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www.pir.sa.gov.au**NOTICE TO PRAWN FISHERIES LICENCE HOLDERS****Miscellaneous amendments – Headline length**

Dear Licence Holder,

I write to inform you of miscellaneous amendments that have been made to regulations under the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* that relate to the Spencer Gulf (SGPF), West Coast (WCPF) and Gulf St Vincent (GSVPF) Prawn Fisheries.

Amendments to clauses 26, 27 and 28 of Schedule 6 of the Fisheries Management (General) Regulations 2017 (General Regulations) have been made to clarify, simplify and update current management arrangements with respect to vessel and gear specifications in the prawn fisheries, as set out below.

Vessel and gear specifications in prawn fisheries

- Clauses 26, 27 and 28 of Schedule 6 of the General Regulations include specifications for the boat lengths, types of prawn net setups that can be used in each prawn fishery including the use of single nets, double, and triple nets (for the GSVPF only). These clauses also describe the specifications for each type of net setup including maximum headline length.
- The provisions have been reviewed and, in consultation with industry members, regulatory amendments have been made to consolidate and simplify existing requirements by:
 - Removing different headline length restrictions associated with different sized boats operating in the GSVPF.
 - Combining clauses 26, 27 and 28 of Schedule 6 of the General Regulations to prescribe consistent maximum headline lengths for single and double trawl net configurations for vessels in the GSVPF, WCPF or SGPF, and for triple trawl net gear in the GSVPF only, where the licensed person has approval of the Minister under the Fisheries Management (Prawn Fisheries) Regulations 2017.
- The changes do not change the existing operational arrangements in any of the prawn fisheries: GSVPF, SGPF and WCPF.

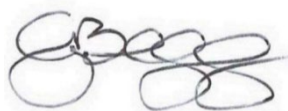
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- Consequential amendments have also been made to schedule 11 (expiation fees) of the General Regulations to remove items relating to the newly consolidated clause 26 of schedule 6 and the reinsertion of the existing expiation fee of \$625.

The regulatory amendments, should you wish to view them, are set out in the Fisheries Management (General) (Miscellaneous) Amendment Regulations 2026, as published in the Government Gazette, No. 47, Thursday 20 August 2026 (pp. 2775-2860), available at: [No. 47 - Thursday, 20 August 2026 \(pp. 2775–2860\)](#), effective from 20 August 2026.

If you have any queries regarding these arrangements, you can contact Jade Fredericks, Fishery Manager on 0417 495 352 or via email jade.fredericks@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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

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