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www.pir.sa.gov.au**NOTICE TO MARINE SCALEFISH FISHERY AND NORTHERN ZONE ROCK
LOBSTER FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS (OPTION C)****Miscellaneous amendments to regulations – Razorfish**

Dear Licence Holder

I write to inform you of miscellaneous amendments that have been made to regulations under the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* that relate to the Marine Scalefish Fishery (MSF).

Amendments to regulation 23D of the Fisheries Management (General) Regulations 2017 (General Regulations) have been made to update and clarify existing arrangements in relation to the commercial take of Razorfish from west of longitude 136 degrees East for bait purposes.

Razorfish can be susceptible to depletion in localised areas as they are immobile animals and can be easily taken by hand or by using razorfish tongs from boats.

Under regulation 23D of the General Regulations, the take of Razorfish by commercial fishers for bait purposes is limited to 50 per day in all state waters, or under regulation 23D(2), up to 150 Razorfish over a three-day consecutive period in the West Coast area for licence holders in the MSF.

The regulation amendments clarify that the catch limit applies to the total number of Razorfish that may be harvested under the licence (regardless of the number of persons, i.e. licence holder or registered master, replacement master or deck hands that may be fishing pursuant to the licence) over a period of 3 consecutive days. The regulation amendments limit each licence to 150 Razorfish over a three-day period. It does not allow a licence holder, agents or masters to each take up to 150 over a three-day period.

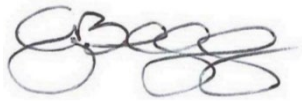
A further amendment has been made to regulation 23D(2) relating to three-day catch limit of Razorfish for MSF licence holders to remove an area west of Longitude 136 degrees East that is in coastal waters adjacent to Port Lincoln. This sub regulation was not intended to apply to Razorfish harvest in the waters of Spencer Gulf. The amendment therefore clarifies that the area to which the three-day catch limit applies, does not include the waters of Spencer Gulf.

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The regulatory amendments, should you wish to view them, are set out in the Fisheries Management (General) (Miscellaneous) Amendment Regulations 2026, as published in the Government Gazette, No. 47, Thursday 20 August 2026 (pp. 2775-2860), available at: [No. 47 - Thursday, 20 August 2026 \(pp. 2775–2860\)](#), effective from 20 August 2026.

If you have any queries regarding these arrangements, you can contact Yolande Markey, Marine Scalefish Fishery - Fishery Manager on 0427 979 085 or via email at Yolande.markey@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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

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