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Department of the Environment

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Dear Mr Sloan, *Sean*

I am writing to you as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment in relation to approvals of the management arrangements for the South Australian Lakes and Coorong Fishery under Part 13A of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

In December 2015, officers from your department and the Department of the Environment discussed an extension of the export approval under the EPBC Act for the Lakes and Coorong Fishery, to allow further time to implement the new management plan and prepare a submission. Given the management arrangements currently in place for the fishery, I have decided to amend the list of exempt native specimens to allow ongoing export of product from the Lakes and Coorong Fishery for an additional period of six months, until 26 August 2016. You will be able to find a copy of my decision at <http://www.environment.gov.au/topics/marine/fisheries/sa-coorong>.

I am aware that the ban on the take of Murray cod by commercial and recreational fishers in South Australia has been extended and will apply until 1 January 2017. Given the status of Murray cod as a listed threatened species under the EPBC Act, changes to management arrangements that could affect the recovery or conservation status of this species (such as removal of the ban) may affect decisions under the EPBC Act. Any such proposed changes should be advised to this Department as soon as possible.

I look forward to receiving updates on your implementation of the new management plan and your agency's submission for assessment of the fishery under these new arrangements.

If you have any further queries regarding the export approval for this fishery, please contact Nathan Hanna on 02 6274 1917 or by emailing nathan.hanna@environment.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Paul Murphy

Delegate of the Minister for the Environment

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