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NOTICE TO MISCELLANEOUS (GIANT CRAB) FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS AND ROCK LOBSTER FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS WITH GIANT CRAB QUOTA: DETERMINATION OF THE GIANT CRAB QUOTA UNIT VALUE AND OVER-CATCH AND CARRY-OVER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2022/23 QUOTA PERIOD

Dear licence holder

I write to advise, that as delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, under the *Fisheries Management (Rock Lobster Fisheries) Regulations 2017*, and the *Fisheries Management (Miscellaneous Fisheries) Regulations 2015*, I have determined the Giant Crab quota unit values for the 2022/23 quota period in the Northern Zone and Southern Zone as follows:

	Quota unit value	Total Allowable Commercial Catch
Northern Zone	13.4 kg/unit	13.4 tonnes
Southern Zone	8.7 kg/unit	8.7 tonnes

Determination of the Giant Crab quota unit values has been made considering:

- 1. The objects of the Fisheries Management Act 2007.
- 2. The harvest strategy, included in the *Management Policy for Commercial Fishing of Giant Crab in South Australia*.
- 3. SARDI advice on the performance of the fishery included in an Advice Note dated 17 August 2022. A copy of the Advice Note is attached for information.

In regard to carry-over arrangements, I advise that as the delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have determined that there will be no provision to carry-over uncaught Giant Crab quota entitlements from the 2021/22 quota period to the 2022/23 quota period. This decision is based primarily on scientific advice that states there is a high probability of the stock being classified as 'depleting' in 2022/23. Feedback from Giant Crab quota entitlement holders also indicated they were not supportive of carry-over provisions. A copy of the SARDI Advice Note on carry-over and over-catch arrangements for 2022/23 is enclosed for your information.

In regard to over-catch provisions, I advise that as the delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have determined that if the total catch of Giant Crab taken by the holder of a Rock Lobster or miscellaneous licence with Giant Crab quota entitlements during the 2022/23 quota period exceeds their Giant Crab quota entitlements for that quota period:

- By up to 20 kilograms of the quota entitlements held on a licence, the conditions of the licence may be varied so as to decrease the quota entitlement for the following quota period by 1 kilogram of Giant Crab for each kilogram taken in excess of the quota entitlement; or
- By more than 20 kilograms of the quota entitlements held on a licence, the conditions of the licence may be varied so as to decrease the quota entitlement for the following

quota period by 2 kilogram of Giant Crab for each kilogram taken in excess of the quota entitlement.

This determination implements the same over-catch arrangements that were in place in 2021/22.

Should you have any enquiries in relation to either the Giant Crab total allowable commercial catch (TACC) or the carry-over and over-catch arrangements for 2022/23 please contact Elisha Lovell, Fisheries Management Officer on telephone (08) 8429 3629.

Yours sincerely

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