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## PROPOSED FISHERIES (ROCK LOBSTER TAGGING) NOTICE 2019

Dear Toby,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Fisheries (Rock Lobster Tagging) Notice 2019.

As we enter Year 2 of the compulsory tagging of rock lobsters the trial has been generally accepted by many in our sector. This attitude has translated to excellent compliance rates. Also, some of the 'grey areas' such as experienced by shore-based divers and access to tags and their vehicles has been resolved by sensible and pragmatic compliance policy by the Authorities Fisheries Officers.

The trial is yielding a tremendous amount of data and information. We are pleased that the Year 1 catch estimates have confirmed our sector's long-held estimations for the recreational catch and levels of participation. We look forward to considering these conclusions alongside the data for Year 2 and Year 3 of the trial.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Victorian Fisheries Authority in their commitment to engage with recreational rock lobster fishers on the results and data collected from the trial.

VRFish does not offer any further additions or changes for the 2019 Fishery Notice.

Yours sincerely,



Rob Loats  
Chair  
Victorian Recreational Fishing Peak Body

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better, for everyone.**