



20 December 2016

Dear Licence Holder

Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery licence conditions for the 2017 Moon Tide Hookah Closures

The Protected Zone Joint Authority (PZJA) agreed on 10 February 2016 out-of-session to implement moon-tide closures for the Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery until a management plan enters into force for the Fishery and the management arrangements are reviewed.

I advise that under section 22 of the *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984* (the Act) that the Minister may, by notice in writing specify further conditions to which the licence or endorsement is to be subject.

The first scheduled closure period starts on **8 February 2017**. Please find enclosed a copy of the calendar highlighting the closure dates for the 2017 TRL fishing season.

Please be advised that fishing in the Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery using hookah apparatus during the specified closure periods is an offence under section 44 of the Act. Please immediately attach this notice to your licence.

If you have any questions about the moon tide closures please contact Dean Pease of the Australian Fisheries Management Authority on 07 4069 1990 or dean.pease@afma.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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Enc. Calendar of TRL Moon Tide Hookah Closure 2017