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## NOTICE TO CHARTER BOAT FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS

### Temporary prohibition – updated algal bloom arrangements

Dear licence holder,

I write to inform you of a range of temporary measures being implemented in response to the most recent algal bloom assessment by the South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI).

An [Algal Bloom Fishery Management Roadmap](#) (the Roadmap) has been developed to guide decisions on whether algal bloom management arrangements are further restricted or relaxed in response to the latest scientific information.

The most recent SARDI assessments for South Australia's gulfs have been completed and the main findings include:

- **Gulf St Vincent/Kangaroo Island Fishing Zone (GSV/KIFZ):** Evidence of declines in King George Whiting with widespread indication of post-settlement failure. Southern Calamari and Southern Garfish have been severely affected, with near absence reported in many areas. No Southern Calamari egg masses were detected in dive surveys at known spawning areas. Juvenile Southern Garfish numbers also appear impacted.
- **Spencer Gulf Fishing Zone (SGFZ):** Catches of King George Whiting, Southern Garfish, Western King Prawn, Blue Swimmer Crab, Abalone and Sardine remain relatively stable but strong evidence of declines in Southern Calamari.

The latest Fishery Independent Survey (FIS) for the Blue Crab Fishery indicates:

- The recorded evidence from the targeted Blue Crab surveys (Sept/Oct 2025 and Jan/Feb 2026) and a FIS (March 2026) indicate increasing performance and the FIS results are also well in excess of the target reference point in the Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Blue Crab Fishery.
- These results meet the decision rules within the Roadmap.

The latest SARDI Snapper information also indicates uncertainty from impacts of the algal bloom on rebuilding Snapper stocks.

Based on the available SARDI Algal Bloom fish assessments, the Blue Crab FIS results and information regarding Snapper stocks, a number of amendments to the current temporary management arrangements are being implemented or amended as a precautionary measure consistent with the objects of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* (the Act) and the Roadmap. These arrangements aim to

promote stock recovery, and in the case of Blue Crab appropriately respond to positive stock recovery from the impacts of the bloom.

The Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development has made declarations under section 79 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* (unless varied or revoked) relating to the **recreational fishing** sector, including the Charter Boat Fishery, to:

- Continue the temporary prohibition reducing recreational and charter boat passenger daily bag and boat limits by 50% in the GSV/KIFZ including the Port River Estuary (excluding migratory species and Blue Swimmer Crab where pre algal bloom bag and boat limits will be in place, and Southern Calamari and Southern Garfish) from 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027.
- Temporarily prohibit the take of Southern Calamari and Southern Garfish in the waters of the GSV/KIFZ and the take of Southern Calamari in the SGFZ from 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027.
- Temporarily prohibit the take or possession of Snapper in the waters of the GSV/KIFZ, SGFZ and West Coast Fishing Zone from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.
- Remove the reduced daily bag and boat limits for King George Whiting in the SGFZ.
- Implement a King George Whiting Spawning Season closure in an area of southern Gulf St Vincent, Investigator Straight and southern Spencer Gulf by temporarily prohibiting the take or possession of King George Whiting between April and July in any year that the temporary arrangements apply, commencing from 1 May 2026 (map attached).

Charter boat operators will be able to transit through the Gulf St Vincent and Kangaroo Island Fishing Zone and the Spencer Gulf Fishing Zone with fish lawfully taken by passengers in other fishing zones. Please note the transit arrangements require a report prior to entering the closed zone or area to be made (see attached Determination).

These difficult decisions to implement further restrictions for Southern Calamari and King George Whiting, Southern Garfish as well as Snapper, which was announced last year, is in line with the priority principle of the Act to ensure proper conservation and management measures are implemented to protect aquatic resources of the state from over exploitation and ensure those resources are not endangered. The arrangements also take into account the principle that if there are threats of a serious or irreversible damage to the aquatic resources of the state, lack of full scientific certainty should not be used as a reason for postponing measures to prevent such damage.

The King George Whiting Spawning Season closure introduces a further tool to support recovery of this species in Gulf St Vincent based on SARDI advice on the scale, location and timing of spawning and connectivity between the spawning sites and settlement of juveniles. These closures reduce capture of larger breeding fish, minimise disturbance of breeding activity and will therefore enhance the success of recruitment of juvenile fish in Gulf St Vincent.

