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## NOTICE TO FISHERS

To: Licence holders in the Marine Scalefish Fishery, Rock Lobster Fisheries and Lakes and Coorong Fishery.

### TEMPORARY WRASSE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

I am writing to you concerning the temporary management arrangements regarding Wrasse species (other than Western Blue Groper).

As a delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have considered and granted a Ministerial exemption under section 115 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* to allow for the continued take of permitted Wrasse species (other than Western Blue Groper) above the maximum size limit of 35 cm. A copy of the exemption is enclosed.

Please note, the exemption is subject to strict conditions, including the collection of information on the commercial take of permitted Wrasse species. It is the exemption holder's responsibility to ensure that they are aware of their obligations and that they have a copy of the exemption notice when undertaking the exempted activity. The *Fisheries Management Act 2007* provides that it is an offence to breach a condition of an exemption.

I want to acknowledge the effort of licence holders in providing detailed information on commercial take of wrasse species to date. The information collected during the application of the exemption will be analysed and used to support a review of the current management arrangements.

Should you have any further queries in regard to this matter please contact Sam Stone, Fisheries Manager on (08) 8429 2101

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Begg'.

Prof Gavin Begg  
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