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NOTICE TO FISHERS

To Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery licence holders:

GULF ST VINCENT PRAWN FISHERY MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2025/26

The Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery (GSVPF) will open on 1 November 2025 for the 2025/26 fishing season in accordance with the Fisheries Management (Prawn Fisheries) Regulations 2017.

In 2025/26, the fishery will have two prescribed periods:

- prescribed period 1 from 1 November 2025 to 31 December 2025
- prescribed period 2 from 1 March 2026 to 31 October 2026.

In determining the arrangements for the 2025/26 fishing season, as delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have considered:

- The objectives of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*
- The Fisheries Management (Prawn Fisheries) Regulations 2017
- The *Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery*, including the harvest strategy within the document.
- Advice from the Gulf Saint Vincent Prawn Fishery Management Advisory Committee (GSVPFMAC) meeting of 2 October 2025.
- Advice from the South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI) on the impacts of the current algal bloom.
- SARDI Advice Notes on:
 - 2025 - Fishery Independent Survey Results (26 June 2025)
 - Standardised annual commercial catch per unit effort (CPUE) (30 September 2025)
 - Total allowable commercial effort, carry-over, and over-catch 2025/26 season (16 October 2025).

Pursuant to Regulation 9(2) of the Fisheries Management (Prawn Fisheries) Regulations 2017, I have determined as the delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development the following management arrangements for the 2025/26 season of the GSVPF:

- There will be a total of 370 fishing nights prescribed for the fishery for the 2025/26 fishing season of which 70 fishing nights are determined for prescribed period 1 and 300 nights determined for period 2 in addition to any unused nights from period 1.
- For prescribed period 1, 2.86 Class A units will be required to fish for one night.
- For prescribed period 2, 2.86 Class A units or 3.33 Class B units will be required to fish for one night.

- If a licence holder is fishing with approved amalgamated gear: for prescribed period 1, 3.58 Class A units will be required to fish for one night; and for prescribed period 2, 3.58 Class A units or 4.16 Class B units will be required to fish for one night.

Please note these arrangements provide each licence with Class A units with 7 fishing nights for prescribed period 1, and licences with Class B units 30 fishing nights in prescribed period 2, in addition to any unused nights from prescribed period 1.

In addition, pursuant to Regulation 9(4) of the Fisheries Management (Prawn Fisheries) Regulations 2017, as delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development I have set the carry-over adjustments from the 2024/25 season to the 2025/26 season at zero (0) and the over-catch provisions for the 2025/26 season at zero (0). Further, under these over-catch provisions should fishing nights in excess of a licence holders allocation be fished in the 2025/26 season, each night fished in excess of the licence's entitlement may be deducted from the entitlements on that licence in the subsequent prescribed period at a rate of two fishing nights for each night fished in excess of the licences entitlement.

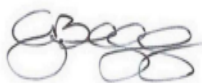
Fishing night unit entitlements (except carried over nights) may be transferred temporarily (within the current season) between GSVPF licences. The form to conduct a transfer can be found at: www.pir.sa.gov.au/fisheries/licensing_and_registration/licensing_and_registration/forms.

A fishing night has been defined as between the prescribed time of sunset and the prescribed time of sunrise for Adelaide (as published in the South Australian Government Gazette pursuant to the requirements of the *Proof of Sunrise and Sunset Act 1923*). These sunrise/sunset times are available at the following link www.sa.gov.au/topics/transport-travel-and-motoring/sunrise-and-sunset-times. Fishing will be conducted in whole nights.

The use of the amalgamated gear type (triple rig with a headline length of up to 43.89 m) requires approval after criteria for minimum unit holdings are met and retained. The forms to apply for amalgamated gear are available at the following link www.pir.sa.gov.au/fisheries/licensing_and_registration/licensing_and_registration/forms.

Should you have any queries in regard to these matters please contact Jade Fredericks, Fisheries Manager on 0417 495 352 or at jade.fredericks@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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