In addition to the above arrangements pertaining to algal bloom response measures, the management arrangements that protect our shark and ray species are also provided for in these notices for each respective sector. It is noted, the intent remains to implement ongoing changes to shark and ray management through regulatory change.

Based on the most recent advice and application of the roadmap, arrangements have also been amended for the commercial fishing sector. A summary of the arrangements is provided in the table at the back of this letter.

Support is also available for licence holders facing financial hardship through the [Rural Financial Counselling Service \(RFCS\)](#) and the [Family and Business \(FaB\) Mentor program](#). These services provide financial counselling and wellbeing support for primary producers experiencing hardship. Further information is available at [Summer Plan Algal Bloom Update](#). Industry members may also seek support from [Stay Afloat Australia](#) mental and wellbeing health program for the Australian seafood industry.

The Charter Boat Fishery passenger catch limits are available on the PIRSA Website ([Fishing limits quick lookup - PIRSA](#)) and the section 79 notice is attached.

Should you have any queries on this matter, please contact your local Senior Fisheries Officer in your region, or Jordan Lear – Manager Recreational Fishing on 0401 121 955 or at [jordan.lear@sa.gov.au](mailto:jordan.lear@sa.gov.au)

Yours sincerely,



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

Attachments:

- A. Map of King George Whiting Spawning Season Spatial closure
- B. Section 79 notice
- C. Determination for Charter Boat Fishery

**Summary of arrangements** (changes are indicated in orange)

	<b>GSV/KI</b>	<b>SG</b>
Blue Crab	<p>Current (pre 1 May) Commercial: CLOSED Recreational/Charter: 50% reduced</p> <p><b>Changes (post 1 May)</b> Commercial: OPEN Recreational/Charter: OPEN no reductions to limits</p>	<p>Current (pre 1 May) Commercial: OPEN Recreational/Charter: OPEN</p> <p><b>Changes (post 1 May)</b> No Change</p>
Southern Calamari	<p>Current (pre 1 May) Commercial: CLOSED Recreational/Charter: 50% reduced</p> <p><b>Changes (post 1 May)</b> Commercial: CLOSED (no change) Recreational/Charter: CLOSED</p>	<p>Current (pre 1 May) Commercial: OPEN Recreational/Charter: 50% reduced</p> <p><b>Recommended (post 1 May)</b> Commercial: CLOSED Recreational/Charter: CLOSED</p>
Southern Garfish	<p>Current (pre 1 May) Commercial: CLOSED Recreational/Charter: 50% reduced</p> <p><b>Changes (post 1 May)</b> Commercial: CLOSED (no change) Recreational/Charter: CLOSED</p>	<p>Current (pre 1 May) Commercial: OPEN Recreational/Charter: OPEN</p> <p><b>Changes (post 1 May)</b> No Change</p>
King George Whiting	<p>Current (pre 1 May) Commercial: CLOSED Recreational/Charter: 50% reduced</p> <p><b>Changes (post 1 May)</b> Commercial: CLOSED (no change) Recreational/Charter: 50% reduced (no change)</p> <p>All Sectors – Spawning Season Closure</p>	<p>Current (pre 1 May) Commercial: OPEN Recreational/Charter: 50% reduced</p> <p><b>Changes (post 1 May)</b> Commercial: OPEN (no change) Recreational/Charter: remove reduced catch limits</p> <p>All Sectors – Spawning Season Closure</p>
Other Species	<p><b>Changes (post 1 May)</b> No change – extend for a further 12 months</p>	<p><b>Changes (post 1 May)</b> No change – extend for a further 12 months</p>
Snapper GSV, SG/WC	<p>Current All sectors: CLOSED</p> <p><b>Changes (post 1 July)</b> Extend current closures to 30 June 2027</p>	
Sharks and Rays	<p><b>Changes (post 1 May)</b> Collate and extend current arrangements for 12 months</p>	

**FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT 2007: SECTION 79***Temporary restrictions on recreational charter fishing management arrangements*

Pursuant to section 79 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*, I, Hon Clare Scriven MLC, Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, hereby declare that it shall be unlawful for an unlicensed person fishing under a lawful charter boat fishing agreement to engage in the act of, or an act preparatory to or otherwise involved in, the fishing activities specified in Schedule 1, or to have possession or control of specified aquatic resources within waters described in Schedule 2, during the period specified in Schedule 3.

