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NOTICE TO SPENCER GULF PRAWN FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS

Innovation Month – by-catch reduction trial

Dear Licence Holder

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) encourages practices that can reduce ecological impacts and increase economic efficiencies in fisheries operations and I am excited to see the trial of the efficiency of electrolume lights on nets to reduce by-catch of finfish in February 2023.

In support of this trial, as delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have issued a notice pursuant to regulation 10 of the *Fisheries Management (Prawn Fisheries) Regulations 2017* to allow for commercial fishing for the purposes of conducting the trial.

This notice allows for fishing by the holder of Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery licence P06, or their registered masters to undertake fishing using prawn trawl nets on the vessel, *FV Lunar Sea*. Condition 3 of this notice restricts fishing to a maximum of six shots per night and a maximum of six nights to minimise risk to the stock sustainability.

I have attached a copy of the notice for your reference.

I look forward to seeing outcomes from this first trial under the Innovation Month framework.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Jordan Lear, Fisheries Manager on 0401 121 955 or at Jordan.lear@sa.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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Attachment: Regulation 10 notice - electrolume lights on nets to reduce by-catch of finfish