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Torres Strait Rock Lobster Fishery Licence Holder

Dear Licence Holder

Management Arrangements for 2011 Torres Strait Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery

I am writing to advise you that the Protected Zone Joint Authority (PZJA) Standing Committee met out of session on 11 January 2011 to consider management arrangements for the 2011 fishing season.

After considerable discussion the Standing Committee agreed to recommend to the PZJA that interim arrangements should be re-introduced for the 2011 season. A formal decision will be made by the PZJA in the coming weeks.

The two interim arrangements that will be re-introduced for the 2011 season are:

1. the 30 percent tender reduction; and
2. the seven day moon-tide hookah closure.

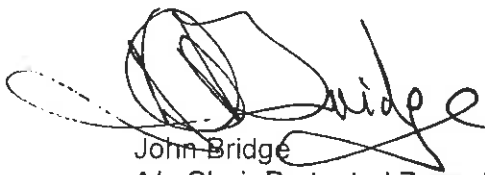
AFMA advises you to prepare for the 2011 season with the view that the interim arrangements **will** be in place.

Enclosed for your information is the draft moon-tide hookah closure calendar for the 2011 season. A final calendar of the closures will be provided to you with your licence package provided by Fisheries Queensland.

The Standing Committee also agreed to consult with stakeholders on the future management arrangements for the fishery with a view to finalising new management arrangements over the coming months. This consultation will be undertaken by PZJA agencies and AFMA will be contacting you this week to arrange a time from 17 January to meet. As part of this consultation process we have attached a draft statement of the Future Operating Environment which is aimed at providing you with an outline of how the Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery will operate under a new management regime.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Malcolm Southwell, Senior Manager, Northern Fisheries by phone (02) 6225 5308 or by email malcolm.southwell@afma.gov.au

Yours sincerely,



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