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**NOTICE TO FISHERS**

**EXTENSION OF 2021/22 FISHING SEASON OF THE SOUTHERN ZONE ROCK  
LOBSTER FISHERY**

I am writing in relation to the extension of the 2021/22 fishing season of the Southern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery (SZRLF) until 30 June 2022.

Under regulations 12 and 29 of the *Fisheries Management (Rock Lobster Fisheries) Regulations 2017*, the Minister by notice in the South Australian Government Gazette may make a determination varying the period of the Southern Zone closed season allowing for an extension to the fishing season for commercial fishers.

As the delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, on the advice and recommendation of the RLFMAC, I have determined by notice in the South Australian Government Gazette that the 2021/22 SZRLF season will be extended to 1800 hours on 30 June 2022. I have enclosed a copy of the determination enacting these arrangements for your information.

The determination to allow for the extension of the 2021/22 fishing season has been made considering:

- the objects of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*;
- available scientific information;
- advice from the RLFMAC; and
- industry feedback.

Please note 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 1800 hours on 30 April and 30 June 2022 must be released as soon as practicable.

Please contact Steve Shanks, Fisheries Manager, on telephone: (08) 8429 0197 or email: [steve.shanks@sa.gov.au](mailto:steve.shanks@sa.gov.au) should you have any further queries regarding these matters.

Yours sincerely

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