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NOTICE TO RIVER 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 River Fishery to replace Yabby Pots with Pyramid Nets, I write to advise of changes to a licence condition to further support the replacement of Yabby Pots with Pyramid Nets.

As delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have revoked River Fishery licence condition 4161 pursuant to section 55 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*, and imposed three new conditions to effectively substitute 'yabby pot' with 'pyramid net' and to make the conditions clearer to understand and implement.

Condition changed on all River Fishery licences

Revoked Condition 4161: (1) Subject to paragraph (2) the licence holder must not use any device other than the registered devices endorsed on this licence and must not use more than the allowable number of each device endorsed on this licence. (2) The licence holder may not use more than 50 scalefish fishing gear units and/or 100 crustacean fishing gear units at any one time. For the purposes of this condition, a "scalefish fishing unit" is either a drum net or 10 hook set line, and a "crustacean fishing unit" is either a yabby pot, hoop net or drop net.

<u>Imposed new RF Condition:</u> The licence holder or registered master must not use any device other than the registered devices endorsed on this licence.

<u>Imposed new RF Condition</u>: The licence holder or registered master must not use more than a combination of 50 individual drum nets or 10-hook set lines at any one time.

<u>Imposed new RF Condition</u>: The licence holder or registered master must not use more than a combination of 100 pyramid nets, hoop nets or drop nets at any one time.

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

Please note, the above changes do not impact on River Fishery 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.

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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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