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ALGAL BLOOM – 2025-26 FEE RELIEF

Dear licence holder,

On 23 December 2025, the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) sent a Notice to Fishers regarding detailed information about the fee relief measures being implemented in response to the temporary closure of the Gulf St Vincent/Kangaroo Island Fishing Zone through to 30 June 2026.

Following the temporary closure of the Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery (GSVFP) on 16 January 2026, PIRSA is providing further support measures in response to the algal bloom event.

Based on the considerations above, **you are receiving this correspondence as you will receive automatic PIRSA Fee Relief through to 30 June 2026.**

As a result of the automatic fee relief, you will no longer be required to submit further applications for fee relief for the 2025-26 financial year, as your circumstances are already recognised under the current support measures.

PIRSA will automatically apply 75% of your eligible annual fee as a credit (Q2-Q4). This is in recognition of the significant impact of the algal bloom on the GSVFP in Q2 and the subsequent closure of the fishery in Q3-Q4. If you have made any payments toward your 2025-26 licence fees to date, you may request this figure as a refund, subject to any outstanding old debt on your account.

Please contact PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture on 08 8207 5332 or PIRSA.FisheriesBusiness@sa.gov.au if you would like to request a refund.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd Sutton'.

Todd Sutton

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