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**Notice to Licence holders regarding second allocation of quota entitlements to the South Australian Sardine Fishery for the 2022 quota period**

I am writing in relation to the setting of a second quota entitlement for the Gulf Zone and Outside Zone of the South Australian Sardine Fishery (SASF) for the 2022 quota period.

As a delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development for the purposes of regulation 9(3)(d) of the *Fisheries Management (Sardine) Regulations 2021*, I have varied the conditions of all licences in the SASF to increase sardine quota entitlements for both the Gulf Zone and Outside Zone of the fishery, respectively, for the balance of the 2022 season.

Regulation 9 (3)(d) of the *Fisheries Management (Sardine Fishery) Regulations 2021* permits that the Minister may, not more than twice during a quota period, vary the conditions of all licences in respect of the fishery so as to increase the sardine quota entitlements under the licences by the same number of units in respect of the same sardine fishing zone.

In making this decision to allocate a second quota entitlement within the 2022 quota period I have considered:

The Objects of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*.

The latest stock status classifications provided in the SARDI report, *Stock assessment of Australian Sardine (Sardinops sagax) off South Australia 2021*.

The amount of uncaught 2020 and 2021 quota entitlements.

The request from SASIA for a second allocation of quota for the 2022 quota period equal to the amount of uncaught quota in the fishery in the 2021 quota period.

Advice from SARDI in regard to the risk of allocating additional quota in the Sardine fishery.

As delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I am exercising my discretionary powers to vary conditions on licences in respect of the fishery fixing Sardine quota entitlements so as to increase gulf zone quota by **137.429** tonnes and outside zone quota by **5626.9** tonnes for the balance of the 2022 quota period.

I have determined an individual licence allocation of **9.816** tonnes for the Gulf Zone and **401.921** tonnes for the Outside Zone, equating to additional quota units of **4.58** and **375.13** per licence, respectively.

If a licence holder wishes to transfer quota units to another licence, application forms can be obtained from the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) website [www.pir.sa.gov.au/fisheries](http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/fisheries) or by contacting PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture Leasing & Licensing on (08) 8207 5332

The entitlements and registration extract of your licence with the updated 2022 Sardine quota unit entitlements and updated licence for the 2022 fishing season is enclosed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Begg', with a stylized, cursive script.

Prof Gavin Begg  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
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