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Surely commercial fishing is responsible for any diminishing numbers of most species.

The amount of fish taken by the amateur with sensible bag limits is small compared to the amounts taken

Commercially.

I have been out on several purse seine trawlers and the catch and by catch by them is horrendous.

Tonnes are taken and tonnes are put through the scuppers back to sea that are dead as a by catch.

It's incredible the fishing in Port Phillip Bay now that there are bans on scallops and sensible bag limits in place.

Mako fishing is a great thing to be able to do.

To lose it would be a tragedy.

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