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To: Lakes and Coorong Fishery Licence Holders
Marine Scalefish Fishery licence holders with Pipi quota

NOTICE TO FISHERS:

PIPI AND FINFISH MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2021/22 SEASON

I write to advise you of the management arrangements for the 2021/22 Pipi and Finfish fishing season commencing 1 July 2021.

The *Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Lakes and Coorong Fishery* (the Management Plan) commenced on 1 March 2016, and sets out formal harvest strategies for the finfish and Pipi sector. To ensure the most current and effective data are used to benefit the sustainability of the fishery, the Pipi total allowable commercial catch (TACC), and Finfish total allowable commercial effort (TACE) have been determined using the Harvest Strategies from the new Management Plan that will take effect from 1 March 2022.

The Lakes and Coorong Fishery Management Advisory Committee (LCFMAC) met on 20 May 2021 to consider the TACC for Pipi and TACE for Finfish for the 2021/22 fishing season, and to provide recommendations to the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) on these matters. The LCFMAC recommended the Pipi TACC be set at 400 tonnes, a 100% allocation (1175 nets) for the Freshwater Large Mesh Gill Net and Estuarine Small Mesh Gill Net sectors and a reduction of nets from 1175 to 987 for the Estuarine Large Mesh Gill Net sector, consistent with the harvest strategy decisions rules.

Determination of Pipi TACC

Following consideration of the LCFMAC recommendation, as a delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have determined the Pipi TACC for the 2021/22 quota period will be 400 tonnes. The value of a quota unit in 2021/22 will, therefore, be 400 kg.

The 2021/22 TACC decision making process was guided by the Pipi Harvest Strategy, which includes decision rules for making TACC decisions for the fishery. The Pipi TACC determination was made after considering the following:

1. The objects of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*.
2. The recommendation of the LCFMAC.
3. The advice from the South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI) on fishery status and biological performance indicators.
4. The Pipi Harvest Strategy decision rules as set out in the Management Plan.
5. Industry input.

Determination of Finfish TACE

Following consideration of the recommendations of the LCFMAC, as a delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have determined the TACE for Finfish for the 2021/22 fishing season to be set at the maximum entitlement of the fishery of 1175 net units (being made up to licence holders holding 25, 50, 75 and 100 mesh nets) for the Freshwater Large Mesh Gill Net and Coorong Small Mesh Gill Net sectors; and a reduction of nets from 1175 to 987 for the Coorong Estuarine Large Mesh Gill Net sector; both consistent with the harvest strategy decision rules.

The 2021/22 TACE decision making process was guided by the Finfish Harvest Strategy. In making the TACE determination, I have considered the following:

1. The objects of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*.
2. The recommendation of the LCFMAC.
3. The SARDI Fishery Statistics and performance indicators in the Assessment of the South Australian Lakes and Coorong Fishery in 2019/20 report.
4. The Finfish Harvest Strategy decision rules as set out in the Management Plan.
5. Industry input.

A section 79 notice has been implemented to restrict the amount of Large Mesh Gill Nets that can be used within the estuary waters of the Lakes and Coorong. A copy of this notice is attached. The reduction in nets equates to 4 nets per 25 net unit entitlements:

1. If the licence has a 25 net unit entitlement, the licence holder/ registered master may only operate a maximum of 21 nets
2. If the licence has a 50 net unit entitlement, the licence holder/ registered master may only operate a maximum of 42 nets
3. If the licence has a 75 net unit entitlement, the licence holder/ registered master may only operate a maximum of 63 nets
4. If the licence has a 100 net unit entitlement, the licence holder/ registered master may only operate a maximum of 84 nets.

If you have any questions in relation to these management arrangements, please contact Kylie Leppa, Lakes and Coorong Fishery Manager on (08) 8429 0516 or via e-mail: kylie.leppa@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Enc: Section 79 notice restricting the number of Estuarine Large Mesh Gill nets that can be used in 2021/22