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**NOTICE TO NORTHERN ZONE ROCK LOBSTER  
FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS**

Dear licence holder

**Determination of Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC), rock lobster unit values and quota carry-over arrangements for 2020/21**

**2020/21 TACC**

I write to advise that, as delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development under the *Fisheries Management (Rock Lobster Fisheries) Regulations 2017*, I have determined:

- The Inner Region rock lobster unit value for the 2020/21 quota period in the Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery (NZRLF) to be **4.27 kilograms**.
- The Outer Region rock lobster unit value for the 2020/21 quota period in the NZRLF to be **0.79 kilograms**.

Determining the rock lobster unit values at 4.27 and 0.79 kilograms in the Inner Region and Outer Region, respectively, sets the 2020/21 TACC at 250 tonnes in the Inner Region and 46 tonnes in the Outer Region. These are the same values of rock lobster units and TACCs determined in 2019/20.

In setting the TACCs in the NZRLF for 2020/21 I have considered the following information:

- The recommendations of the Rock Lobster Fishery Management Advisory Committee (RLFMAC) to maintain the same TACC level as set in 2019/20.
- The advice from SARDI on the fishery status and performance indicators in 2019/20.
- Industry feedback on the performance of the fishery in 2019/20 and advice from the South Australian Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishermen's Association (SANZRLFA) to maintain the same TACC level as set in 2019/20
- The interim harvest strategy decision rules for the NZRLF.
- The impact of COVID-19 on the fishery in 2020.
- The SANZRLFA Industry Code of Conduct for the Outer Region of the NZRLF

The entitlement and registration extract of your licence has been updated and is enclosed with the new quota entitlements for the upcoming season.

My determination has been made considering:

1. The objects of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* and objectives described in the *Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery*.
2. The recommendation of the RLFMAC.
3. Advice from SARDI on the provisional status report for the 2019/20 season for the fishery and industry advice on external factors that may impact on commercial catch rate.
4. The interim harvest strategy decision rules for the NZRLF.

### **Quota carry-over arrangements**

The former Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development approved amendments to the *Fisheries Management (Rock Lobster Fisheries) Regulations 2017* to allow uncaught 2019/20 quota entitlements on NZRLF licences to be carried over to the 2020/21 and 2021/22 quota periods. These arrangements came into effect on 21 May 2020.

In recommending to Government this quota carry-over arrangement the RLFMAC agreed to provide advice to PIRSA on the amount of quota to carry-over to each of the two quota periods that quota will be carried over to.

Consistent with the advice provided to me by the RLFMAC, as delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have determined under regulation 15(3)(ab) of the *Fisheries Management (Rock Lobster Fisheries) Regulations 2017*:

- to vary the conditions of NZRLF licences so as to increase the Inner Region quota entitlement for the 2020/21 quota period by 1 kilogram of rock lobster for each kilogram by which the catch fell short of the Inner Region rock lobster entitlement under a licence for the 2019/20 quota period.
- to vary the conditions of NZRLF licences so as to increase the Outer Region quota entitlement for the quota period 2020/21 by 0.5 kilogram of rock lobster for each kilogram by which the catch fell short of the Outer Region rock lobster entitlement under the licence for the 2019/20 quota period.

These determinations will allow for 100% of uncaught 2019/20 Inner Region quota and 50% of uncaught 2019/20 Outer Region quota to be available for licence holders to catch in the 2020/21 quota period.

Any uncaught 2019/20 Inner Region quota carried over to the 2020/21 quota period and not harvested in that quota period will be available to be carried over to the 2021/22 quota period.

The remaining 50% of Outer Region uncaught quota from 2019/20 will be available to be carried over to the 2021/22 quota period. However, any uncaught 2019/20 Outer Region quota carried over to a licence in 2020/21 that remains uncaught at the end of the 2020/21 quota period will not be carried over to the 2021/22 quota period.

In determining carry-over arrangements for each region for the 2020/21 quota period I have considered the following information:

- The objects of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*.
- The recommendation of the RLFMAC that 100% of uncaught 2019/20 Inner Region quota and 50% of uncaught 2019/20 Outer Region quota be carried over to the 2020/21 quota period.
- The advice from SARDI on the carry-over of quota and performance indicators for the fishery.
- Industry feedback on requested carry-over amounts for 2020/21.

It was agreed by the RLFMAC that these carry-over arrangements will continue to be monitored and reviewed by the RLFMAC at its meetings in February and July 2021.

If you have any questions related to your licence or quota entitlements, please contact PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, Leasing and Licensing on (08) 8207 5332.

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Yours sincerely



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As delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development