NOTICE TO FISHERS

To: Marine Scalefish Fishery, Northern and Southern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery (with Marine Scalefish Access), Lakes and Coorong Fishery licence holders

Implementation of Licence conditions relating to the bycatch of Gummy and School Shark

Further to my letter dated 18 September 2017, I write to inform you that as delegate of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, I have considered and approved new licence conditions regarding the bycatch of Gummy and School Sharks in South Australian waters.

Licence Condition 12622 has been slightly amended to make it more consistent with the intent to allow a by-catch limit if 5 sharks per day, and a possession limit of 10 sharks on a fishing trip of more than one day.

The new licence conditions are:

**Licence condition 12621**

*School Shark (Galeorhinus galeus) or Gummy Shark (Mustelus antarcticus) must not be taken pursuant to this licence (whether as by-catch or otherwise) from the waters of the State if the holder holds or has an interest in an authority issued under the Commonwealth Fisheries Management Act 1991 ('the Commonwealth authority') that allows the take of these species (whether or not the licence holder is fishing pursuant to the Commonwealth authority).*

For the purposes of licence conditions relating to the take of School and Gummy Shark: "Interest in an authority issued under the Commonwealth Fisheries Management Act 1991 " means any kind of legal or equitable interest, and includes being an associate of a holder of an authority for the Commonwealth Gillnet Hook and Trap Sector of the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery, "Associate" includes the spouse or domestic partner of a person.
Licence condition 12622

Where the licence holder does not hold or have an interest in an authority issued under the Commonwealth Fisheries Management Act 1991:

- On a fishing trip of one (1) day or less, no more than a combined total of 5 School Shark (Galeorhinus galeus) and Gummy Shark (Mustelus antarcticus) may be on board the registered boat at any time.

- On a fishing trip of more than one day, no more than a combined total of 10 School Shark or Gummy shark may be on board the registered boat at any time if a report has been made to PIRSA Fishwatch (1800 065 522) 1 hour prior to midnight on the first day advising of a multi-day trip.

The new licence conditions will commence at midday Wednesday 8 November 2017 and will apply to all licence holders with access to School and Gummy Shark. Your updated licence, incorporating the new licence conditions, is enclosed.

If you have any further questions relating to the licence conditions, please contact Mr Jonathan McPhail, Fisheries Manager, Marine Scalefish Fishery, PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture on 08 8429 0508 or via jonathan.mcphail@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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