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Dear Toby,

RE: PROPOSED FISHERIES (COMMERCIAL SNAPPER CATCH LIMIT) NOTICE 2017

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Fisheries (Commercial Snapper Catch Limit) Notice 2017 ("Snapper Fisheries Notice") on behalf of the Victorian recreational fishing community.

VRFish is satisfied that the continuation of the current commercial catch limits for snapper in the Western and Eastern zones is a sustainable and equitable arrangement in the short term.

In the long term, VRFish looks forward to being engaged as a key stakeholder in the co-management of the fishery, including in the development of an integrated snapper stock assessment model which captures the data needs of the recreational sector.

If available, could you please provide more information around the timeframe and FRDC project for the development of the stock assessment model.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Loats'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'R' and 'L'.

Rob Loats
Chair
Victorian Recreational Fishing Peak Body
16 October 2017