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**NOTICE TO MARINE SCALEFISH FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS AND
NORTHERN ZONE ROCK LOBSTER FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS**

**Removal of licence condition 1310 relating to haul net mesh size within 3
nautical miles of Kangaroo Island**

Dear Marine Scalefish Fishery or Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery Licence Holder,

I write to inform you of the removal of licence condition 1310, which relates to haul net mesh size within three (3) nautical miles of Kangaroo Island.

In July 2020, as part of the reform of the Marine Scalefish Fishery (MSF), a Red Tape Reduction Working Group (RTRWG) was established and tasked by the former Minister to consult with industry and identify measures to reduce red tape in the fishery.

One of the RTRWG proposals was the removal of licence condition 1310, which applies to the mesh size of haul nets used by MSF and Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery licences in waters adjacent to Kangaroo Island. Licence condition 1310 states:

“A hauling net shall not be used in waters within three (3) nautical miles from high water mark on Kangaroo Island unless the haul net has a mesh of at least 5 centimetres in more than one half of the total length of the net”

Given that the main species taken by hauling net (King George whiting, southern calamari and southern garfish) are now subject to quota management (output controls) and under licence condition 1325 species not permitted to be taken (including undersize fish) are required to be sorted in the bunt of the net, I have determined that licence condition 1310 is no longer required.

As a result of this assessment and the proposal from the RTRWG, as delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have revoked licence condition 1310. New licences with licence condition 1310 removed will be issued to MSF and Rock Lobster Fishery licence holders.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact Yolande Markey, Fisheries Manager, on 0427 979 085 or Yolande.Markey@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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