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NOTICE TO LICENCE HOLDERS

South Australian South East Snapper Fishery Update

Dear Licence Holder

In November 2019, new management measures were introduced to recover the Snapper fishery to sustainable stock levels. A total Snapper closure has been applied to the waters in the West Coast, Spencer Gulf and Gulf St Vincent from 1 November 2019 to 31 January 2023. An annual seasonal Snapper closure (from each 1 November to the end of each January) was also applied to the waters in the South East region until 31 January 2023 to help maintain that fishery at a sustainable level. During these closures, the targeting, take, and possession of Snapper is prohibited for the commercial, recreational and charter boat sectors.

Earlier this year, after receiving recommendations from the Snapper Management Advisory Committee, a package of measures including a Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of 26,666 kg was set for the South East Snapper season for the period of 1 February 2021 to 30 June 2021.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) provided a Notice to licence holders dated 25 January 2021 informing that if the Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) of 21,600 kg for Snapper was reached prior to 30 June 2021, access to Snapper would be closed for the commercial sector.

PIRSA is closely monitoring the TACC daily through catch and disposal records (CDRs) for Snapper and has agreed to notify commercial licence holders with access to South East Snapper by letter or email and text message (SMS) when catch levels reach 50%, 75%, 90% and 100% of the TACC.

I can inform you that, as of 9 March 2021, 53% of the Snapper TACC has been caught and recorded on CDRs. A further update will be provided when catch levels reach 75% of the TACC.

This is also a reminder that you need to continue to comply with the requirements set out in the management arrangements such as prior reporting and accurately and timely reporting on your CDR and the South Australian Commercial Marine Scalefish Fishery Daily Catch and Effort Logbook.

Further information on Snapper management arrangements can be found on the PIRSA website at <https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/fishing/snapper>, and should you have any further questions please contact Mr Sam Stone, Fisheries Manager on (08) 8429 2101.

Yours sincerely



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