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**NOTICE TO MARINE SCALEFISH FISHERY, ROCK LOBSTER FISHERIES, LAKES
AND COORONG FISHERY AND CHARTER BOAT FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS, AND
FISH PROCESSOR REGISTRATION HOLDERS**

Temporary Wrasse management arrangements

Dear licence/registration holder

I write to you regarding temporary management arrangements for Wrasse species (other than Western Blue Groper).

As delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have considered and granted a Ministerial exemption under section 115 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* to allow for the continued take of permitted Wrasse species (other than Western Blue Groper) above the maximum size limit of 35 cm. The exemption applies to licence holders in respect of the Marine Scalefish Fishery, Lakes and Coorong Fishery, Southern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery, Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery, or their registered master, and passengers recreationally fishing on a charter boat pursuant to a Charter Boat Fishery agreement. A copy of the exemption notice is enclosed for your reference (ME9903252) and includes the revocation of the previous Ministerial exemption that applied to charter fishing (ME9903211).

Please note, the exemption is subject to strict conditions and it is the exemption holder's responsibility to ensure they are aware of their obligations and that they have a copy of the exemption notice when undertaking the exempted activity. The *Fisheries Management Act 2007* provides that it is an offence to breach a condition of an exemption.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) has commenced a review of the Wrasse size slot arrangements and will be considering whether any regulatory amendments may be appropriate to implement more permanent arrangements.

Should you have any further queries in regard to this matter please contact Elisha Lovell, Fisheries Management Officer on (08) 8429 3629 or email Elisha.lovell@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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