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**NOTICE TO MARINE SCALEFISH FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS:  
RAZORFISH MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS ON THE WEST COAST**

Dear licence holder

I am writing to you regarding an application from the Marine Fishers Association (MFA) for a Ministerial Exemption to allow Marine Scalefish Fishery licence holders to take Razorfish for bait above the current limit, and allow for more efficient harvesting of Razorfish for bait on the West Coast of South Australia.

As a delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have considered the application from the MFA and have decided to provide licence holders with an s115 Ministerial exemption. A copy of the exemption is enclosed.

In considering your application, I am permitting individual licence holders on the West Coast to take a multiple of 50 per day, over a set number of days with a prior reporting requirement, as this allows for efficient collection of Razorfish without explicitly increasing the overall level of take of individuals. For consistency purposes, the level of take on a given day for an individual has been recommended to be set at 150 (three days harvest), with a condition the individual not be able to harvest any Razorfish for three calendar days following the prior report of initial harvest.

The exemption will only apply to the licence holder (or their registered master), and any agent will continue to be able to take their daily bag limit of 50 Razorfish per day, to limit the overall take on a day to a reasonable number.

Should you have any further queries please contact Mr Rob Falco, A/Fishery Manager on (08) 8429 0359 or [rob.falco@sa.gov.au](mailto:rob.falco@sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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