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NOTICE TO MARINE SCALEFISH FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS
Policy for operating multiple licences from the one boat

Dear Licence Holder,

On 23 October 2023, I wrote to MSF licence holders outlining the need to review and finalise government policy and any subsequent management arrangements regarding the use of multiple MSF licences from the one registered boat.

Subsequently the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) prepared a draft Policy Discussion Paper – ‘*Operating multiple licences from one registered boat in the South Australian Commercial Marine Scalefish Fishery*’ and invited comment from the Marine Fishers Association (MFA) and the South Australian Professional Fishers Association (SAPFA) between 4 July and 4 August 2024.

After considering the new [Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Marine Scalefish Fishery \(2025\)](#), objects of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* (the Act), and the views of the MFA and SAPFA, the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development has approved the release of the final Policy Statement (Enclosed).

This Policy Statement sets out the principles that will be applied by PIRSA in managing the use of multiple licences on one registered boat in a single fishing trip in the MSF. This includes various scenarios where PIRSA supports the activity subject to appropriate vessel and gear marking, and catch handling. Consistent with feedback from the MFA and SAPFA, PIRSA has not supported the use of multiple licences from one registered boat through the use of replacement master provisions.

Importantly, the Policy Statement notes that where needed, specific licence conditions and other management arrangements will be assessed to determine whether there are stock sustainability or other factors that may require further consideration in the context of the use of multiple licences from the one registered boat. PIRSA intends to work with the relevant industry representative bodies to review and update licence conditions and other management



arrangements where necessary in support of the application of the Policy Statement.

Should you have any further queries in regard to this matter please contact Yolande Markey, Fisheries Manager, on 0427 979 085 or email yolande.markey@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Begg'.

Prof. Gavin Begg
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Enclosed: Policy Statement