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NOTICE TO FISHERS

To: Holders of Marine Scalefish Fishery, Restricted Marine Scalefish Fishery, Lakes and Coorong Fishery, Southern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery and Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery Licences with Marine Scalefish Access, and fish processors

Snook commercial size limit decrease

Dear Licence Holder/fish processors

I am writing to you concerning the commercial size limit for Snook.

The Snook legal minimum length for commercial fishers has been decreased from 45 cm to **41 cm**. At this time, this change has been implemented by Ministerial exemptions commencing immediately. This change has been informed by research undertaken by the South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI) on the size at which Snook reach maturity. Size at maturity relates to the length or weight of the fish when it attains reproductive maturity. Setting the minimum size limit at the size at maturity allows the fish to spawn at least once before becoming susceptible to capture in the fishery.

The status of Snook will continue to be monitored through the species performance indicators within the Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Marine Scalefish Fishery.

Copies of the exemptions issued under section 115 of the Fisheries Management Act 2007 to implement the change are enclosed.

For any questions relating to these management arrangements, please contact Michelle Besley, Marine Scalefish Fishery Manager on telephone (08) 8204 9986.

Yours sincerely

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CC: Marine Fishers Association (MFA)
    South Australian Northern Zone Professional Fishers Association (SANZPFA)
    South East Professional Fishermen's Association (SEPFA)
    Southern Fishermen's Association (SFA)
    Goolwa Pipi Harvesters Association (GPHA)
    Seafood Processors and Exporters Council Inc