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FISHING NOTICE

MORATORIUM ON CATCHING AND RETENTION OF LOBSTER SPECIES

Considering it necessary for the management of the fisheries, the species moratorium in this notice is issued in accordance with section 19(1)(a) of the Fisheries Ordinance 2021 and applies until 31 December 2026.

With effect from 23 June 2026, the landing or retention of, Brown Spiny Lobster (*Panulirus Echinatus*) and Red Slipper Lobster (*Scyllarides Obtusus*) within St Helena's fisheries limits is prohibited.

Any Brown Spiny Lobster or Red Slipper Lobster caught as bycatch through all fishing during this period must be returned immediately to the sea and any bycatch so returned will not be considered to have been caught in breach of this notice.

A person who contravenes a fishing control notice commits an offence under section 72(2) of the Fisheries Ordinance 2021 and is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £25,000.

Dated 22nd day of June 2026

Darren Duncan
Chief Fisheries Officer