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## NOTICE TO MARINE SCALEFISH FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS

### Changes to licence conditions and Minister's determinations

Dear licence holder

I write to inform you that as delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development (the Minister), I have revoked and replaced Minister's determinations made under the *Fisheries Management (Marine Scalefish Fishery) Regulations 2017* relating to the prior reporting and catch and disposal record requirements for King George Whiting, Southern Calamari, Southern Garfish and Snapper where these species are subject to individual transferable quota. The changes follow a review of compliance arrangements for these species undertaken by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) in 2022 in consultation with the Marine Fishers Association (MFA).

The changes that have been made are as follows:

- The requirement to make a prior to fishing report 30 minutes before commencing a fishing activity involving the take of quota species has been changed to now require the fisher to make the report before commencing the fishing activity.
- Fishing in more than one Fishing Zone for quota species (where the fishery has access to more than one zone) within a trip has been enabled, subject to the licence holder or registered master completing a "Multizone fishing report" and securing all quota species in a receptacle[s] on the boat until point of landing using a tag[s] issued by the Department in a manner whereby no fish can be removed or added to the receptacle[s] without breaking the tag for Zones, except for the West Coast Fishing Zone.
- Catch and disposal requirements for quota species have been updated to require that catch weights declared in the electronic CDR are to be accurate to 1 decimal point.

The amended determinations are available on the PIRSA website at:

[https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/primary\\_industry/commercial\\_fishing/management/determinations?shorturl\\_fishing-determinations](https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/primary_industry/commercial_fishing/management/determinations?shorturl_fishing-determinations)

In addition to changes to determinations, as delegate of the Minister, I have also revoked licence conditions and applied new conditions relating to the notice to

fishers dated 2 February 2023 regarding the transition to electronic records (Electronic Marine Scale - Catch and Disposal Records). Some changes described for electronic reporting had not been applied to your licence conditions at the time and I can advise that these changes have now been made. A copy of your updated licence is enclosed for your reference.

The licence conditions revoked, and new licence conditions created are described below in **Appendix A**.

### **Review and Appeal Rights**

Licence holders have a right under section 111 of the Act to seek a review of a variation or imposition of a licence condition or refusal to issue, renew or consent to the transfer of an authority. Appeal rights also exist under sections 112 and 113 of the Act.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact Yolande Markey, Fishery Manager, on 0427 979 085 or [Yolande.Markey@sa.gov.au](mailto:Yolande.Markey@sa.gov.au) .

Yours sincerely



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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
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## Appendix A

### **The following licence conditions are revoked, or introduced on all Marine Scalefish Fishery licences pursuant to s55(2) of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007***

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*The following licence conditions directly relate to the completion of paper-based Catch and Disposal Records (CDRs) and associated requirements for catches of King George Whiting taken in the West Coast Fishing Zone and are to be revoked and replaced with conditions to require electronic reporting of CDRs.*

#### **Licence conditions revoked from all Marine Scalefish Fishery licences**

##### **Revoke condition 14373**

The licence holder or registered master must ensure that all King George Whiting taken from the West Coast Fishing Zone that have been recorded on a CDR are removed from the vessel before commencing a new fishing trip.

##### **Revoke condition 14376**

The holder of a licence in respect of a Marine Scalefish Fishery must ensure that the MSF-CDRs are completed in consecutive order and that all CDRs in an MSF-CDR book are completed before a new MSF-CDR book is used.

##### **Revoke condition 14377**

The licence holder or registered master must make a copy of each MSF-CDR relating to King George Whiting taken from the West Coast Fishing Zone that he or she completes before the MSF-CDR is sent or delivered to the Department and the licence holder must ensure that the yellow copies of MSF-CDR and the MSF-CDR book are kept for 3 years once the CDR book is completed.

##### **Revoke condition 14603**

On any fishing trip where the licence holder or registered master has taken King George Whiting from the West Coast Fishing Zone they must:

- i) Weigh the catch, record the weight of the King George Whiting on the MSF-CDR and complete the CDR before the catch leaves the Registered Master or Licence Holders possession; or
- ii) Weigh the catch, record the weight of the King George Whiting on the MSF-CDR and complete the CDR before processing the catch; or
- iii) Weigh the catch and record the weight of the King George Whiting on the MSF-CDR within 24 hours of landing the catch.

