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FISHING CONTROL NOTICE

MORATORIUM ON CATCHING AND RETENTION OF RED SLIPPER LOBSTER (STUMP)

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 1st of January 2024.

With immediate effect, the landing or retention of Red Slipper or Stump Lobster (Scyllarides Obtusus), within St Helena's fisheries limits is prohibited.

Any Stump Lobster caught as bycatch during the 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 this 1st day of August 2023

Darren Duncan Chief Fisheries Officer