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www.pir.sa.gov.au**NOTICE TO NORTHERN ZONE ROCK LOBSTER FISHERS****Amendments to regulations**

Dear Licence Holder,

I write to inform you of amendments to regulations under the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* that relate to the Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery (NZRLF).

On 27 July 2023, amendments to the *Fisheries Management (Rock Lobster) Regulations 2017* (the Regulations) were made by the Governor and published in the South Australian Government Gazette, No 58. A copy is available at [https://governmentgazette.sa.gov.au/2023/July/2023\\_058.pdf](https://governmentgazette.sa.gov.au/2023/July/2023_058.pdf)

These amendments include:

- The removal of the closed season for the Inner Region of the NZRLF, effective from 1 November 2023; and
- The changing of the quota period start date from 1 November to 1 September, commencing 1 September 2024, through amendments to the definition of quota period under Regulation 15 of the regulations, to prescribe that:

**Quota period** – a quota period for the fishery means -

- The period commencing on 1 November 2023 and ending on 31 August 2024; or the period of 12 months commencing on 1 September 2024 or on 1 September in any subsequent year.

These changes were progressed at the request of industry to provide licence holders greater flexibility and additional time to harvest their allocated quota entitlements and to have access to markets year-round.

If you have any queries regarding these arrangements please contact Jordan Lear, Fishery Manager, on 0401 121 955 or email [Jordan.Lear@sa.gov.au](mailto:Jordan.Lear@sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A blue ink signature of Prof Gavin Begg.

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