NOTICE TO FISHERS

To: Holders of Marine Scalefish Fishery, Restricted Marine Scalefish Fishery, Lakes and Coorong Fishery, Southern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery and Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery Licences with Marine Scalefish Access.

Snapper management arrangements

Dear Licence Holder

I am writing to you concerning the commercial Snapper fishery management arrangements for the upcoming season, commencing 15 December 2017.

The most recent scientific stock assessment report for Snapper classified the Gulf St. Vincent stock and South East stock as ‘sustainable’ and the Spencer Gulf/West Coast stock as ‘transitional depleting’. Transitional depleting indicates the biomass is not yet overfished, but fishing pressure is too high and moving the stock in the direction of becoming recruitment overfished, with further management required.

Following consultation with industry, advice from the Marine Fishers Association (MFA) and the Marine Scalefish Fishery Management Advisory Group (MSFMAG), and taking into consideration scientific information provided by SARDI Aquatic Sciences, I have determined that the Snapper management arrangements will be maintained (with amended possession limits) and will be implemented effective midday 15 December 2017 and apply to each vessel (irrespective of how many licences are operated from the vessel).

The following arrangements include:

- A maximum daily commercial catch limit of 200 kg and a possession limit of 400 kg per vessel with no limit on the days permitted to fish in the West Coast/Spencer Gulf region.

- A maximum daily commercial catch limit of 350 kg and a possession limit of 700 kg per vessel with no limit on the number of days permitted to fish in the Gulf St. Vincent region.

- A maximum daily commercial catch limit of 350 kg and a possession limit of 1050 kg per vessel with no limit on the number of days permitted to fish in the South East region.

- A maximum of 200 hooks per vessel may continue to be used at any one time when using set lines (includes any device using hooks and known as a cross line, springer line, side line, long line, drop line or buoyed line) within Spencer Gulf or Gulf St Vincent. Existing hook restrictions continue to apply in the South East and West Coast.

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- Snapper must not be transferred to any other vessel while at sea.
- A set line (includes any device using hooks and known as a cross line, springer line, side line, long line, drop line or buoied line) must not be used during certain public holiday weekends.
- Snapper must be landed in the same region (Spencer Gulf/West Coast or Gulf St. Vincent or South East) in which they were taken.
- Licence holders undertaking multi-day trips and taking Snapper must report their activities to FISHWATCH by telephone 1800 065 522 or via the commercial fishing smartphone app, which can be downloaded at: www.pir.sa.gov.au/fisheries/commercial_fishing/commfishingapp, and answer a series of questions completely and accurately:
  - At least one hour before leaving port; and
  - One hour before midnight for every day of fishing; and
  - One hour before returning to port.
- Day trip fishers that have Snapper and a set line on board must report one hour prior to landing to FISHWATCH by telephone 1800 065 522 or via the commercial fishing app and answer a series of questions completely and accurately.

These measures have been implemented through a notice issued under section 79 of the Fisheries Management Act 2007. A copy of the section 79 notices are enclosed for your information.

For any questions relating to these management arrangements, please contact Mr Jonathan McPhail, Marine Scalefish Fishery Manager on (08) 8429 0508 or via email: jonathan.mcphear@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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