



Australian Government
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 February 2015, officers from your department contacted the Department of the Environment requesting 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.

On the basis of the request and 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 nine months, until 26 February 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 there is a ban on the take of Murray cod by commercial and recreational fishers in South Australia until 1 January 2016. Given the status of Murray cod as a listed threatened species under the EPBC Act, changes to management 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 progress towards finalisation of the new management plan. 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
5 May 2015