**SCHEDULE 1**

1. The taking, from any waters of the state, of any of the following:
  - Smooth Stingray (*Bathytoshia brevicaudata*), Black Stingray (*Bathytoshia lata*) or Southern Eagle Ray (*Myliobatis tenuicaudatus*) with a disc width greater than 100 cm; or
  - Southern Fiddler Ray (*Trygonorrhina dumerilii*) or Western Shovelnose Ray (*Aptychotrema vincentiana*) with a total length greater than 80 cm.
2. The taking of King George Whiting (*Sillaginodes punctatus*) from within the King George Whiting Spawning Spatial Closure Area (the KGW Spawning Closure) during the period 1 May 2026 to 31 July 2026 and 1 April 2027 to 30 April 2027 only (the spawning period).
3. The taking of an aquatic resource specified in column 1 of the following table, if –
  - the corresponding daily bag limit specified in column 2 or 4 has been taken that day; or
  - in the case of a trip lasting more than 3 days, the maximum trip limit in column 3 or 5 has been taken,within the waters specified in the table.

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Species	Daily passenger limit (trip <3 days)	Passenger trip limit (trip > 3 days)
Waters of the Spencer Gulf Fishing Zone		
Southern Calamari	0	0
Shark and Ray species	See Shark and Ray section below	
Waters of the Gulf St. Vincent and Kangaroo Island Fishing Zone or the Port Adelaide River estuary		
Abalone (each species)	2	5
Bight Redfish	3*	8*
Blue Morwong	2	5
Blue Warehou	Trip limit applies	5
Bloodworm	2 litres	-
Bream	3	8
Cockle (other than Pipi)	75*	225*
Cuttlefish	4*	12*
Flathead	3	8
Flounder	5	15
Garfish	0	0
Gemfish	3	8
Giant Crab	1	3
Gummy Shark	See Shark and Ray section below	
Harlequin Fish	1	3
King George Whiting (subject to the KGW Spawning Closure specified in Schedule 1 paragraph 3)	5	15
Jackass Morwong	3	8
Mullet	15	45
Rock Ling	Trip limit applies	2
Samsonfish	Trip limit applies	1
Sand Crab	10*	30*
School Shark	See Shark and Ray section below	
School Whiting	5	15
Silver Warehou	Trip limit applies	5
Snook	5	15
Southern Calamari	0	0
Southern Rock Lobster	2	6
Swallowtail	3	8
Sweep	5	15
Trevally	5	15
Whaler Shark	See Shark and Ray section below	
Wrasse (other than Western Blue Groper)	3	8
Yelloweye Redfish	3*	8*
Yellowfin Whiting	5	15
Sea Urchin	10	30
Pipi	150	450
Razorfish	7	20
Scallop	25	75
Vongole	75*	225*

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Sharks / Rays	Waters of the Gulf St. Vincent and Kangaroo Island Fishing Zone or the Port Adelaide River estuary		All other waters	
Species	Daily passenger limit (trip <3 days)	Passenger trip limit (trip > 3 days)	Daily passenger limit (trip <3 days)	Passenger trip limit (trip > 3 days)
<u>Endangered species</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whitefin Swellshark</li> <li>• Oceanic Whitetip Shark</li> <li>• Green Sawfish</li> <li>• Greeneye Spurdog (Squalus chloroculus)</li> <li>• Southern Dogfish (Centrophorus uyato)</li> <li>• Basking Shark (Cetorhinus maximus)</li> <li>• Grey Nurse Shark (Carcharias taurus)</li> <li>• All stingaree species of genus Urolophus</li> <li>• All skate species of genus Dipturus or Dentiraja</li> </ul>	0	0	0	0
Combined limits for following high risk species: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Common Thresher (Alopias vulpinus)</li> <li>• Broadnose Sevengill Shark (Notorynchus cepedianus)</li> <li>• Hammerhead Shark (Sphyrna zygaena)</li> <li>• Smooth Stingray (Bathytoshia brevicaudata)</li> <li>• Black Stingray (Bathytoshia lata)</li> <li>• Bigeye Thresher (Alopias superciliosus)</li> <li>• Bronze Whaler (Carcharhinus brachyurus)</li> <li>• Dusky Whaler (Carcharhinus obscurus)</li> <li>• Shortfin Mako (Isurus oxyrinchus)</li> <li>• Melbourne Skate (Spiniraga whitleyi)</li> <li>• School Shark (Galeorhinus galeus).</li> </ul>	1*	2*	1*	3*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combined limits for all other shark/ray species including Gummy Shark</li> </ul>	1*	2*	2*	6*

