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NOTICE TO LICENCE HOLDERS

To: Marine Scalefish Fishery, Northern and Southern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery (with Marine Scalefish Access) and Lakes and Coorong Fishery licence holders

Licence condition to prior report catches of School and Gummy shark

I am writing to inform you of the implementation of a new licence condition to prior report catches of School and Gummy shark taken pursuant to a licence in the Marine Scalefish Fishery (MSF), Lakes and Coorong Fishery (LCF), Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery (NZRLF) and Southern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery (SZRLF). Following consideration of the comments on the proposed licence condition provided in my Notice to Fishers of 6 December 2019 I am now writing to inform you that the following licence condition will now be implemented.

- o *At least 1 hour before the landing of any gummy and/ or school shark taken pursuant to this licence, the licence holder or registered master must inform the Department by telephone on 1800 065 522 or via the Commercial reporting App of the following information:*
 - (a) *The name of the person making the telephone call;*
 - (b) *The licence number being fished;*
 - (c) *The name of the holder of the licence, or the registered master, operating the vessel;*
 - (d) *The number of gummy shark on board the vessel that will be landed and their estimated weight;*
 - (e) *The number of school shark on board the vessel that will be landed and their estimated weight;*
 - (f) *The date and time of landing;*
 - (g) *The port of landing; and*
 - (h) *The processor the landed catches of school and gummy have been consigned to.*

This licence condition has been implemented to maintain State catches of School and Gummy shark within the bycatch allocations provided by the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) for these species. The South Australian bycatch allocations for School and Gummy shark are 4.40% and 2.90%, respectively, of the Total Allowable Catches (TACs) set for these species across southern Australia by AFMA annually.

Even with a reduction in the daily bycatch trip limit for South Australian commercial licence holders from ten (10) to five (5) on a fishing trip of one day or less, and ten (10) on a multi-day fishing trip in July 2017 catches have not been maintained within the annual bycatch allocations provided by AFMA. The implementation of the following prior reporting licence condition provides the ability to monitor State bycatch of School and Gummy shark on an ongoing basis.

Please note that once the South Australian annual bycatch allocations of School and Gummy shark have been reached a prohibition on the take and possession of these species will be implemented. Should you have any further queries in regard to this matter please contact Steve Shanks, Fisheries Manager, via email at steve.shanks@sa.gov.au.

Prof Gavin Begg

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