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NOTICE TO MARINE SCALEFISH FISHERY, ROCK LOBSTER FISHERIES, LAKES AND COORONG FISHERY, AND CHARTER BOAT FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS

Extension of Snapper closure

Dear licence holder

Further to the notice to fishers dated 19 December 2022 from the Executive Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture, advising of the Snapper management measures that are to apply from 1 February 2023, I have now, as delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, signed a temporary declaration notice issued pursuant to section 79 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* to continue the Snapper closure arrangements in the West Coast, Spencer Gulf, Gulf St. Vincent, Port Adelaide River estuary and Kangaroo Is. Fishing Zones from 1 February 2023. The notice is enclosed for your information.

Whilst the section 79 notice extends the Snapper closure on a temporary basis, amendments to regulations under the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* will be sought to continue the closure through to 30 June 2026.

To continue to facilitate commercial fishing licence holders to transit through the closed areas while in possession of Snapper caught legally in the South East Fishing Zone, the existing arrangements permitting the possession of Snapper in the closed areas by Marine Scalefish Fishery (MSF), Rock Lobster Fisheries (RLF) and Charter Boat Fishery (CBF) commercial licence holders, subject to reporting and catch and disposal requirements, continue to apply.

To account for the extension of the Snapper closure, updates have been made to remove the expiry date of 31 January 2023 from the Minister's determinations that apply to the MSF and RLF that outline the reporting and catch and disposal requirements when in possession of Snapper in the closed areas that has been legally caught in the South East Fishing Zone.

These updated determinations are effective from 20 January 2023 and are available on the PIRSA website (linked below). No changes have been necessary for determinations and licence conditions that apply to CBF licence holders.

Determinations are available at:

https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/primary_industry/commercial_fishing/management/determinations

Further information about the Snapper management and support measures for effected fishers is available on the PIRSA website at: www.pir.sa.gov.au/snapper-management.

Should you wish to discuss the information above, please contact Sam Stone, MSF Fisheries Manager on 8429 2101 or email: sam.stone@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Benn Gramola', written in a cursive style.

Benn Gramola
**A/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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Enclosed: Notice issued pursuant to section 79 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*