\*Combined limit applying to Southern Calamari and Cuttlefish (limit of Southern Calamari must not be exceeded), Cockle and Vongole, Blue Swimmer Crab and Sand Crab (limit of Sand Crab must not be exceeded), Yelloweye Redfish and Bight Redfish, Sharks and Rays

4. The failure to immediately return a fish, other than a noxious species, to the water with the least possible injury or damage, unless the person is lawfully retaining that fish.

## SCHEDULE 2

1. The possession or control of:
  - a. Southern Calamari within the waters of the Spencer Gulf Fishing Zone, Gulf St. Vincent and Kangaroo Island Fishing Zone or Port Adelaide River estuary, other than Southern Calamari bait purchased lawfully, or lawfully taken prior to 1 May 2026;
  - b. Southern Garfish within the waters of the Gulf St. Vincent and Kangaroo Island Fishing Zone, or the Port Adelaide River estuary;
  - c. King George Whiting within the King George Whiting Spawning Spatial Closure Area during the spawning period,  
unless the person is transiting with fish lawfully taken within another fishing zone and the holder of the Charter Boat Fishery licence or their registered master has made a report in respect to the fish prior to entering the relevant waters, pursuant to regulation 12 of the Fisheries Management (Charter Boat Fishery) Regulations 2016.
2. The possession or control of the following species in any waters:
  - a. Whitefin Swellshark
  - b. Oceanic Whitetip Shark
  - c. Green Sawfish
  - d. Greeneye Spurdog (*Squalus chloroculus*)
  - e. Southern Dogfish (*Centrophorus uyato*)
  - f. Basking Shark (*Cetorhinus maximus*)
  - g. Grey Nurse Shark (*Carcharias taurus*)
  - h. All stingaree species of genus *Urolophus*
  - i. All skate species of genus *Dipturus* or *Dentiraja*

## SCHEDULE 3

From 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027 unless varied or revoked earlier.

For the purpose of this notice:

***Disc width*** means the distance across the width from one wing tip to the other.

***Gulf St. Vincent and Kangaroo Island Fishing Zone*** means the waters of Gulf St. Vincent and surrounding waters contained within and bounded by a line commencing at Mean High Water Springs closest to 34°59'59.95" South, 136°58'07.73" East (Gleasons Landing, Yorke Peninsula), then beginning southerly following the line of

Mean High Water Springs to the location closest to 35°38'26.13" South, 138°07'28.73" East (southern Fleurieu Peninsula), then southerly to Mean High Water Springs closest to 35°48'07.14" South, 138°07'28.73" East (Cape St. Albans, Kangaroo Island), then beginning south-westerly following the line of Mean High Water Springs to the location closest to 35°59'59.95" South, 136°41'04.52" East (south-western Kangaroo Island), then westerly to 35°59'59.95" South, 136°00'00.03" East, then northerly to 35°29'59.95" South, 136°00'00.03" East, then easterly to 35°29'59.95" South, 136°40'12.03" East, then northerly to 34°59'59.95" South, 136°40'12.03" East, then easterly to the point of commencement including the waters of the Port Adelaide River estuary and West Lakes.

