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Dear Mr Wilson

Thank you for your recent letter regarding Black Bream and Greenback Flounder.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) notes your concern regarding the status of Black Bream and Greenback Flounder within the Lakes and Coorong region.

PIRSA has also considered the advice provided by the Lakes and Coorong Fishery Management Advisory Committee (LCFMAC) and acknowledge the need for action to aid in the recovery of Black Bream and Greenback Flounder within the Lakes and Coorong region.

To enforce temporary management arrangements for this Black Bream spawning season, as the delegate for the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development I have implemented the following management arrangements. These arrangements apply to both the commercial and recreational sectors which is consistent with the approach PIRSA takes when implementing management arrangements for shared fish stocks:

- Prohibiting the use of mesh nets within 300 m of all barrages located in the Coorong (Area 1) from 1 October until 31 December 2021;
- Prohibiting the take or possession of Black Bream within the Lakes and Coorong from 1 October until 31 December 2021.

I have attached a copy of the section 79 closure notice for your information.

PIRSA will be working closely with the South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI) and the LCFMAC, to develop a recovery strategy for Black Bream to assist with the transition from a depleted classification to a sustainable classification in the years to come.

Future management options to assist in the recovery of Black Bream and Greenback Flounder will be detailed within the recovery strategy, which will be provided to targeted stakeholders for consultation at a later date.

The South Australian recreational fishing survey that is currently underway will provide valuable up-to-date recreational data for Black Bream and Greenback Flounder, which along with the commercial data collected, will be used to assist informing longer term recovery decisions.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter please contact Kylie Leppa, Fisheries Management Officer on telephone (08) 8429 0516 or e-mail kylie.leppa@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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