To: All licence holders in the Marine Scalefish, Northern Zone Rock Lobster and Southern Zone Rock Lobster fisheries with a large mesh net or large mesh monofilament net entitlement

NOTICE TO FISHERS:

NEW LICENCE CONDITION AND MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR USE OF LARGE MESH AND LARGE MESH MONOFILAMENT NETS

Further to the Notice to Fishers issued on 5 August 2016, I write to you to inform you that as a delegate of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, I have considered and approved a new licence condition and management arrangements regarding the use of large mesh nets and large mesh monofilament nets for the purpose of mitigating risk of fishery interactions with Australian Sea Lions.

Primary industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA), along with industry Executive Officers from the Marine Fishers Association, SA Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishermen’s Association and South Eastern Professional Fisherman’s Association, the South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI) and the federal Department of the Environment and Energy (DotEE), have developed the new management arrangements in response to requirements from DotEE.

The new licence condition is:

No large mesh net or large mesh monofilament net may be used from or carried on board any vessel registered under the licence in State waters unless the licence holder or registered master has prior reported the intended use of the net through PIRSA Fishwatch on 1800 065 522 (or the Fisheries and Aquaculture Commercial Reporting App) and has provided the following information;

(a) the name of the person making the call and the applicable licence number,
(b) the location where the fishing activity with either net is to occur.

The new management arrangements may include the use of closures issued under Section 79 of the Fisheries Management Act 2007, as part of agreed management arrangements for addressing risks of Australian Sea Lion interactions in the Marine Scalefish Fishery. The details of the management arrangements were provided in the Notice to Fishers dated 5 August 2016.
The new licence condition and management arrangements will commence from midday 14 September 2016 and will apply to all licences of the Marine Scalefish, Northern Zone Rock Lobster and Southern Zone Rock Lobster fisheries with a large mesh net or large mesh monofilament net entitlement.

A copy of your updated licence, incorporating the above mentioned licence condition, is enclosed.

Licence holders have the right under section 111 of the Fisheries Management Act 2007 to seek a review of an imposition of a licence condition. If licence holders wish to exercise this right they should obtain their own legal advice.

If you have any questions regarding the licence condition and management arrangements, please contact Mr Jonathan McPhail, Fishery Manager on telephone: (08) 8429 0508 or email: jonathan.mcphail@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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