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## NOTICE TO FISHERS

To: Licence holders in the Gulf St Vincent commercial Blue Crab Fishery

### **Gulf St Vincent Blue Crab Fishery Exemption Notice**

I write to inform you of temporary management changes that have been implemented for the commercial Blue Crab Fishery in Gulf St Vincent for the 2020/21 season.

*As you are aware, a revised Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Blue Crab Fishery was adopted in July 2020.*

The new management plan includes the introduction of spatial closures for the commercial fishery in Gulf St Vincent (GSV) from 1 December to Easter Monday inclusive, as an offset to the removal of the regulated commercial fishery seasonal closure. These spatial closures include two (2) nm bubble closures in four areas in western GSV (Ardrossan, Black Point, Stansbury and Port Vincent) and the historical temporary Adelaide metropolitan area closures.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) is currently reviewing amendments to the Fisheries Management (General) Regulations 2017 to bring these management arrangements into regulation.

In the interim period, I have supported continuation of the temporary fishing trial in Gulf St Vincent for the 2020/21 season under the following conditions, which are implemented through the attached notice issued under section 115 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*:

- All commercial pot fishery licence holders in Gulf St Vincent can access the fishery from 1 November 2020 to 15 January 2021.
- No commercial fishing will be permitted in spatial closures outlined in the Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Blue Crab Fishery from 1 December 2020 to 15 January 2021.

Please find attached the exemption notice and a map of the closure areas. If you have any queries in relation to the Blue Crab Fishery please contact Keith Rowling, Program Leader, Community Based Fisheries on (08) 8429 0513 or via e-mail [Keith.Rowling@sa.gov.au](mailto:Keith.Rowling@sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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

**Prof Gavin Begg**  
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