March 2019

NOTICE TO FISHERS

To: Licence holders in the Marine Scalefish Fishery, Restricted Marine Scalefish Fishery, Rock Lobster Fisheries and Lakes and Coorong Fishery.

TEMPORARY WRASSE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

I am writing to you concerning the temporary management arrangements regarding wrasse species (other than Western Blue Groper). An exemption was approved in February 2018.

As a delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have considered and granted a Ministerial exemption under section 115 of the Fisheries Management Act 2007 to allow for the continued take of permitted Wrasses species (other than Western Blue Groper) above the maximum size limit of 35 cm. A copy of the exemption is enclosed.

In accordance with this Ministerial exemption, I have incorporated into the conditions a requirement to record and submit further information on the wrasse fishery to support research and future management. I have enclosed a copy of the wrasse research log sheet that you must complete daily when targeting wrasse species under this exemption. The first 30 Wrasses species caught each trip under this exemption must be recorded daily in this log sheet and provided to SARDI at the end of each month. Please ensure you fill in all required fields accurately.

Data collected during the application of the exemption will be analysed and stakeholders will be consulted to determine future management arrangements for the Wrasses fishery.

Please note that the exemption is subject to strict conditions. It is the exemption holder’s responsibility to ensure that they are aware of their obligations and that they have a copy of the exemption notice when undertaking the exempted activity. The Fisheries Management Act 2007 provides that it is an offence to breach a condition of an exemption.

Should you have any further queries in regard to this matter please contact Mr Jonathan McPhail, Marine Scalefish Fishery Manager on (08) 8429 0508 or via jonathan.mcphail@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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