



Australian Government

Australian Fisheries Management Authority

26 February 2021

Dear Torres Strait Fish Receiver Licence Holder,

Notification of variation of licence conditions to enable a black teatfish trial opening.

I am writing to inform you that I, as a delegate of the Protected Zone Joint Authority (PZJA), under section 22 of the *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984* have varied the conditions of your fish receiver licence for the Torres Strait Beche-de-mer Fishery to enable a trial opening of fishing for black teatfish to commence on 30 April 2021.

On 27 August 2020, the PZJA agreed to a trial reopening of the fishery for black teatfish subject to a 20 tonne Total Allowable Catch (TAC) and requirement of daily landing and daily reporting of catch through the mandatory fish receiver system. Since that time AFMA has consulted stakeholders on the preferred timing for the opening. Having considered advice received, AFMA has set the commencement date for the opening to be 30 April 2021 and ending on the **TAC Date**. The **TAC Date** is the day that the PZJA or its delegate determines based on its reasonable belief that the TAC will be reached.

The new conditions that will apply to your licence are enclosed and are as follows:

From 30 April 2021 you must electronically send an image of the white original copy of the completed TDB02 Catch Disposal Record (CDR) pages within the same day of receiving catches of black teatfish. You can send the image using a smart phone or other electronic devices, as a photograph via

Email: blackteatfish2021@afma.gov.au; or

SMS: 0437 825 291; or

Fax: 07 4069 1277.

You are still required to return to AFMA a hard copy of the white original copy of the completed CDR page within three (3) days of receiving the catch.

A holder of a fish receiver licence is not permitted to receive black teatfish past the **TAC Date**.

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Canberra ACT 2610
P 02 6225 5555
F 02 6225 5500

Darwin

PO Box 131
Darwin NT 0801
P 08 8943 0333
F 08 8942 2897

Thursday Island

PO Box 376
Thursday Island QLD 4875
P 07 4069 1990
F 07 4069 1277

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PO Box 408
Lakes Entrance VIC 3909
P:0447 019 916

A holder of a TIB licence is required to land catches of black teatfish to a licenced fish receiver within the same day those species are caught.

The above new condition is in addition to the existing conditions of your fish receiver licence which you must continue to comply with. Please find enclosed the new condition to your licence.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Danait Ghebrezgabhier, Senior Management Officer, Torres Strait Fisheries on 07 4069 1990 or by email at FisheriesTI@afma.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



Anna Willock
Executive Manager Fisheries, PZJA Delegate
Australian Fishery Management Authority

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Enclosure 1 – Variation of fish receiver licence conditions to add NEW daily reporting conditions during the black teatfish reopening in 2021.

Completing TDB02 Catch Disposal Record (CDR) during the black teatfish reopening in 2021

1. From 30 April 2021 until a Total Allowable Catch Date (**TAC Date**) for black teatfish is determined by the PZJA or its delegate, you must send AFMA electronically to **email: blackteatfish2021@afma.gov.au** or **SMS: 0437 825 291** or **Fax: 07 4069 1277**, an image of the white original copy of the completed TDB02 Catch Disposal Record pages **within the same day** of receiving catches of black teatfish.

Note: the image of the white original copy can be sent to AFMA, using a smart phone or other electronic devices, as a photograph via the mobile number: 0437825291. Alternatively, the image can be emailed to AFMA via email address: blackteatfish2021@afma.gov.au or faxed to: 07 4069 1277.

A holder of a fish receiver licence is not permitted to receive black teatfish past the **TAC date**.