**King George Whiting Spawning Spatial Closure Area** means the State waters contained within and bounded by a line commencing at 35°06.699' South, 138°00.000' East, then south to 35°33.166' South, 138°00.000' East, then west to 35°33.166' South, 136°40.000' East, then north to 34°29.999' South, 136°40.000' East, then east to the location on mean high water springs closest to 34°30.000' South, 137°20.236' East, then beginning southerly following the line of mean high water springs to the location closest to 34°31.649' South, 137°20.800' East, then south to the location on mean high water springs closest to 34°55.802' South, 137°20.800' East, then beginning north-westerly following the line of mean high water springs to the location closest to 35°06.699' South, 137°45.390' East, then east to the point of commencement.

**Port Adelaide River estuary** means all waters of the Port Adelaide River estuary contained within and bounded by a line commencing at the line of Mean High Water Springs closest to 34°40'12.26" South, 138°26'35.25" East (end of Port Gawler Road), then beginning easterly following the line of Mean High Water Springs, including West Lakes, North Arm and tributaries, to the location closest to 34°46'59.03" South, 138°28'40.48" East, then north-westerly to the point of commencement, but excluding any land or waters so encompassed that lie landward of the line of Mean High Water Springs.

**Sharks, Rays or Skates** means any species of the Class *Elasmobranchii*.

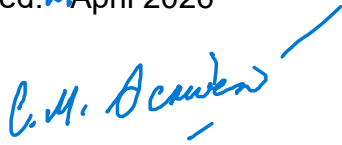
**Spencer Gulf Fishing Zone** means the waters of Spencer Gulf and surrounding water contained within and bounded by a line commencing at Mean High Water Springs closest to 33°59'59.90" South, 135°15'32.12" East (western Eyre Peninsula), then beginning southerly following the line of Mean High Water Springs to the location closest to 34°59'59.95" South, 136°58'07.73" East (Gleesons Landing, Yorke Peninsula), then westerly to 34°59'59.95" South, 136°40'12.03" East, then southerly to 35°29'59.95" South, 136°40'12.03" East, then westerly to 35°29'59.95" South, 136°00'00.03" East, then southerly to 36°59'59.95" South, 136°00'00.03" East, then westerly to 36°59'59.95" South, 135°00'00.03" East, then northerly to 35°59'59.95" South, 135°00'00.03" East, then westerly to 35°59'59.95" South, 134°00'00.03" East, then northerly to 33°59'59.95" South, 134°00'00.03" East, then easterly to the point of commencement.

**Taking** includes the act of taking or act preparatory to taking.

**Total length** means the distance from tip of the nose to the end of the tail.

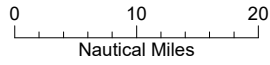
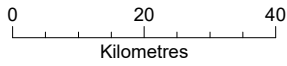
All coordinates are described in GDA2020

Dated: ~~29~~ April 2026


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Hon Clare Scriven MLC  
**MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

# KING GEORGE WHITING SPAWNING SPATIAL CLOSURE



GDA2020 Geographics Projection  
in degrees decimal minutes format

 King George Whiting Spawning Spatial Closure, 1 April to 31 July



Government of South Australia  
Primary Industries and Regions SA

**FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT 2007: SECTION 79**

*Temporary Prohibition on the take and possession of Snapper in the Gulf St. Vincent and Kangaroo Island Fishing Zone, the Spencer Gulf Fishing Zone, the West Coast Fishing Zone or the Port Adelaide River estuary.*

Pursuant to section 79 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*, I, Hon Clare Scriven MLC, the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, hereby declare that it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in a fishing activity specified in schedule 1, or to have possession or control of aquatic resources specified in Schedule 2, during the period specified in schedule 3.

**SCHEDULE 1**

The act of taking or an act preparatory to or involved in the taking of Snapper (*Chrysophrys auratus*) within the waters of the Gulf St. Vincent and Kangaroo Island Fishing Zone, the Spencer Gulf Fishing Zone, the West Coast Fishing Zone or the Port Adelaide River estuary.

**SCHEDULE 2**

The possession or control of Snapper (*Chrysophrys auratus*) within the waters of the Gulf St. Vincent and Kangaroo Island Fishing Zone, the Spencer Gulf Fishing Zone, the West Coast Fishing Zone or the Port Adelaide River estuary.

