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NOTICE TO FISHERS

SNAPPER MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Charter Boat Fishery Licence Holder

Please be aware of the Snapper management arrangements in the South East Fishing Zone (SEFZ) for Charter Boat Fishery (CBF) licence holders from 1 July 2022.

As delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have enacted the following Snapper management arrangements for fishing in the SEFZ from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023:

- o   The CBF share of the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for the SEFZ Snapper fishery equates to 6,401 kg, and 3,233 fish based on the average weight of 1.98 kg per Snapper;
- o   Minimum size limit of 38 cm;
- o   The daily passenger limit of 1 large (>60 cm) and 3 small (38-60 cm) Snapper per person with no harvest tags in use;
- o   Snapper fishing for the CBF may be closed if its respective share of the TARC is reached prior to 30 June 2023.

Please be reminded that in order to effectively monitor Snapper catches and maintain the integrity of the CBF share of the TAC, the following are also required:

Prior to landing reporting
The determination under regulation 12 of the *Fisheries Management (Charter Boat Fishery) Regulations 2016*, remains in place requiring CBF licence holders, or their masters, at least one hour prior to landing to report the number of Snapper to be landed and other details. A copy of the Ministerial determination is attached.

Prior to landing reporting can be made to the Department through the Commercial reporting app or by telephone on 1800 065 522.

Transiting through the Snapper Closure Area when in possession of Snapper
In order to effectively monitor the possession of Snapper in the Snapper Closure Area by CBF licence holders, the determination under regulation 12 of the *Fisheries Management (Charter Boat Fishery) Regulations 2016*, also requires CBF licence holders, or their masters to report prior to transiting through a Snapper closure area when Snapper taken lawfully in the South East Fishing Zone are onboard the vessel.

Please note, if completing a prior to transiting report, the prior to landing report can be completed at the same time, and as such only one report call/log is required.

<u>Sealing Snapper in receptacles when transiting through the Snapper Closure Area</u>
In addition to prior reporting, to ensure integrity of the Snapper Closure Areas, the following licence condition remains in place, requiring all Snapper to be placed in a sealed receptacle(s) before entering within a Snapper Closure Area:

> *Prior to transiting through the Gulf St Vincent/ Kangaroo Island, Spencer Gulf and West Coast Fishing Zones from the South East Fishing Zone the holder of the licence or registered master of a boat registered under the licence, that is being used for charter boat fishing services, must where in lawful possession or control of Snapper.*
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> a) *Secure all Snapper in a receptacle on the boat until point of landing using a tag issued by the Department in a manner whereby no fish can be removed or added to the receptacle without breaking the tag; and*
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> b) *Report to the Department (via FISHWATCH or the Commercial Reporting App), the tag number (s) used and the number of Snapper sealed in the receptacle (s).*

If you will be transiting through the closure area with Snapper lawfully taken in the SEFZ onboard please contact PIRSA Leasing and Licencing on (08) 8207 5332 to request approved tags for sealing receptacles to be sent to you prior to undertaking this activity. Alternatively, you can obtain tags in person from PIRSA at 2 Hamra Ave, West Beach 5024.

Should you have any further queries in relation to Snapper management for the CBF please contact Jordan Lear, Fisheries Management Officer at jordan.lear@sa.gov.au or on 8429 0931.

Yours sincerely

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