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## Notice to Licence holders in the commercial Blue Crab Fishery

Dear Licence Holder

I write to advise you of the management arrangements for the 2022/23 Blue Crab Fishery fishing season, commencing 1 July 2022.

### Total Allowable Commercial Catch and quota unit value determinations

As delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have considered all of the relevant information available and set the total allowable commercial catch (TACC) and determined quota unit values for the Commercial Blue Crab Fishery for the 2022/23 quota period (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023).

The TACC and quota unit values have been determined in line with the harvest strategy as follows:

<b>Fishery sector</b>	<b>TACC 2022/23 (tonnes)</b>	<b>Unit Value (kg)</b>	<b>No. of units</b>
Spencer Gulf	419.84	63.525	6,609
Gulf St Vincent	294.18	69.300	4,245

The Registrations and Entitlements register certificate that accompanies your fishery licence has quota units endorsed. The quota entitlement is calculated as the sum of the total unit holdings of your licence (including quota unit transfers that have taken place during the quota period) multiplied by the unit value for the quota period, as provided in the above table.

In determining the TACC and quota unit values for the 2022/23 season, I have considered the following:

- 1) The objectives of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*;
- 2) The harvest strategy decision rules in the *Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Blue Crab Fishery*;
- 3) Advice from SARDI contained in the 2019/20 Blue Crab Fishery stock assessment report (Beckmann and Hooper 2021), which classified Blue Swimmer Crab stocks in both gulfs as 'sustainable';
- 4) Fishery independent survey results from March 2022.

Conversion value (quota unit to pot ratio)

As delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have determined the conversion value (quota unit to pot ratio) for both gulfs to be 10 units per pot for the 2022/23 season, the same conversion value as the 2021/22 fishing season.

If you have any questions in relation to the commercial Blue Crab Fishery please contact Dr Annabel Jones, A/ General Manager, Fisheries Management on (08) 8429 0165.

Yours sincerely



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