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NOTICE TO SOUTHERN ZONE ROCK LOBSTER FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS

Dear licence holder

Determination of the 2025/26 quota unit value, the Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) and management arrangements for the Southern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery (SZRLF).

I write to advise that as delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development under the Fisheries Management (Rock Lobster Fisheries) Regulations 2017 (the regulations), I have determined the rock lobster quota unit value for the 2025/26 quota period in the SZRLF to be **111.09 kilograms**. Determining the rock lobster unit value for the 2025/26 quota period at 111.09 kilograms per unit sets the TACC at 1,320 tonnes, consistent with the SZRLF harvest strategy in the management plan.

In determining the rock lobster unit value and TACC for the 2025/26 quota period, I have considered:

1. The objects of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*.
2. Advice from SARDI on the status report for the 2024/25 quota period.
3. The recommendation of the RLFMAC to set the TACC at 1,320 tonnes for the 2025/26 quota period.
4. The harvest strategy decision rules in the management plan for the SZRLF.

Carry-over / Over-catch

In regard to the provision for over-catch of quota entitlements, I advise that as delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have made the following determinations:

- If the total catch of rock lobster taken by the holder of a SZRLF licence during the quota period 2025/26 exceeds the rock lobster quota entitlement under the licence for that quota period:
 - by not more than 50 kg, the conditions of the licence may be varied so as to decrease the quota entitlement for the following quota period (2026/27) by 1 kilogram of rock lobster for each kilogram taken in excess of the quota entitlement.; or
 - If the catch exceeds the quota entitlement by more than 50 kg, the conditions of the licence may be varied so as to decrease the quota entitlement for the following quota period (2026/27) by 2 kilograms of rock lobster for each kilogram taken in excess of the quota entitlement.

With regard to the carry-over provisions, I intend to make adjustments to licences to carry-over uncaught SZRLF quota entitlements on individual licences from the 2024/25 quota period to the 2025/26 quota period up to a maximum of 10% of quota entitlements.

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Please be advised that carried over quota entitlements cannot be transferred and can only be used in the quota period to which they are carried over to.

SZRLF Quota Period

The quota period for the SZRLF commences 1 September 2025. Please note the prescribed closed season for the Southern Zone still remains in place between 1800 hours on 31 May and 0600 hours 1 October 2024. To allow commercial fishing from 1 September 2025, I have made a determination under the regulations to enable licence holders to set a rock lobster pot, take rock lobster and sell live rock lobster for the period 0600 hours 1 September 2025 and 0600 hours 1 October 2025.

Giant Crab Access

The normal fishing closure for Giant Crab will remain in place and any Giant Crab incidentally caught in rock lobster pots in the period between 0600 hours on 1 September 2025 and 0600 hours on 1 October 2025 must be released.

SZRLF Online Quota Transfer Service

This system can be accessed through the eCatch portal and allows users to complete the quota transfer application form, submit payment, and receive all approval documents electronically.

Licence holders who do not currently have access to eCatch will need to firstly create a myPIRSA account by going to <https://mypirsa.pir.sa.gov.au/> and registering as a new user. Once in myPIRSA, users can apply for the eCatch service. Please note that only licence holders and directors will be able to launch the service as all quota transfer applications must be submitted by the holder of the licence.

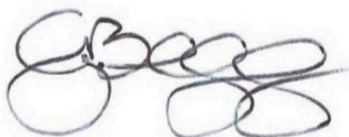
All communication sent to the eCatch inbox will be automatically forwarded to a nominated email address. By default, this will be the email address used for your myPIRSA account. Licence holders can nominate a different email address or choose not to receive eCatch communication via email. If you wish to change your email preferences or are having difficulty in accessing the system, please contact the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) Fisheries and Aquaculture, Leasing and Licensing on (08) 8207 5332.

Further, your final quota statement for the 2024/25 quota period is available on-line through the eCatch portal at: https://pir.sa.gov.au/top_menu/services/mypirsa.

Please find enclosed your quota entitlements extract for the 2025/26 quota period.

Should you have any queries in regard to these matters please contact Steve Shanks, Commercial Fisheries Manager on (08) 8429 0197 or at steve.shanks@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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