

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT 2007: SECTION 115

GULF ST VINCENT BLUE CRAB FISHERY CLOSURE **MINISTERIAL EXEMPTION NUMBER ME9903078**

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to section 115 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*, all holders of a Blue Crab Fishery licence issued under the *Fisheries Management (Blue Crab Fishery) Regulations 2013* allowing access to the waters of Gulf St Vincent (the 'exemption holders'), and their registered masters are exempt from section 70 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*, and regulation 5(a), clause 36 of Schedule 6 of the *Fisheries Management (General) Regulations 2017* but only insofar as they may take prescribed crustacean species during the period commencing 12:01 am on 1 November 2020 and ending 11:59 pm on 15 January 2021 (the 'exempted activity') for the purpose of trade or business, in the waters described in Schedule 1 and subject to the conditions set out in Schedule 2 unless varied or revoked earlier.

SCHEDULE 1

1. The exempted activity may only be undertaken within the Gulf St Vincent Blue Crab Fishing Zone as prescribed under the *Fisheries Management (Blue Crab Fishery) Regulations 2013*.

SCHEDULE 2

1. Exemption holders may not undertake the exempted activity from the period of 1 December 2020 to 15 January 2021 within the following areas:
 - a. All waters landward of a line commencing at the seaward end of the southern Outer Harbor breakwater closest to latitude 34°47'18.96"S, longitude 138°28'00.12"E, then westerly along the geodesic to latitude 34°47'12.12"S, longitude 138°24'54.00"E, then south-southeasterly along the geodesic to latitude 35°02'30.84"S, longitude 138°29'16.44"E, then east along the parallel of latitude 35°02'30.84"S to the point on mean high water springs closest to latitude 35°02'30.84"S, longitude 138°30'37.44"E.
 - b. All waters landward of a line commencing at the seaward end of the northern Outer Harbor breakwater closest to latitude 34°47'02.52"S, longitude 138°28'12.12"E, then northwesterly along the geodesic to latitude 34°44'51.06"S, longitude 138°26'40.80"E (spoil ground navigation mark), then northeasterly along the geodesic to the point on mean high water springs closest to latitude 34°41'36.84"S, longitude 138°28'24.36"E.
 - c. All waters in the area contained within 2 nautical miles (NM) from the boat ramps at the following locations:
 - Ardrossan (latitude 34°26'05.52"S, longitude 137°55'02.70"E);
 - Black Point (latitude 34°36'22.74"S, longitude 137°52'55.38"E);
 - Port Vincent (latitude 34°46'39.96"S, longitude 137°51'46.44"E);
 - Stansbury (latitude 34°54'13.62"S, longitude 137°47'51.66"E).
2. Exemption holders must complete and submit the South Australian Blue Crab Fishery Catch and Effort Return forms for all crustaceans taken pursuant to this notice, consistent with the *Fisheries Management (Blue Crab Fishery) Regulations 2013*.
3. Exemption holders must comply with all licence conditions when undertaking the exempted activity, except where specifically exempted by this notice.

4. While engaging in the exempted activity, exemption holders must be in possession of a copy of this notice. This notice must be produced to a Fisheries Officer if requested.
5. The exemption holders must not contravene or fail to comply with the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* or any regulations made under that Act, except where specifically exempted by this notice.

This notice does not purport to override the provisions or operation of any other Act including, but not limited to, the *Marine Parks Act 2007* and the *Defence Act 1903* (Cwlth). The exemption holder and his/her agents must comply with any relevant prohibitions, restrictions, regulations, permits, requirements and directions from the Department for Environment and Water when undertaking activities within a marine park.

Dated 31 October 2020



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