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Dear Mr Skinner

Thank you for your letter dated 6 August 2006 concerning blue groper.

Primary Industries and Resources SA (PIRSA) Fisheries has not identified the illegal take of juvenile or adult female blue groper as a compliance problem. Blue groper can legally be taken in State waters outside of the Gulfs, Investigator Strait and Backstairs Passage. The daily bag and boat limits are two and six respectively.

One of the primary community education and awareness tools used by PIRSA Fisheries is the Recreational Fishing Guide. This free guide contains important information regarding the rules and regulations that apply to recreational fishing in South Australia. The guide is due to be re-printed early next year. This will provide an opportunity to review the current content regarding blue groper and the identification of juvenile fish.

If you or your colleagues wish to report illegal fishing activities, please contact the Fishwatch Hotline on telephone 1800 065 522.

Yours sincerely

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Hon Rory McEwen MP
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