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FROM THE OFFICE OF VRFISH – VICTORIA’S RECREATIONAL FISHING PEAK BODY

If you’re fishing, make sure you check the regs

The Fisheries Regulation Review process has now concluded, with a new set of bag and size limits for Victoria’s fisheries.

The new Regulations will come into effect on 2 March 2009.

The lengthy consultation process has delivered some welcome changes, plus some that are not so welcome.

VRFish is extremely pleased that the proposed state-wide three rods was not accepted by the state government. Christopher Collins, VRFish Executive Officer said “VRFish received strong objection to this proposal and we are happy that the government has listened to its key stakeholders and remained with the status quo”.

Rec fishers from the Glenelg Hopkins region will be hit hard by the changes to the bag and size limits for Mulloway. Increasing the minimum size limit from 50cm to 60cm and a reduction in the bag limit from 10 to 5.

Murray cod will now be inline with New South Wales Regulations, with a minimum size limit of 60cm and a maximum size limit of 100cm.

The interim Snapper bag and size limits have now been made permanent. Minimum size limit of 28cm and a bag limit of 10 with no more than 3 equal to or exceeding 40cm.

Abalone and Rock Lobster limits are yet to be finalised, as both the Abalone and Rock Lobster Fishery Management Plans are currently under review.

The new regulations have also achieved a simplification of size and bag limits across various species which is welcomed by VRFish.

“VRFish encourages all recreational fishers to pick up the latest copy of the Recreational Fishing Guide in March”.

“It’s going to take some time for everyone to get used to the new Regulations, Fisheries Victoria will do its best to communicate the changes to all recreational fishers” concluded Christopher.