPSLAND ANGLERS**

**WANT CHANGE**

**Black Bream Bag Limit**

**Black Bream Possesion Limit**

**ALL ESTUARIES**



Peter Nord