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FISHING CONTROL NOTICE

MORATORIUM ON CATCHING AND RETENTION OF LOBSTER SPECIES AND DEEPWATER BULLSEYE

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 2025.

1. With effect from 30 July 2025, the landing or retention of, Brown Spiny Lobster (*Panulirus Echinatus*) and Red Slipper Lobster (*Scyllarides Obtusus*) within St Helena's fisheries limits is prohibited.
2. With effect from 30 July 2025, the landing or retention of Deepwater Bullseye (*Cookeolus japonicus*) through commercial fishing within St Helena's fisheries limits is prohibited.

Any Brown Spiny Lobster or Red Slipper Lobster caught as by-catch through all fishing, or Deepwater Bullseye caught as by-catch through commercial 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 this 25th day of July 2025

Darren Duncan
Chief Fisheries Officer