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Dear Mr Jacques

Thank you for your email of 26 June 2023 regarding fishing regulations for the collection of intertidal animals.

I note that the activities you describe were occasionally reported to authorities pre-covid but are, in your estimation, beginning to occur again.

There are limits and restrictions regarding the recreational take of intertidal species in Tasmania under the *Fisheries (Shellfish) Rules 2017*. They are also set out on pages 42 and 43 of the *Recreational Sea Fishing Guide 2022/23*, and I consider these to be reasonable and sustainable, when adhered to.

The intertidal zone is difficult to police, given the length of Tasmania's coastline, and detecting offences in the act of being committed is much harder than acting on reliable information. Any information you or your members can provide to Fisheries Compliance and to Tasmania Police (Fishwatch 0427 655 557) about any apparent illegal intertidal fishing (for example, vehicle registration plate number, location and date) is useful for offences to be investigated and prosecuted.

There are no plans, at this stage, to prohibit further the take of native marine species in Tasmania's intertidal zone or reduce bag limits. However, should authorities alert me to escalating illegal activity and impacts in this zone, I may consider reviewing the current regulations.

Thank you for raising this issue with me.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jo Palmer".

Hon Jo Palmer MLC
Minister for Primary Industries and Water