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Sensible outcome for recreational fishers on Snapper

RecFish SA congratulates Minister Basham in responding positively to concerns from the recreational fishing sector about inequitable access to Snapper in the South-East of the state.

Minister Basham's decision to open up recreational fishing in line with commercial fishing is a step in the right direction in achieving equitability in the Snapper fishery and will allow many recreational fishers to enjoy catching this iconic species over the Xmas holiday period.

The publicity behind this issue has revealed that many recreational fishers are concerned about the science behind the decision to open up fishing in the South-East and would like the government to invest more into research.

We encourage Minister Basham to maintain strong and timely communications with RecFish SA and the broader recreational fishing sector to improve the management of our fisheries and facilitate certainty for the state's 277,000 fishers.

RecFish SA will soon release its election manifesto entitled 'Fish Now Fish Forever' which describes many more things that need to be achieved for South Australia's recreational fishing sector and we look forward to working with government to deliver these.

Quotes attributable

"Providing equitable access to Snapper is the right decision."

"It's great that recreational fishers will again be able to put a Snapper on the table at Xmas time; it's a South Australian tradition."

"There's a lot we don't know about this stock and more research is needed."

"Not informing the community about fisheries management decisions is a clear breakdown in the government process; it needs to improve."

"There is so much more that needs to be done for our sector for it to achieve its full potential. We have a plan to do this, and we hope the government is willing to collaborate with us to make it happen."

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