

MULLOWAY

Improvement Program



The VFA have partnered with recreational fishers to conduct a review on the best available scientific information on mulloway and neighbouring jurisdictions management to formulate the proposed **Mulloway Improvement Program**. Consisting of three stages this program features short, medium and long term management actions which will result in a thriving mulloway fishery right here in Victoria!

Short Term: Revise Regulations

Change the bag limit from 5 mulloway per person per day to 2 mulloway per person per day to better reflect a "fair days take" and to align with existing regulations of other large bodied marine species

Increase the minimum size limit from 60cm to 70cm to give mulloway approximately 10 months extra protection from harvest and to allow more fish to reach sexual maturity/spawning size whilst also aligning the minimum size limit with NSW regulations

Medium Term: Invest in Understanding

Restart an angler tagging program for mulloway in Victoria to continue understanding growth, movement and connectivity of the species

Expand on a project to scientifically track mulloway around Melbourne Rivers (led by Arthur Rylah Institute/Melbourne Water) to better understand mulloway spawning, movement and habitat use with respect to flows

Long Term: Captively Breed & Stock

Trial the experimental release of mulloway in Victorian estuaries to improve populations, building on Victoria's long history of successful fish stocking

The Result

- Better reflect recreational fisher views of a reasonable days take
- Reduce local depletion of mulloway in rivers and estuaries
- Improve the mulloway fishery quality through growth, breeding and stocking

Recreational fishers are invited to have their say on the proposal to implement the **Mulloway Improvement Program**. All questions and feedback can be emailed to taylor.hunt@vfa.vic.gov.au throughout the 30-day public consultation period commencing on the 15th of July until the 15th of August 2026.