##### **Revoke condition 14604**

The licence holder or registered master must ensure that all King George Whiting taken from the West Coast Fishing Zone are consigned or delivered to a registered fish processor located within the State of South Australia and where the catch is being consigned to more than one Fish Processor complete a separate MSF-CDR for each individual Fish Processor.

##### **Revoke condition 14605**

The licence holder or registered master must only fish in one fishing zone per fishing trip when fishing for King George Whiting.

#### **Revoke condition 14606**

The licence holder or registered master must within 48 hours of completing a MSF-CDR-

- (a) Submit or cause to be submitted a copy of the completed white copy of the MSF-CDR to the Department electronically to [pirsa.fisherieslicensing@sa.gov.au](mailto:pirsa.fisherieslicensing@sa.gov.au); or
- (b) Submit or cause to be submitted a copy of the completed white copy of the MSF-CDR to the Department by fax to 08 8207 5331; or
- (c) Deliver or cause to be delivered the completed white copy of the MSF-CDR to the Department within 48 hours of completing the CDR in a reply-paid envelope.

#### **Revoke condition 14607**

The licence holder or registered master under the licence who has reported taking King George Whiting from the West Coast Fishing Zone must ensure that if a MSF-CDR is cancelled, all copies of the record are marked with the word "cancelled" and the cancelled white copy of the MSF-CDR is delivered to the Department within 7 days.

#### **MSF licence conditions created are as follows and to be applied to all licences in the fishery**

**Condition A** (Note – this is a reference not a condition but included as a condition for administrative purposes to enable it to be displayed on the licence)

For the purpose of these conditions, 'electronic report' – means an entry received in the eCatch electronic database created and administered by the Department. Submission of the electronic report may be directly entered into the eCatch electronic database via the myPIRSA portal ([www.pir.sa.gov.au/ecatch](http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/ecatch)); via the Commercial Fishing SA App; or other third party application. If entered by a third party application the Licence Holder, Registered Master or Nominated Agent must ensure the report has been received by the eCatch electronic database.

#### **Condition B**

The licence holder or registered master must ensure that all King George Whiting taken from the West Coast Fishing Zone that have been recorded in an electronic report 'Marine Scale-CDR' are removed from the vessel before commencing a new fishing trip.

#### **Condition C**

Where an electronic report 'Marine Scale-CDR' report has been submitted, no further record need be kept.

#### **Condition D**

On any fishing trip where King George Whiting has been taken from the West Coast Fishing Zone the licence holder or registered master must:

- (i) Weigh the catch, record the weight of the King George Whiting, accurate to one decimal place, on the electronic report 'Marine Scale-CDR' and complete the electronic report 'Marine Scale-CDR' before the catch leaves the Registered Master or Licence Holders possession; or
- ii) Weigh the catch, record the weight of the King George Whiting, accurate to one decimal place, on the electronic report 'Marine Scale-CDR' and complete the CDR before processing the catch; or
- iii) Weigh the catch and record the weight of the King George Whiting, accurate to one decimal place, on the electronic report 'Marine Scale-CDR' within 24 hours of landing the catch.

Weighing the catch and recording and submitting the weight of the King George Whiting in the electronic report must occur whichever of (i), (ii) or (iii) occurs first.

**Condition E**

The licence holder or registered master must ensure that all King George Whiting taken from the West Coast Fishing Zone are consigned or delivered to a registered fish processor located within the State of South Australia and where the catch is being consigned to more than one Fish Processor complete a separate electronic report 'Marine Scale-CDR' is completed for each individual Fish Processor.

**Condition F**

When fishing for King George Whiting in the West Coast Fishing Zone the licence holder or registered master must not fish in another fishing zone prescribed under the *Fisheries Management (Marine Scalefish Fishery) Regulations 2017* on the same fishing trip.

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