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**NOTICE TO MISCELLANEOUS (GIANT CRAB) FISHERY LICENCE
HOLDERS AND ROCK LOBSTER FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS WITH GIANT CRAB
QUOTA ENTITLEMENTS**

Dear licence holder

I am writing to advise you of the amendment of the *Harvest Strategy in the Management Policy for Commercial Fishing of Giant Crab in South Australia* and the setting of the Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) for the 2023/24 quota period in the Northern Zone and Southern Zone of the Giant Crab Fishery.

Harvest Strategy amendment

I have amended the *Harvest Strategy of the Management Policy for Commercial Fishing of Giant Crabs in South Australia* to set a TACC when the Performance Indicator, rolling five-year average of Catch Per Unit Effort (CPUE) falls below the Trigger Reference Point (TRP) of 1.95 kg/potlift. The recommended TACC in the Harvest Strategy when the Performance Indicator, rolling five-year average of CPUE, falls below the Trigger Reference Point (TRP) of 1.95 kg/potlift will now be set at **9.31 tonnes, with 6.7 tonnes apportioned to the Northern Zone of the fishery and 2.61 tonnes apportioned to the Southern Zone of the fishery.**

When determining this amendment to the decision rules in the *Harvest Strategy of the Management Policy for Commercial Fishing of Giant Crabs in South Australia* the following information was considered:

1. The objects of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*.
2. The Harvest Strategy, included in the *Management Policy for Commercial Fishing of Giant Crabs in South Australia*.
3. SARDI advice on potential 2023/24 TACC reduction benefits that advised that should the five-year average of CPUE fall below the trigger reference point of ≥ 1.95 kg/potlift, stock biomass recovery is likely to be promoted by initially reducing the TACC by 70% in the Southern Zone and 50% in the Northern Zone. A copy of the Advice Note dated 28 June 2023 is attached.
4. Industry feedback on the fishery status and appropriate changes to Decision Rule 2 of the Harvest Strategy should the five-year average of CPUE fall below trigger reference point of less than 1.95 kg/potlift.
5. SARDI advice on the CPUE for the 2022/23 season that classified the stock as 'depleting'. A copy of the Advice Noted dated 8 August 2023 is attached.

The amendment to the *Harvest Strategy of the Management Policy for Commercial Fishing of Giant Crabs in South Australia* will be applied immediately through the setting of the TACCs for the 2023/24 quota period for the respective zones of the Giant Crab Fishery. This amendment will remain in place until a revised Harvest Strategy for the fishery is developed, which may review TACCs set within reference points applied for Performance Indicators in the fishery.

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Giant Crab quota unit value determination and over-catch and carry-over arrangements for the 2023/24 quota period

As delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, under regulations 17(2) and 16A(2) of the *Fisheries Management (Rock Lobster Fisheries) Regulations 2017*, and regulations 9(3) and 9A(3) *Fisheries Management (Miscellaneous Fisheries) Regulations 2015*, I have determined the Giant Crab quota unit values for the 2023/24 quota period in the Northern Zone and Southern Zone as follows:

	Quota unit value	Total Allowable Commercial Catch
Northern Zone	6.7 kg/unit	6.7 tonnes
Southern Zone	2.61 kg/unit	2.61 tonnes

Determination of the Giant Crab quota unit values has been made considering:


1. The objects of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*.
2. The Harvest Strategy, included in the Management Policy for Commercial Fishing of Giant Crab in South Australia.
3. Industry feedback on the fishery status.
4. SARDI advice on the CPUE for the 2022/23 season that classified the stock as 'depleting'. A copy of the Advice Noted dated 8 August 2023 is attached.

In regard to carry-over arrangements, I advise that as the delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have determined that there will be no provision to carry-over uncaught Giant Crab quota entitlements from the 2023/24 quota period to the 2024/25 quota period. This decision is based on scientific advice classifying the stock as 'depleting' in 2022/23.

In regard to over-catch provisions, I advise that as the delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have determined that if during the 2023/24 quota period the total catch of Giant Crab taken by the holder of a rock lobster or miscellaneous licence with Giant Crab quota entitlements exceeds their Giant Crab quota entitlements, the amount of quota to which licence conditions can be varied for the 2024/25 season will be zero kilograms (i.e. zero over-catch allowance). This decision is based on scientific advice classifying the stock as 'depleting' in 2022/23.

Should you have any enquiries in relation to either the Giant Crab TACC or the carry-over and over-catch arrangements for 2022/23 please contact Clint Rollins, Fisheries Management Officer on telephone (08) 7133 7644.

Yours sincerely



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