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Dear Mr Simpson

Thank you for your letter dated 23 April 2018 concerning management options for Black Bream in the Lakes and Coorong.

I note you support the broad intent of the proposed management arrangements, but have expressed some concerns over the continued permission for the commercial fishery to use large mesh nets in the Coorong.

In considering the proposed management arrangements Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA) Fisheries and Aquaculture considered a recent publication regarding fishing mortality of Black Bream in nets (Grixti et al. 2011) and changes to fisher behaviour in the Coorong due to interactions with long nosed fur seals.

As explained in my letter to RecFish SA dated 22 March 2018, PIRSA has designed the proposed arrangements for all sectors to contribute to the recovery of Black Bream stocks in an equitable way that is easy to monitor and enforce, and to provide adequate protection from fishing pressure by all sectors during the key Black Bream spawning period from September to November.

As I indicated in my letter dated 22 March 2018 I have written to the Chair of the Lakes and Coorong Fishery Management Advisory Committee to outline the importance of recreational sector participation at a meeting of the Committee, which I understand is scheduled to occur on 1 June 2018. I have provided your letter to the LCFMAC for consideration and encourage you to liaise with the LCFMAC Chair on this matter.

If you require any further information on this matter, please contact Mr Keith Rowling, Program Leader, Community Based Fisheries on (08) 8429 0513.

Yours sincerely



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Ref: Grixti, D., Morison, A. and Bell, J. D. (2011) Undersized *Acanthopagrus butcheri* caught and released from commercial gill nets show high survival rates in the Gippsland Lakes, south-eastern Australia. North American Journal of Fisheries Management, 30:3, 723-731