**SCHEDULE 3**

From 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 unless varied or revoked earlier.

For the purpose of this notice:

***Gulf St. Vincent and Kangaroo Island Fishing Zone*** means the waters of Gulf St. Vincent and surrounding waters contained within and bounded by a line commencing at Mean High Water Springs closest to 34°59'59.95" South, 136°58'07.73" East (Gleesons Landing, Yorke Peninsula), then beginning southerly following the line of Mean High Water Springs to the location closest to 35°38'26.13" South, 138°07'28.73" East (southern Fleurieu Peninsula), then southerly to Mean High Water Springs closest to 35°48'07.14" South, 138°07'28.73" East (Cape St. Albans, Kangaroo Island), then beginning south-westerly following the line of Mean High Water Springs to the location closest to 35°59'59.95" South, 136°41'04.52" East (south-western Kangaroo Island), then westerly to 35°59'59.95" South, 136°00'00.03" East, then northerly to 35°29'59.95" South, 136°00'00.03" East, then easterly to 35°29'59.95" South, 136°40'12.03" East, then northerly to 34°59'59.95" South, 136°40'12.03" East, then easterly to the point of commencement and includes the Port Adelaide River estuary.

***Spencer Gulf Fishing Zone*** means the waters of Spencer Gulf and surrounding water contained within and bounded by a line commencing at Mean High Water Springs closest to 33°59'59.90" South, 135°15'32.12" East (western Eyre Peninsula), then beginning southerly following the line of Mean High Water Springs to the

location closest to 34°59'59.95" South, 136°58'07.73" East (Gleasons Landing, Yorke Peninsula), then westerly to 34°59'59.95" South, 136°40'12.03" East, then southerly to 35°29'59.95" South, 136°40'12.03" East, then westerly to 35°29'59.95" South, 136°00'00.03" East, then southerly to 36°59'59.95" South, 136°00'00.03" East, then westerly to 36°59'59.95" South, 135°00'00.03" East, then northerly to 35°59'59.95" South, 135°00'00.03" East, then westerly to 35°59'59.95" South, 134°00'00.03" East, then northerly to 33°59'59.95" South, 134°00'00.03" East, then easterly to the point of commencement.

**West Coast Fishing Zone** means the waters adjacent to the west coast of South Australia contained within and bounded by a line commencing at Mean High Water Springs closest to 31°41'16.13" South, 129°00'00.03" East (Western Australian-South Australian border), then beginning southerly following the line of Mean High Water Springs to the location closest to 33°59'59.90" South, 135°15'32.12" East (western Eyre Peninsula), then westerly to 33°59'59.95" South, 134°00'00.03" East, then southerly to 34°59'59.95" South, 134°00'00.03" East, then westerly to 34°59'59.95" South, 132°00'00.03" East, then northerly to 33°59'59.95" South, 132°00'00.03" East, then westerly to 33°59'59.95" South, 131°00'00.03" East, then northerly to 32°59'59.95" South, 131°00'00.03" East, then westerly to 32°59'59.95" South, 129°00'00.03" East, then northerly to the point of commencement.

**Port Adelaide River estuary** means all waters of the Port Adelaide River estuary contained within and bounded by a line commencing at the line of Mean High Water Springs closest to 34°40'12.26" South, 138°26'35.25" East (end of Port Gawler Road), then beginning easterly following the line of Mean High Water Springs, including West Lakes, North Arm and tributaries, to the location closest to 34°46'59.03" South, 138°28'40.48" East, then north-westerly to the point of commencement, but excluding any land or waters so encompassed that lie landward of the line of Mean High Water Springs.

All coordinates are described in GDA2020.

