NOTICE TO FISHERS

To: Holders of Marine Scalefish Fishery, Restricted Marine Scalefish Fishery, and Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery Licences with Marine Scalefish Access.

Spatial management arrangements for the use of fish nets in waters adjacent to Reevesby Island, Spencer Gulf.

Dear Licence Holder

I write to inform you of the continuation of the management arrangements limiting net fishing in the "lagoon" area adjacent to the western side of Reevesby Island (map attached for your reference).

In 2017, on-going community concerns relating to impacts of net fishing activities in waters surrounding the Sir Joseph Banks Group of islands were raised with Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA), including a request to ban netting throughout the Sir Joseph Banks Group.

The South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI) Aquatic Sciences provided advice indicating net activities in this area shifted from a traditionally winter fishing activity to a summer fishing that coincides with peak recreational fishing activity in the area.

In 2017, PIRSA consulted with the Marine Fishers Association and The District Council of Tumby Bay to develop the following management arrangements to mitigate their concerns and to find a balanced solution:

- Annually close the “lagoon” area adjacent to the western side of Reevesby Island to all net fishing for the summer holiday period from 15 December to the 31 January, Easter holidays (including the Thursday prior to Good Friday) and long weekends

- Prohibit the practice of double drain-off netting shots in the lagoon area;

- Closely monitor the number of fishing days in the area.

The continuation of these arrangements for the period 16 December 2018 to 15 December 2019 have been implemented through two notices issued pursuant to s 79 of the Fisheries Management Act 2007 (Attachment 1 and 2).

If you have any queries regarding these arrangements, please contact Mr Jonathan McPhail, Fisheries Manager on 08 842 90508.

Yours sincerely

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