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NOTICE TO SARDINE FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS

Dear licence holder

I write to inform you that as delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development I have imposed three new licence conditions on all South Australian Sardine Fishery (SASF) licences to clarify the quota arrangements related to taking sardines in the Spencer Gulf Zone, Gulf St Vincent Zone, and Outside Zone.

When new spatial zone arrangements came into effect on 1 January 2025, creating separate gulf zones in the SASF a licence condition describing the arrangements for decrementing quota entitlements in relation to the former Gulfs Zone needed to be deleted. A new condition reflecting such arrangements across two new zones in the gulfs: Spencer Gulf and Gulf St Vincent, however, was not imposed at that time.

The arrangements for decrementing quota entitlements in the three fishing zones were intended to continue and were implemented through mandatory catch reporting in electronic CDRs.

These arrangements are now clarified in three new conditions as follows:

- The licence holder may only take Spencer Gulf Zone quota entitlements under the licence in either the Spencer Gulf Zone or the Outside Zone.
- The licence holder may only take Gulf St Vincent quota entitlements under the licence in either the Gulf St Vincent Zone or the Outside Zone.
- The licence holder may only take Outside Zone quota entitlements in the Outside Zone.

Your updated licence incorporating the new licence condition is attached.

Licence holders have a right under section 111 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* to seek a review of a decision to vary or impose licence conditions within 1 month of the decision.

If you have any queries regarding these arrangements, you can contact Annabel Jones, General Manager, Fisheries Management on 0417 612737 or email Annabel.jones@sa.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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

Prof Gavin Begg
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