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## NOTICE TO FISHERS

### Spencer Gulf and West Coast Prawn Fisheries

#### Miscellaneous amendments to regulations

Dear Licence Holder,

I write to inform you of several miscellaneous amendments that have been made to regulations under the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* (the Act) that relate to the Spencer Gulf and West Coast Prawn Fisheries (SGWCPF).

Amendments to regulations have been implemented to provide for improved administration of authorities and to correct administrative errors.

#### Key changes

##### *Fisheries Management (General) Regulations 2017*

- Regulation 3(3) describing the method for determining the mesh size of a net has been deleted as this method has been superseded by new technology and is no longer necessary. New arrangements now allow the Minister to approve a measuring instrument for this purpose to ascertain more accurate mesh sizes of nets allowing for new measuring devices to be certified in the future in a timely manner.
- The opportunity has been taken to make amendments to the *Fisheries Management (General) 2017* to update all coordinates from GDA94 to GDA2020 based on the Geocentric Datum of Australia 2020 (GDA2020) consistent with the Australian national standard.

##### *Fisheries Management (Prawn Fisheries) Regulations 2017*

- Coordinates in the *Fisheries Management (Prawn Fisheries) Regulations 2017* have been amended to correct an error in the definition of the waters of the Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery and to update all coordinates described in the *Fisheries Management (Prawn Fisheries) Regulations 2017* to GDA2020.

The relevant amendment regulations for SGWCPFA licence holders are as follows:

*Fisheries Management (General) (Miscellaneous) Amendment Regulations 2023*

*Fisheries Management (Prawn Fisheries) (Miscellaneous) Amendment Regulations 2023*

*Fisheries Management (Demerit Points) (Miscellaneous) Amendment Regulations 2023.*

These regulation amendments are published in the Government Gazette, No. 26, Thursday 20 April 2023 (pp. 799–858), available at:

[https://governmentgazette.sa.gov.au/2023/April/2023\\_026.pdf](https://governmentgazette.sa.gov.au/2023/April/2023_026.pdf)

These amendments came into effect on 1 May 2023.

If you have any queries regarding these arrangements or would like a copy of the amended regulations referred to above, you can contact Jordan Lear, Fishery Manager, on (08) 8429 0931 or email [Jordan.Lear@sa.gov.au](mailto:Jordan.Lear@sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Begg', is positioned above the typed name and title.

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