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NOTICE TO LAKES AND COORONG FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS

Changes to licence conditions - replacement of Yabby Pots with Pyramid Nets

Dear licence holder

Further to the letter dated 28 June 2023 outlining the process for licence holders in the Lakes and Coorong Fishery (LCF) to replace Yabby Pots with Pyramid Nets, I write to advise of changes to licence conditions to further support the replacement of Yabby Pots with Pyramid Nets. Changes have also made to a condition regarding the use of restricted cockle rakes which, since the separation of the Vongole Fishery, is no longer relevant to LCF licence holders.

As delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have revoked and imposed the following licence conditions pursuant to section 55 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007.*

Conditions changed on all LCF licences with Yabby Pots endorsed

Revoked LCF Condition 1297: The maximum number of yabbie pots that may be used pursuant to this licence at any one time is 50 (condition was endorsed on licences endorsed with 50 Yabbie Pots).

Revoked LCF Condition 1298: The maximum number of yabbie pots that may be used pursuant to this licence at any one time is 100 (condition was endorsed on licences endorsed with 100 Yabbie Pots).

<u>Imposed new LCF Condition:</u> The maximum number of pyramid nets that may be used pursuant to this licence at any one time is the number endorsed on this licence.

Conditions changed on all LCF licences

Revoked LCF Condition 12483: A licence holder may only use gear entitlements endorsed on their licence. Where a licence is subject to a condition fixing vongole quota entitlement, (i) No more than a total of two cockle rakes or restricted cockle rakes may be used at any one time; and (ii) Where more than one cockle rake or restricted cockle rake is being used at any one time to undertake fishing activities, they may only be used while they are within 50m of each other at all times.

Revoked LCF Condition 12484: A restricted cockle rake may only be used to take vongole that are part of the quota entitlements under the licence.

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<u>Imposed new LCF Condition:</u> The licence holder or registered master may only use gear entitlements endorsed on this licence.

A copy of your licence with updated conditions will be provided in due course.

Please note, the above changes do not impact on LCF licence holders' ability to use a Commercial Yabby Trap, pursuant to Ministerial exemption (ME9903270), as outlined in the notice to fishers dated 28 June 2023.

Review and Appeal Rights

Licence holders have a right under section 111 of the Act to seek a review of a variation or imposition of a licence condition or refusal to issue, renew or consent to the transfer of an authority. Related and limited appeal rights also exist under section 112 of the Act.

Should you have any further queries in regard to this matter, please contact Sam Stone, Community Fisheries Manager on 0439 728 643 or email sam.stone@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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