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**NOTICE TO MARINE SCALEFISH FISHERY, SPENCER GULF
PRAWN FISHERY AND CHARTER BOAT FISHERY LICENCE
HOLDERS**

Dear Licence holder

I write to inform you of temporary fishing management changes implemented to protect the Giant Australian Cuttlefish in Spencer Gulf.

Each year the State Government consults with stakeholders on the Giant Cuttlefish Working Group regarding the latest cuttlefish science and management. The Working Group met on 11 February 2021, with attendance of representatives from the commercial and recreational fishing sectors, conservation sector, local regional Councils, relevant State Government Departments, and the South Australian Tourism Commission.

Based on the most recent cuttlefish science and population surveys, there is no requirement under the provisions of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* to reinstate the former temporary closure across northern Spencer Gulf. However, in the interest of supporting tourism at False Bay, a trial spatial closure for the take of cephalopods to a strip around Point Lowly for the period 14 May to 10 August 2021 is being implemented.

As delegate to the Minister of Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have issued a notice under section 79 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* to implement the trial closure.

I have enclosed a copy of the notice and map of the new spatial closure for your information, if you have any further questions you can contact Keith Rowling, Program Leader, Community Based Fisheries on phone: 08 8429 0513 or via email: keith.rowling@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Prof Gavin Begg
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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Enc: s79 Notice to implement Temporary spatial closure for all Cephalopod species
Map of cephalopod closure including extension