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To Bernadette Ditchfield

I have just read with dismay the Agriculture ministers' announcement about the take of black jewfish .

Like most gulf fishermen I operate a frozen process at sea operation, everything is filleted at sea packaged and frozen and at times transhipped via Mother-shipping who do not accept whole fish .

Black Jew is a very small part of our catch but must be retained if caught as it will probably die if released.

This announcement proves that QF are not consulting properly with stakeholders as this issue would have been addressed.

Where the increase in gulf catch comes from, I don't know because they are almost impossible to target in gulf waters and are an incidental catch and the black-marketing is a recreational problem and they have no requirement to report catch.

This requires urgent action

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