Dated: 29 April 2026



Hon Clare Scriven MLC  
**MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Fisheries Management (Charter Boat Fishery) Regulations 2016**

**Regulation 12 – Information to be provided – use of registered boat**

I, Professor Gavin Begg, Executive Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture, as delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, revoke the determination made for the purposes of regulation 12 of the Fisheries Management (Charter Fishery) Regulations 2016 dated 31 October 2025, effective 1 May 2026; and

For the purpose of regulation 12 relating to information to be provided (prior reporting) when using a registered boat – I hereby make the following determinations, effective 1 May 2026 –

**1. Provide information – Fishing trip of more than 1 day**

At least 2 hours before a boat registered for use under a licence in respect of the fishery departs on a trip during which fishing activity under a charter boat fishing service is to be carried on for a continuous period of more than 24 hours, the licence holder or the registered master must inform the Department by telephone on 1800 065 522 or via the Commercial reporting App of the following information-

- a) The number of the licence under which the fishing activity is to be undertaken; and
- b) The intended times and places of the boat's departure and return.

**2. Provide information – Landing Snapper**

At least 1 hour before the landing of any snapper taken from the South East Fishing Zone by the holder of a licence in respect of the Fishery, or the registered master(s) of a boat registered for use under such a licence, must inform the Department by telephone on 1800 065 522 or via the Commercial reporting App of the following information –

- (a) The name of the person making the telephone call;
- (b) Contact phone number of the caller;
- (c) The licence number being fished;
- (d) The name of the holder of the licence, or the registered master, operating the vessel;
- (e) The number of passengers on board;
- (f) The number of Snapper on board the vessel that will be landed;
- (g) The date and time of landing;
- (h) The port of landing.

**3. Provide information – Transit Snapper Closure Area with Snapper**

The Department must be informed by telephone on 1800 065 522 or via the Commercial reporting App before a vessel registered under a licence in respect of the Fishery in possession of snapper taken from the South East Fishing Zone transits through the Gulf St Vincent and Kangaroo Island Fishing Zone, the Spencer Gulf Fishing Zone, or the West Coast Fishing Zone (Snapper Closure area) of the following information:-

- (a) The name of the person making the telephone call;
- (b) Contact phone number of the caller;
- (c) The licence number under which charter fishing services are being provided;
- (d) The name of the holder of the licence, or the registered master, operating the vessel;
- (e) The number of passengers on board;
- (f) The number of Snapper on board the vessel that will be landed;
- (g) The number(s) of the tags provided by the Department used to seal the receptacle(s) in which snapper are stored in when transiting through the Snapper Closure Area;
- (h) The date and time of landing;
- (i) The port of landing.

**4. Provide information – Entering specified Fishing Zones or Areas with aquatic resources**

A report must be provided to the Department by telephone on 1800 065 522 or via the Commercial reporting App:

- 1) before a vessel registered under a licence in respect of the Fishery enters:
  - the Spencer Gulf Fishing Zone while in possession of Southern Calamari taken lawfully in other waters; or
  - the Gulf St Vincent and Kangaroo Island Fishing Zone while in possession of aquatic resources taken lawfully within other waters; or
  - the King George Whiting Spawning Spatial Closure during the King George Whiting Spawning Period with King George Whiting taken lawfully within other waters; and
- 2) provide the following information:-
  - a) The name of the person making the report;
  - b) Contact phone number of the caller;
  - c) The licence number under which charter fishing services are being provided;
  - d) The name of the holder of the licence, or the registered master, operating the vessel;
  - e) The number of passengers on board;
  - f) The aquatic species and their numbers on board the vessel;
  - g) The fishing zone that the aquatic resources were taken from;
  - h) The estimate date and time of landing;
  - i) The port of landing.

For the purpose of this notice:

**King George Whiting Spawning Period** means the period 1 May 2026 to 31 July 2026 and 1 April 2027 to 30 April 2027.

**King George Whiting Spawning Spatial Closure Area** means the State waters contained within and bounded by a line commencing at 35°06.699' South, 138°00.000' East, then south to 35°33.166' South, 138°00.000' East, then west to 35°33.166' South, 136°40.000' East, then north to 34°29.999' South, 136°40.000' East, then east to the location on mean high water springs closest to 34°30.000' South, 137°20.236' East, then beginning southerly following the line of mean high water springs to the location closest to 34°31.649' South, 137°20.800' East, then south to the location on mean high water springs closest to 34°55.802' South, 137°20.800' East, then beginning north-westerly following the line of mean high water springs to the location closest to 35°06.699' South, 137°45.390' East, then east to the point of commencement.

Dated 30 April 2026



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As delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development