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**NOTICE TO LAKES AND COORONG FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS  
CHANGES TO GEAR DESCRIPTIONS OF HOOP AND DROP NETS ON  
LICENCES TO LIFT NETS**

Dear Licence holder,

I write to you regarding changes being made to licences to transition and consolidate existing descriptions of drop net and hoop net devices to lift nets. This will entail changes to the descriptions of these registered devices on the entitlement registers of Lakes and Coorong Fishery licences that currently have them endorsed.

On 2 May 2023, I wrote to inform you of several miscellaneous amendments that had been made to regulations under the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* (the Act).

One of these amendments related to updating the definition of a lift net in regulation 3 of the *Fisheries Management (General) Regulations 2017* to include a net consisting of one or two rings. This amended definition encompasses both hoop and drop net devices and reflects the types of lift nets currently in use. This simplified description is now being incorporated into the existing gear descriptions on entitlement registers of licences that currently have hoop and drop nets in the commercial Marine Scalefish Fishery and also the Lakes and Coorong Fishery and Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery.

To help transition and facilitate the change from regulating hoop and drop nets individually to regulating them together as lift nets, I approved a Ministerial exemption (ME9903241) on 18 April 2023 that allowed the holder of a Marine Scalefish Fishery, Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery or Lakes and Coorong Fishery licence to use hoop nets and drop nets interchangeably as long that the total number used at any time was consistent with the maximum combined number of these devices on the licence.

To complete the transition to managing hoop and drop nets as lift nets, I have now approved changes to be made to the references to hoop net and drop net endorsements on affected licences to be replaced with a combined number of lift nets. Licence conditions relating to hoop nets and drop nets have also been updated to relate to lift nets.

An updated copy of affected licences, reflecting these changes is available through the myPIRSA portal, available at: <https://mypirsa.pir.sa.gov.au/>

Alternatively you may request a copy from the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) Fisheries Licencing at [PIRSA.FisheriesLicencing@sa.gov.au](mailto:PIRSA.FisheriesLicencing@sa.gov.au)

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Should you have any further queries in regard to this matter please contact Mrs Yolande Markey, Fisheries Manager on 0427 979 085.

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Begg', with a stylized, cursive script.

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