



1 July 2020

FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE

Level 14
25 Grenfell Street
Adelaide SA 5000

GPO Box 1625
Adelaide SA 5001

DX 210

Tel (08) 8226 0900

Fax (08) 8226 0330

www.pir.sa.gov.au

NOTICE TO LICENCE HOLDERS

To licence holders without hauling net endorsements in the following fisheries: Marine Scalefish Fishery, Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery, Southern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery and Lakes and Coorong Fishery

I write to inform you of the Garfish management arrangements for the 2019/20 fishing season to address the continued concerns with the stock status of Garfish.

I have considered the following information:

- The most recent stock assessment report prepared by the South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI) classified the regional Southern Garfish stocks as follows:
 - Northern Gulf St Vincent stock is classified as 'depleted'.
 - Northern Spencer Gulf stock is classified as 'recovering'.
 - Southern Spencer Gulf, southern Gulf St Vincent, South East and West Coast stocks are classified as 'sustainable'.
- The objects of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*
- The operational objectives of the Southern Garfish harvest strategy in the *Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Marine Scalefish Fishery* to rebuild stocks
- Industry advice provided by the MFA and the Marine Scale Net Fishers Association
- The Marine Scalefish Fishery Reform

Having taken all the information available into account, as delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have implemented the following management arrangements for 2020/21:

- **A Garfish minimum length of 25 cm for commercial fishers continues to apply until 30 June 2021.**
- **A closure is in place for the commercial take, possession or landing of Garfish for a period of 60 days commencing at 1201 hours on 7 August 2020 until 1159 hours on 6 October 2020 for Spencer Gulf.** Note this seasonal closure applies to all commercial Garfish fishing.

- **A closure is in place for the commercial take, possession or landing of Garfish for a period of 80 days commencing at 1201 hours on 18 July 2020 until 1159 hours on 6 October 2020 for Gulf St Vincent.** Note this seasonal closure applies to all commercial Garfish fishing.

Copies of the notices issued under section 79 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* to implement the changes are enclosed.

For any queries relating to Garfish management arrangements, please contact Mr Jonathan McPhail, Marine Scalefish Fishery Manager on telephone (08) 8429 0508 or email jonathan.mcphail@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Prof. Gavin Begg
A/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

cc: Marine Fishers Association (MFA)
South Australian Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishermen's Association (SANZRLFA)
South East Professional Fishermen's Association (SEPFA)
Southern Fishermen's Association (SFA)
Goolwa Pipi Harvesters Association (GPHA)