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NOTICE TO MARINE SCALEFISH FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS MARINE SCALEFISH FISHERY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dear licence holder,

Further to the Notice to Fishers dated 9 July 2021 regarding expressions of interest for membership of the Marine Scalefish Fishery Management Advisory Committee (MSFMAC or “the Committee”), I write to inform you of the membership of the Committee, its workings and first meeting.

As part of the reform of the Marine Scalefish Fishery (MSF), the MSFMAC has been established by the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development (“the Minister”) under section 20 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* to provide advice to guide the management of South Australia's largest and most diverse shared access fishery.

The MSFMAC is a key stakeholder consultative platform that will consider and provide recommendations to the Minister on major management matters for the shared-access fishery, with a focus on the review, development, and implementation of the Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Marine Scalefish Fishery, related harvest strategies, and other shared fisheries management plans and arrangements where necessary.

Following a public Expressions of Interest recruitment process and call for nominations from the Minister’s Recreational Fishing Advisory Council and the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA), the Minister has undertaken a selection process and appointed the following individuals to the MSFMAC:

- **Independent chair** - Hon Amanda Vanstone AO
- **Independent economist** - Dr Julian Morison
- **Independent fisheries scientist** - Dr David Smith
- **Two representatives of the Marine Scalefish Fishery** - Mr Craig Fletcher & Mr Shannon Cornelius
- **Two representatives of the recreational fishing sector** - Dr Paul Rogers & Cr Peter Dunicliff
- **Representative of the Charter Boat Fishery** - Ms Merilyn Nobes
- **Representative of the rock lobster industry** - Ms Emily Rowe
- **SARDI fisheries science expert** - Dr Jonathan Smart

Work is ongoing to recruit for the vacant positions of Aboriginal traditional fishing member and independent conservation member. There is also to be a PIRSA fisheries management member as part of the MSFMAC.

The members of the Committee have been appointed for their skills and experience. Sector feedback to and from the MSFMAC will be facilitated through consultation between PIRSA and the relevant industry/sector peak bodies, including but not limited to the: Marine Fishers Association, South Australia Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fisherman's Association, South East Professional Fisherman's Association, Charter Boat Association of South Australia, the MRFAC, Conservation Council of South Australia and appropriate Aboriginal peak body and or organisation. Where relevant, industry/sector peak bodies will be invited to present advice from their sectors.

Meeting one

The first meeting of the MSFMAC was held on 10 December 2021 and the Chair's report, along with the final MSFMAC Terms of Reference are available online at the link below or can be provided upon request:

https://pir.sa.gov.au/fishing/commercial_fishing/fisheries/marine_scalefish_fishery/reform/msfmac_expressions_of_interest

Key recommendations that emerged from this first meeting related to the management arrangements for the recreational and charter fisheries for Snapper in the South East.

Upcoming matters the MSFMAC will likely provide advice on include:

- The finalisation and application of the draft Tiered Management Framework (TMF)
- Review of the commercial MSF Management Plan
- Harvest strategy development
- TACC/TARC/TAC setting
- Development of new commercial MSF Management Plan
- Research priorities
- Results of the current recreational fishing survey
- Arrangements to minimise bycatch and post capture mortality of vulnerable species in the fishery

If you have any queries regarding the MSFMAC, you can contact Sam Stone, MSFMAC Secretariat, on phone 08 8429 2101 or email pirsa.msfmac@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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