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NOTICE TO MARINE SCALEFISH FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS

Dear Licence Holder

I write to advise you that in consideration of the current implementation of the substantial reforms planned for the Marine Scalefish fishery in South Australia the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development has adopted a policy that there should be no transfers of Marine Scalefish Fishery licences under section 57 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* until 1 July 2021. This policy of refusing to consent to licence transfer applications in this fishery is effective from 10 August 2020.

This policy has been adopted to ensure the Marine Scalefish Fishery will continue to be managed in a manner consistent with the ecologically sustainable development objectives of the Act while the planned reform measures, including the administrative process for the allocation of quota entitlements to individual licences, can be implemented in an equitable and efficient manner.

Licence holders may still make an application for consent to transfer of an authority or to apply for a review of a variation or imposition of a licence condition or refusal to issue, renew or consent to the transfer of an authority under the Act. The Minister will take into account the new transfer refusal policy in addition to any extenuating circumstances or other relevant considerations should any applications to transfer a Marine Scalefish Fishery licence be made before 1 July 2021.

If you require any further information about this matter please contact Mr Jon Presser, Manager Fisheries Reform on telephone (08) 8429 0588 or Ms Alice Fistr, Senior Adviser Fisheries Reform on telephone (08) 8429 3565 or email MSF.Reform@sa.gov.au.

Information on the Marine Scalefish Fishery reform is available on the PIRSA website at www.pir.sa.gov.au/fishingreform

Yours sincerely

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