***Scallop (Ocean) Fishery Management Arrangements for 2017/18***

I have carefully considered the limited information available in the absence of a biomass survey and the submissions that I received and have decided to continue the current 135 tonne TACC. This equates to 1.5 tonne per licence holder.

This TACC and tradeable licences and quota units provides licence holders with the opportunity to explore the fishery and to increase their quota by purchasing or leasing licences or quota. I remain open to the option of within-season changes to the TACC subject to evidence of higher stock biomass.

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