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NOTICE TO FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS IN THE:

BLUE CRAB; WESTERN ZONE ABALONE; CENTRAL ZONE ABALONE; WEST COAST PRAWN; SPENCER GULF PRAWN; GULF ST. VINCENT PRAWN; MARINE SCALEFISH; and SOUTHERN ZONE ROCK LOBSTER FISHERIES.

Approved rollout of a Vessel Monitoring Scheme in the Fishery

Dear Licence Holder,

I write to provide an update on the implementation of a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) for your fishery. On 13 July 2026, the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development approved the rollout of a VMS in your respective fishery. Industry Executive Officers were corresponded with on 15 July 2026 regarding this approval.

VMS will be a valuable tool in complementing existing compliance approaches to ensure offshore commercial fishing activity is monitored.

PIRSA will acquire the VMS units and then develop a structured rollout plan for each fishery in conjunction with your respective industry Executive Officer ensuring minimal disruption to normal fishing activities.

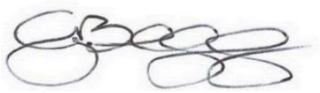
Local Fisheries Officers will be available to meet with fishers to discuss the installation and activation process.

There will be no cost to the licence holder for the VMS unit, nor for installation and activation, details of approved installers will be provided to Executive Officers for distribution.

I encourage you to liaise with your industry Executive Officer if you have questions regarding the VMS rollout. It is important to know you can access support from Stay Afloat (a Seafood Industry Australia program dedicated to improving the mental health and wellness of the Australian seafood industry) should you have any health-related concerns arising from changes within your fishery at sa@stayafloat.com.au

Please direct queries to your industry Executive Officer in the first instance who will further liaise with PIRSA to ensure an efficient and coordinated rollout is achieved, or alternatively you can email questions to: PIRSA.FisheriesOperationalManagement@sa.gov.au, or you can liaise with your local Fisheries Officers.

Yours sincerely



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