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To: Lakes and Coorong Fishery Licence Holders Marine Scalefish Fishery licence holders with Pipi quota

NOTICE TO FISHERS:

PIPI AND FINFISH MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2022/23 SEASON

I write to advise you of the management arrangements for the 2022/23 Pipi and Finfish fishing season commencing 1 July 2022.

The *Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Lakes and Coorong Fishery* (the Management Plan) commenced on 1 March 2022 and sets out formal harvest strategies for the Finfish and Pipi sectors.

The Lakes and Coorong Fishery Management Advisory Committee (LCFMAC) met on 19 May 2022 to consider the total allowable commercial catch (TACC) for Pipi and total allowable commercial effort (TACE) for Finfish for the 2022/23 fishing season, and to provide recommendations to the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) on these matters. The LCFMAC recommended the Pipi TACC be set at 450 tonnes, and a 100% allocation (1175 nets) for the Freshwater Large Mesh Gill Net, Estuarine Small Mesh Gill Net and Estuarine Large Mesh Gill Net sectors.

Determination of Pipi TACC

Following consideration of the LCFMAC recommendation and other information, as a delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have determined the Pipi TACC for the 2022/23 quota period will be 450 tonnes. The value of a quota unit in 2022/23 will, therefore, be 450 kg.

The 2022/23 TACC decision making process was guided by the Pipi Harvest Strategy, which includes decision rules for making TACC decisions for the fishery. The Pipi TACC determination was made after considering the following:

- 1. The objects of the Fisheries Management Act 2007.
- 2. The recommendation of the LCFMAC.
- 3. The advice from the South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI) on fishery status and biological performance indicators.
- 4. The Fishery Gross Margin report on the economic performance indicators
- 5. The Pipi Harvest Strategy decision rules as set out in the Management Plan.
- 6. Industry input.

Determination of Finfish TACE

Following consideration of the recommendations of the LCFMAC and other information, as a delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have determined the TACE for Finfish for the 2022/23 fishing season to be set at the maximum entitlement of the fishery of 1175 net units (being made up to licence holders holding 25, 50, 75 and 100 mesh nets) for the Freshwater Large Mesh Gill Net, Coorong Small Mesh Gill Net and Coorong Estuarine Large Mesh Gill Net sectors consistent with the harvest strategy decision rules.

<u>The 2022/23 TACE decision making process</u> was guided by the Finfish Harvest Strategy. In making the TACE determination, I have considered the following:

- 1. The objects of the Fisheries Management Act 2007.
- 2. The recommendation of the LCFMAC.
- 3. The SARDI Fishery Statistics and performance indicators in the Assessment of the South Australian Lakes and Coorong Fishery in 2020/21 report.
- 4. The Finfish Harvest Strategy decision rules as set out in the Management Plan.
- 5. Industry input.

If you have any questions in relation to these management arrangements, please contact Steve Shanks, A/Program Leader, Community Based Fisheries on (08) 8429 0197 or via e-mail: steve.shanks@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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