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Subject: Bass conservation measures 2019

Dear fisheries ministers

As a recreational angler I have been deeply shocked and saddened to have have my right to catch and take a bass for my family to enjoy for 2018. Anglers are not responsible for the demise of bass stock. Unsustainable commercial pressure is, over netting in particular. We have a situation now where the bass stock has been effectively privatised for commercial gain. The stock is a public resource and I want my right to catch and retain fish as an angler reinstated asap. I hope the ban will be reversed for the rest of 2018 in light of the new scientific evidence, but unfortunately it sounds like that is not going to happen. I would like to urge you all to reverse this injustice and give anglers their bag limit back for 2019 and place the harsh restriction on commercial netters which is where it belongs.