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www.pir.sa.gov.au**NOTICE TO CHARTER BOAT FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS****Charter Boat Fishery – Marking of recreational caught lobster**

Dear Licence Holder

I write to inform you of amendments that have recently been made to regulations under the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* relating to fishing activities that may be undertaken in the Charter Boat Fishery.

A variation to regulation 23 of the Fisheries Management (General) Regulations 2017 has been made to provide an alternative method to permanently mark all Rock Lobster taken by unlicensed persons to show that it was recreationally caught. The amendment allows for the punching of a hole not less than 10 mm in the distal end of the middle tail fan as an alternative to tail fan clipping.

The amendment will allow greater flexibility in the method of mandatory marking of Rock Lobster by allowing fishers to either clip the middle tail fan (consistent with pre-existing arrangements) or punch a hole in the middle tail fan (new arrangement).

Additionally, the amendment extends the marking requirement to all species of the spiny lobster (family Palinuridae), including both Southern Rock Lobster and Eastern Rock Lobster, that may be recreationally caught in South Australian waters.

The regulatory amendments, should you wish to view them, are set out in the Fisheries Management (General) (Miscellaneous) Amendment Regulations 2026, as published in the Government Gazette, No. 47, Thursday 20 August 2026 (pp. 2775-2860), available at: [No. 47 - Thursday, 20 August 2026 \(pp. 2775–2860\)](#), effective from 20 August 2026.

If you have any queries regarding these arrangements, you can contact Jordan Lear, Fishery Manager – Charter Boat Fishery, on 0401 121 955 or at Jordan.lear@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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