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

Listing of species on the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wildlife Fauna and Flora (CITES)

Dear licence/registration holder

I write to inform you that at the 19th Conference of Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES CoP19), the CITES members voted to include the following marine species on CITES Appendix II with the following implementation dates:

- All *Rhinobatidae* species (guitarfish) listing – 23 February 2023
- All *Sphyrnidae* species (hammerhead sharks) – 23 February 2023
- All *Carcharhinidae* species (requiem sharks, including Bronze and Dusky Whalers) – 25 November 2023
- All *Thelenota* species (three species of sea cucumbers not distributed in South Australia) – 25 May 2024

CITES Appendix II lists species not currently threatened with extinction but that could become so if trade is not regulated.

Listing on CITES Appendix II means that export may only be granted under an export permit or re-export certificate where each country can demonstrate the trade will be sustainable, legal, and traceable. This is done via the development of a non-detrimental finding (NDF) which is a science-based study that assesses whether any trade of the listed species will have a negative (or detrimental) effect on the survival of that species.

It is important that you are aware that commercial fishers and fish processors will not be able to export, or stockpile for export, any of the species listed on CITES Appendix II (as above) after the corresponding implementation dates, until relevant NDFs are in place. As NDFs are not yet in place for guitarfish and hammerhead sharks, these species cannot be currently exported. Further information about CITES and NDFs is available on the CITES website at: <https://cites.org/eng/prog/ndf/index.php>

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) is continuing to liaise with the Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the

Environment and Water (DCCEEW) in relation to the preparation of NDFs. It is PIRSA's understanding that DCCEEW will be seeking to prepare NDFs for all the new marine species listed, including requiem sharks (listing to commence 25 November 2023), and an update will be provided once further information is available.

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

Yours sincerely



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