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To: Lakes and Coorong Fishery Licence Holders
Marine Scalefish Fishery licence holders with Pipi quota

NOTICE TO FISHERS

PIPI AND FINFISH MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2023/24 SEASON

I write to advise you of the management arrangements for the 2023/24 Pipi and Finfish fishing season commencing 1 July 2023.

The *Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Lakes and Coorong Fishery* (the Management Plan) commenced on 1 March 2022 and sets out formal harvest strategies for the Finfish and Pipi sectors.

The Lakes and Coorong Fishery Management Advisory Committee (LCFMAC) met on 5 June 2023 to consider the Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) for Pipi and Total Allowable Commercial Effort (TACE) for Finfish for the 2023/24 fishing season, and to provide recommendations to the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) on these matters. The LCFMAC recommended the Pipi TACC be set at 550 tonnes, and a 100% allocation (1175 nets) for the Freshwater Large Mesh Gill Net, Estuarine Small Mesh Gill Net and Estuarine Large Mesh Gill Net sectors.

Determination of Pipi TACC

Following consideration of the LCFMAC recommendation and other information, as a delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have determined the value of a Pipi quota unit in 2023/24 will be 550 kg. Therefore, the Pipi TACC for the 2023/24 quota period will be 550 tonnes.

The 2023/24 TACC decision making process was guided by the Pipi Harvest Strategy, which includes decision rules for making TACC decisions for the fishery. The Pipi TACC determination was made after considering the following:

1. The objects of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*.
2. The recommendation of the LCFMAC.
3. The advice from the South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI) on fishery status and biological performance indicators.
4. The Fishery Gross Margin report on the economic performance indicators.
5. The Pipi Harvest Strategy decision rules as set out in the Management Plan.
6. Industry input.

Determination of Finfish TACE

Following consideration of the recommendations of the LCFMAC and other information, as a delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have determined the TACE for the Finfish sector for the 2023/24 fishing season to be set at the maximum entitlement of the fishery of 1175 net units (being made up to licence holders holding 25, 50, 75 and 100 mesh nets) for the Freshwater Large Mesh Gill Net, Coorong Small Mesh Gill Net and Coorong Estuarine Large Mesh Gill Net sectors consistent with the harvest strategy decision rules.

The 2023/24 TACE decision making process was guided by the Finfish Harvest Strategy. In making the TACE determination, I have considered the following:

1. The objects of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*.
2. The recommendation of the LCFMAC.
3. The SARDI Fishery Statistics and performance indicators in the Assessment of the South Australian Lakes and Coorong Fishery in 2021/22 report.
4. The Finfish Harvest Strategy decision rules as set out in the Management Plan.
5. Industry input.

If you have any questions in relation to these management arrangements, please contact Sam Stone, Community Based Fisheries Manager on (08) 8429 2101 or via e-mail at sam.stone@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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