



**FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE**

2 Hamra Avenue  
West Beach SA  
GPO Box 1625  
Adelaide SA 5001  
Tel (08) 8207 5333  
[www.pir.sa.gov.au](http://www.pir.sa.gov.au)

2 July 2021

## **NOTICE TO FISH PROCESSOR REGISTRATION HOLDERS**

Dear registration holder

I write to inform you of several changes to determinations and registration conditions of a Fish Processor registration made under the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* (the Act) in order to implement arrangements for the reform of the Marine Scalefish Fishery (MSF) from 1 July 2021.

Final arrangements for the reform are now available on the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) website at

[pir.sa.gov.au/fishingreform](http://pir.sa.gov.au/fishingreform)

As outlined in this information, significant changes to the fishery have been approved by the Government to take effect from 1 July 2021, including:

- The separation of the Sardine and Vongole fisheries from the Marine Scalefish Fishery,
- The creation of four management zones for the four priority fish species – King George Whiting, Southern Garfish, Southern Calamari, Snapper
- The introduction of a total allowable commercial catch (TACC) and individual transferable quota (ITQ) management system for the priority species.

To implement these changes, amendments have now been made to a range of regulations under the Act, including the *Fisheries Management (Fish Processors) Regulations 2017* via the *Fisheries Management (Fish Processors) (Marine Scalefish Fishery Reform) Variation Regulations 2021*.

These regulations, together with other amended and new regulations related to the reform of the MSF are available on the PIRSA website and copies can be provided upon request.

As a result of these regulatory amendments, many references to existing and new regulations will change as of 1 July 2021, requiring existing Ministerial determinations to be revoked or varied, and new determinations made to ensure the current management arrangements for the fishery are maintained.

## Changes to determinations

Changes to determinations for Fish Processors (Full), primarily relate to the introduction of TACC and ITQ management for the priority species of the MSF – King George Whiting, Southern Garfish, Southern Calamari and Snapper – and the subsequent additional monitoring and reporting requirements for processors.

Other changes relate to the separation of the Sardine and Vongole fisheries from the MSF which, from 1 July, will operate pursuant to the *Fisheries Management (Sardine Fishery) Regulations 2021* and the *Fisheries Management (Vongole Fishery) Regulations 2021* requiring determinations to be revoked and new determinations implemented under the new Sardine and Vongole Fishery regulations.

The new determinations are not intended to vary existing arrangements, other than those outlined in the reform. A summary of the determinations that have been revoked that are relevant to Fish Processor registration holders is provided in **Table 1** below. A summary of relevant determinations that have been introduced is provided in **Table 2** and are published in full on the PIRSA website at [pir.sa.gov.au/fishing-determinations](http://pir.sa.gov.au/fishing-determinations)

Processors should be aware that, new conditions for MSF fishers have been made to ensure that King George Whiting is treated consistently wherever a TACC applies. This has meant that conditions relating to catch and disposal requirements and information to be provided for the take of King George Whiting in the West Coast Fishing Zone have been introduced that mirror the determinations for King George Whiting in the other zones where a TACC is in place.

**Table 1. Determinations that have been revoked**

Regulation Title	Regulation	Subject	Status
<i>Fisheries Management (Fish Processors) Regulations 2017</i>	9	Processing vongole	Revoked
	13	Processing sardines	Revoked

**Table 2. New determinations**

Regulation Title	Regulation	Subject	Status
<i>Fisheries Management (Fish Processors) Regulations 2017</i>	9	Processing vongole	Implemented
	13	Processing sardines	Implemented

	15A, 15B, 15C and 15D	Requirements relating to King George whiting, snapper, southern calamari and southern garfish	Implemented
--	-----------------------	---	-------------

If you have any queries regarding these arrangements or would like a copy of the amended regulations referred to above, you can contact Sam Stone, Fisheries Manager, on phone 8429 2101 or email [sam.stone@sa.gov.au](mailto:sam.stone@sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



Prof Gavin Begg  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
**FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE**