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NOTICE TO MARINE SCALEFISH FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS
TEMPORARY YELLOWTAIL KINGFISH ARRANGEMENT

Dear licence holder,

I write regarding a temporary management arrangement for Yellowtail Kingfish which will come into effect from 1 July 2026.

On 25 February 2025, the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development approved the recommendation of the Allocation Review Committee, which recommended that the commercial sector be managed back within their Yellowtail Kingfish allocation (0.12%).

For 2025/26, a temporary prohibition notice was issued pursuant to section 79 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*, whereby commercial Marine Scalefish Fishery (MSF) licences were limited to taking no more than three (3) Yellowtail Kingfish (*Seriola lalandi*) in any one day under each licence, from the waters of the State. Analysis of total catch of Yellowtail Kingfish as of 1 June 2026 indicates that these arrangements have effectively restrained commercial catch at the required levels in 2025/26.

In May 2026, I wrote to the peak industry bodies for the MSF and to RecFish SA, as the peak body for recreational fishing in South Australia, regarding proposed management arrangements for Yellowtail Kingfish for 2026/27. I am appreciative of the prompt responses from these bodies and I have considered the alternate proposals provided.

Considering all available information I have determined that retaining the temporary daily limit on the take of Yellowtail Kingfish, implemented for 2025/26, is the most appropriate management arrangement to manage the commercial sector within their allocation in 2026/27.

To implement this temporary arrangement I, as delegate of the Minister, have considered and approved a temporary prohibition pursuant to section 79 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*, whereby commercial MSF licences will be limited to taking no more than three Yellowtail Kingfish in any one day under each licence from the waters of the State from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) intends to consider updated catch data for Yellowtail Kingfish in early 2027 to review the arrangements for this species beyond 1 July 2027. A copy of the section 79 notice is enclosed.

Should you have any further queries in regard to this matter please contact Mrs Yolande Markey, Fisheries Manager on 0427 979 085.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Begg', with a stylized, cursive script.

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