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All ETBF Longline Permit Holders

Dear Longline Permit Holder

RE: Southern Bluefin Tuna (SBT) Zones – Management Arrangements for 2009

I am writing to inform you of the management arrangements for the SBT Core and Buffer Zones for 2009, which were developed in collaboration with the Eastern Tuna Management Advisory Committees SBT Zones Working Group.

The SBT Zones in 2009 will be implemented following first capture of SBT off the NSW coast or at midnight 2 June (in advance of the full moon), whichever comes first.

The operation of the SBT zones in 2009 will be similar to 2008 with the current location of the SBT zones posted on the AFMA website at: www.afma.gov.au/fisheries/tuna/etbf/mgt/zones. A VMS message will be sent to all ETBF boats notifying them of any change in the zones. The website will also provide details of arrangements which you must comply with. Alternatively an update on the location of the SBT zones can be obtained by contacting the ETBF manager on (02) 6225 5313. It is your obligation to know the location of the zones.

Enclosed is an information package on the SBT arrangements for the 2009 season. If you have any questions regarding the management arrangements associated with the SBT zones please contact me on (02) 6225 5313.

Yours sincerely

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