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www.pir.sa.gov.au**NOTICE TO MARINE SCALEFISH FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS**
Engagement with second peak representative body

Dear Licence holder,

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) received and assessed a request from the South Australian Professional Fishers Association (SAPFA) to formally engage with PIRSA on matters relating to the Marine Scalefish Fishery (MSF).

Co-management is an integral part of the fisheries management approach applied by the Government of South Australia. It seeks to ensure stakeholders most impacted by management decisions have a strong voice in their development, delivers better fisheries outcomes, and supports the Objects of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* (the Act).

To ensure that consultation and engagement with all MSF licence holders is maintained across the fishery, I wish to advise that in addition to the Marine Fishers Association (MFA), PIRSA will now also formally recognise SAPFA as a peak representative body representing licence holders in the MSF. As such, PIRSA will formally engage with both the MFA and SAPFA on matters relating to the management or related proposals that apply to the MSF.

I have instructed relevant PIRSA and SARDI staff accordingly and PIRSA and SARDI will invite feedback from both the MFA and SAPFA on matters in relation to the MSF going forward.

PIRSA continues to value and appreciate the work and input of the MFA, as well as all individuals and other industry associations that help to progress key issues in the MSF. I am aware that significant time and effort goes into this, often dealing with complex and challenging matters.

Should you have any further queries in regard to this matter please contact Yolande Markey, Fisheries Manager, on 0427 979 085 or email yolande.markey@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Begg'.

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