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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) will apply to the waters in the South East region until 31 January 2023. During these closures, the targeting, take, and possession of Snapper is prohibited for the commercial, recreational and charter boat sectors.

A Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of 75 tonnes was set for the South East Snapper fishing season that commenced 1 February 2020. Based on the allocated shares contained in the *Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Marine Scalefish Fishery*, the following catch levels were implemented for each sector:

- A Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) of 60,750 kg (based on 81% share of the resource);
- A Total Allowable Recreational Catch (TARC) of 13,500 kg (based on 18% share of the resource);
- A nominal allocation to Aboriginal traditional fishing.

PIRSA provided a Notice to licence holders dated 17 January 2020 informing that once the TACC of 60,750 kg for Snapper is reached in South East waters, access to Snapper will 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, email and text message (SMS) when catch levels reach 50%, 75%, 90% and 100% of the TACC.

I can inform you that, as of 18 August 2020, 75% of the Snapper TACC has been caught and recorded on CDRs. A further update will be provided when catch levels reach 90% 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 Rob Falco, Acting Marine Scalefish Fishery Manager on (08) 8429 0359.

Yours sincerely



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