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NOTICE TO SARDINE FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS

Public consultation on a draft Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Sardine Fishery

Dear Licence Holder

I write in relation to the release of a draft *Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Sardine Fishery* for a statutory public consultation period of not less than two months.

Public consultation of management plan

It is proposed that the draft Management Plan will apply for a term of 10 years, replacing the current Management Plan which came into effect on 1 November 2014 and expires 30 September 2023.

Members of the South Australian Sardine Industry Association (SASIA) and the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) provided advice to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development on a review of the current Management Plan and the content of a new management plan. The draft Management Plan was subsequently prepared by PIRSA on behalf of the Minister pursuant to section 44(1)(b) of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* ('the Act') and in consultation with industry.

A report has also been prepared by PIRSA on behalf of the Minister pursuant to section 44(2) of the Act to accompany the draft Management Plan. The report provides an explanation of the purpose and effect of the draft Management Plan, and a summary of the relevant background and issues and the analysis and reasoning applied in its formulation.

Pursuant to section 44(3)(b) of the Act, and as delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I am releasing the draft *Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Sardine Fishery* for public consultation until 5:00pm 28 May 2023.

Copies of the draft Management Plan and the report will be available for inspection at PIRSA at 2 Hamra Ave, West Beach SA 5024.

I now refer the draft Management Plan and accompanying report and invite you as an interested person to make written submissions in relation to the draft Management Plan by 5:00pm 28 May 2023.

Pursuant to Section 44(5) of the Act, if written submissions are made, a copy of those submissions must be made available for inspection by interested persons during ordinary business hours. You are advised that written submissions received relevant to the draft Management Plan will be made available for inspection at PIRSA at 2 Hamra Ave, West Beach SA 5024, during normal business hours between 29 and 30 May 2023.

The draft *Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Sardine Fishery*, relevant report, and a feedback form for the draft Management Plan are available on the PIRSA website: [Sardine fishery management plan - PIRSA](#)

Please contact Dr Annabel Jones, on telephone (08) 8429 0165 or email Annabel.jones@sa.gov.au if you require any further information regarding the management plan consultation process.

Yours sincerely



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