



AUSTRALIAN RECREATIONAL
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Media Release

Business as usual in the SBT Fishery

The Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation (ARFF) and its members are delighted with the announcement by Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Jonathon Duniam that there is no need for any changes to bag and size limits in the Australian recreational SBT fishery following the preliminary results of the 2019 National SBT recreational catch survey.

ARFF spokesperson Mr Brett Cleary said, “ARFF and our member peak bodies have worked hard to achieve this result of secure access for recreational fishers while maintaining current fishing size and bag limits for SBT.”

“This is great news for all recreational anglers in Australia that we can continue to experience the excitement of fishing for SBT as we are today.”

“This outcome in part has been made possible by the fantastic efforts of recreational anglers in Australia that have adopted the Tuna Champions program and embracing best practice principles.”

“We will continue to bring more anglers into the program and together play our part in the successful rebuilding of the stock of this wonderful iconic species.”

“ARFF has accomplished recognition for recreational fishing in Commonwealth fisheries legislation and with today’s announcement have now achieved the first recreational fishing catch allowance, or ‘set-aside’, in a Commonwealth fishery.”

“Our recreational SBT fishery around Australia provides enormous social and economic benefits, particularly in regional communities.”

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