

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT (PRAWN FISHERIES) REGULATIONS 2017

Innovation Month trial in the Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery

TAKE notice that pursuant to Regulation 10 of the *Fisheries Management (Prawn Fisheries) Regulations 2017*, the notice dated 20 September 2022 on page 6144 of the South Australian Government Gazette of 23 September 2022, prohibiting fishing activities in the Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery is HEREBY varied such that it will not be unlawful for the licence holder of Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery licence P06, Lunar Sea Holdings Pty Ltd, or their registered masters, to undertake commercial fishing activities on the vessel, *FV Lunar Sea*, in the waters specified in Schedule 1 under the conditions specified in Schedule 2 for the period commencing at sunset on 17 February 2023 and ending at sunrise on 1 March 2023 unless varied or revoked.

SCHEDULE 1

Waters of Spencer Gulf described in *Fisheries Management (Prawn Fisheries) Regulations 2017* excluding any areas within a habitat protection zone or a sanctuary zone of a marine park established under the *Marine Parks Act 2007*.

SCHEDULE 2

1. The licence holder or their registered master must comply with all regulations and conditions that apply to fishing activities undertaken pursuant to their licence, in addition to the conditions imposed by this notice.
2. Fishing conducted pursuant to this notice must be conducted as part of a trial of the use of electrolume lights on nets to assess if electrolume lights reduce the volume of finfish bycatch.
3. Fishing conducted pursuant to this notice is limited to a maximum of six shots per night and a maximum of six nights fishing.
4. At least one hour prior to departure of the vessel *FV Lunar Sea* from port to engage in the activity permitted under this notice, the licence holder or their registered master must provide the following details to either the Executive Officer or the Coordinator at Sea from the Spencer Gulf and West Coast Prawn Fishermen's Association, and must email these details to the Prawn Fishery Manager, Jordan Lear at Jordan.lear@sa.gov.au:
 - a. Port commencing the activity from
 - b. Earliest date leaving port
 - c. Earliest time leaving port
 - d. Port of return
 - e. Activity undertaken
 - f. Names of persons conducting activity
 - g. Dates of trawling commencement
 - h. Approximate times of trawling commencement
 - i. Location of activity

5. All fish, other than King Prawns, Southern Calamari and Balmain Bugs taken during the activity permitted under this notice, are to be returned to the water immediately after capture.
6. While engaged in fishing activities the licence holder or their register master must have a copy of this notice on board the boat or near his person. This notice must be produced to a Fisheries Officer if requested.
7. No fishing activity may be undertaken between the prescribed times of sunrise and sunset for Adelaide (as published in the South Australian Government Gazette) during the period of this notice.
8. The licence holder or their register master must not contravene or fail to comply with the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*, or any other regulations made under that Act except where specifically exempted by this notice.
9. This notice does not purport to override the provisions or operation of any other Act. The notice holder and his agents must comply with any relevant regulations, permits, requirements and directions from the Department for Environment and Water when undertaking activities within a marine park.

Dated: 15 February 2023



Prof Gavin Begg

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

Delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development