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

**Temporary Wrasse management arrangements**

Dear licence/registration holder

I write to you regarding temporary management arrangements for Wrasse species (other than Western Blue Groper).

As delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have considered and granted a Ministerial exemption under section 115 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* to allow for the take of permitted Wrasse species (other than Western Blue Groper) above the maximum size limit of 35 cm.

The exemption applies to all persons, including licence holders, or their registered masters, recreational fishers and passengers recreationally fishing on a charter boat. A copy of the exemption notice is enclosed for your reference (ME9903303).

Please note, the exemption does not purport to override licence restrictions/conditions or the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* or *Marine Parks Act 2007*, or any regulations made under those Acts.

The exemption works to provide temporary arrangements while the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) seeks regulatory changes to allow for the take of Wrasse above 35 cm on a more permanent basis. This follows an Ecologically Sustainable Development Risk Assessment held by PIRSA regarding the potential removal of the upper slot limit for Wrasse (other than Western Blue Groper) which indicated the removal of the upper size limit would not have a significant impact on the sustainability of Wrasse in South Australia.

Should you have any further queries in regard to this matter please contact your relevant fisheries manager.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Begg'.

Prof Gavin Begg  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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