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*Looking after the
interests of recreational
marine fishers*

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Commonwealth Fisheries Management Review
GPO Box 858
Canberra
ACT 2601

Dear Sir/Madam,

TARFish is the state government recognised, independent peak body which looks after the interests of recreational fishers in Tasmania. TARFish would like it noted that we fully support the recommendations set out in the submission prepared for the review by the Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation (ARFF), namely:

Recommendations

- Recreational fishing needs to be formally recognised in the relevant policies and legislation relating to fisheries management;
- Recreational fishing representation needs to be involved at the development stage of policy and legislation;
- Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) Ecosystem based fisheries management must be incorporated and underpin fisheries policy and legislation;
- Funding must be forthcoming to address known scientific gaps ;
- Management measures must be proactive rather than reactive;
- Environmental considerations such as by-catch provisions and local area depletion must be effectively addressed by policy and legislation;
- Economic, social and environmental should be clearly enunciated in the objectives of the Acts;
- Broader social benefits of recreational fishing should be recognised by policy and legislation;
- Property rights and resource allocation for recreational fishers should be clearly defined and recognised in policy and legislation;
- Alignment of Commonwealth and state/territory laws and regulation; and
- Granting of foreign fishing licences should be in accord with the Commonwealth Fisheries Management and Administration Acts and the Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act.

Regards

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