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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 2021/22 Blue Crab Fishery fishing season, commencing 1 July 2021.

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 2021/22 quota period (1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022).

The TACC and quota unit values have been adjusted from 2020/21 in line with the harvest strategy, and are as follows:

Fishery sector	TACC 2021/22 (kg)	Unit Value (kg)	No. of units
Spencer Gulf Pot	377,049.75	57.75	6,529
Spencer Gulf Marine Scalefish	4,620	57.75	80
Gulf St Vincent Pot	269,663.63	63.525	4,245
Total	651,333.38 kg		10,854

The Registrations and Entitlements register certificate that accompanies your Blue Crab 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 quota unit values for the 2021/22 season, I have taken account of 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 2020), which classified Blue Swimmer Crab stocks in both gulfs as 'sustainable';
- 4) Fishery independent survey results from March and April 2021.

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 2021/22 season. This is the same conversion value as the 2020/21 fishing season.

If you have any questions in relation to the commercial Blue Crab Fishery please contact Keith Rowling, Program Leader, Community Based Fisheries on (08) 8429 0513.

Yours sincerely



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