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NOTICE TO SOUTHERN ZONE ROCK LOBSTER FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS

Dear licence holder

Determination of the 2019/20 Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) and rock lobster unit values

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, I have determined the rock lobster unit value for the 2019/20 fishing season in the Southern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery (SZRLF) to be 104.84 kilograms.

Determining the rock lobster unit value at 104.84 kilograms sets the 2019/20 TACC at 1,245.7 tonnes and maintains the value of a rock lobster unit and the TACC at the same levels as those set in 2018/19.

Please note that a TACC increase allowed for under the harvest strategy decision rules for the SZRLF at the level of fishery performance recorded in the 2018/19 fishing season was considered. In deciding to not increase the TACC in the SZRLF for 2019/20 I have considered the following information:

- A recommendation from the Rock Lobster Fishery Management Advisory Committee (RLFMAC) to maintain the current level of TACC for the 2019/20 fishing season.
- Advice from SEPFA to the RLFMAC to maintain the current TACC level of 1245.7 tonnes noting differing views raised by some of the members.
- Advice from the Research Sub-committee of the RLFMAC in regard to testing of the current harvest strategy decision rules, using new information not available at the time of its development, that indicate that the current harvest strategy is unlikely to achieve stock rebuilding objectives that have been agreed to by all stakeholders.

The entitlement and registration extract of your licence has been updated and is enclosed with the new quota entitlements for the upcoming season.

My determination has been made considering:

1. The objects of the Fisheries Management Act 2007
2. Recommendations of the Rock Lobster Fishery Management Advisory Committee

Objective ID: A4124767
3. Advice from SARDI Aquatic Sciences on the provisional status report for the 2018/19 season for the fishery and industry advice on external factors that may impact on commercial catch rate.

4. The harvest strategy decision rules for the SZRLF.

Please contact Dr Annabel Jones, Program Leader Commercial Fisheries, on (08) 8429 0165 if you require any further information regarding the management of the fishery or telephone 8204 1370 for any licensing enquiries.

**SZRLF Online Quota Transfer Service Implementation**

PIRSA is currently working to modernize and transform our service to licence holders by implementing digital strategies and technologies. As a part of this approach, an online quota transfer system has been developed for the SZRLF. 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 don’t currently have access to eCatch will need to firstly create a myPIRSA account by going to [https://mypirsa.pir.sa.gov.au/](https://mypirsa.pir.sa.gov.au/) and registering as a new user. Once in myPIRSA, users can apply for the eCatch service. An information sheet regarding how to launch the quota transfer service once in eCatch is enclosed for your reference. 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 PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture, Leasing and Licensing on (08) 8204 1370.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Sean Sloan
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FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE
As delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development