December 2017

NOTICE TO LICENCE HOLDERS

To: Holders of Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery, Marine Scalefish Fishery, Restricted Marine Scalefish Fishery and Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery licences with marine scalefish access, and Charter Boat Fishery licences

CONTINUATION OF THE CUTTFLEISH CLOSURE IN NORTHERN SPENCER GULF

Dear Licence Holder

I write to advise you that as delegate of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, I have issued a notice under section 79 of the Fisheries Management Act 2007 to extend the temporary spatial closure for the taking of Giant Australian Cuttlefish in the waters of northern Spencer Gulf. Currently, the spatial closure applies until 15 February 2018.

The closure notice makes it unlawful for any person to take Cuttlefish (Sepia species) in the waters of northern Spencer Gulf north of a line commencing at the Mean High Water Springs closest to 33°55.666' South 136°34.336' East (near Arno Bay) to the Mean High Water Springs closest to 33°55.666' South 137°37.242' East (Wallaroo Jetty). The extended closure will apply from 1201 hours on 15 February 2018 until 1200 hours on 15 February 2019. A copy of the closure notice and a map are enclosed for your reference.

Please note that this closure notice does not vary the longstanding cephalopod fishing closure in the waters of False Bay (squid, cuttlefish and octopus), which was translated from an annually renewable temporary arrangement, to a permanent regulation in September 2013.


For any questions relating to the Cuttlefish closure, please contact Mr Jonathan McPhail, Fisheries Manager, PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture on (08) 8429 0508 or via email: jonathan.mcphail@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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