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NOTICE TO MARINE SCALEFISH FISHERY, ROCK LOBSTER FISHERIES AND LAKES AND COORONG FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS

School Shark and Gummy Shark bycatch management arrangements

Dear Licence holder

I write regarding changes to licence conditions and management arrangements that apply to School Shark and Gummy Shark bycatch with effect from 6 May 2026.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) has reviewed the management arrangements for School Shark and Gummy Shark, and after consideration of a range of factors, I, as delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development (the Minister) have revoked licence condition 16483 and imposed a new licence condition pursuant to section 55 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* (the Act), to give effect to the following arrangements:

- An increased combined daily take and 'on boat' possession limit of 6 Gummy Shark or School Shark, of which no more than 3 of the sharks may be School Shark (midnight to midnight).
- A multi-day trip limit with an increased combined take and possession/boat limit of 6 Gummy Shark or School Shark of which 3 may be School Shark per day (midnight to midnight), whilst allowing up to 12 Gummy Shark and School Shark, with a maximum 6 School Shark to be on a registered boat, provided that a multi-day fishing report is made 1 hour before midnight on day 1 of the trip. Note, only a maximum of 2 x the daily take limit may be taken within a multi-day trip of any length.
- Continue inclusion of beach fishing in the requirement to prior report catches to ensure all catches of School Shark and Gummy Shark are monitored.
- Maintain the Prior to Landing Report timeframe whereby the prior to landing report must be made 30 minutes before departing the place of landing.
- Maintain limits applying to one registered boat, to maintain the single boat limits where multiple licences are being operated concurrently and prevent the take of more than one licence holder's bycatch provision of School Shark or Gummy Shark from a single registered boat.

The changes to licence conditions pursuant to section 55(2) of the Act are outlined in **Appendix A**. An updated copy of affected licences, reflecting changes to

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conditions will be available through the myPIRSA portal, available at: <https://mypirsa.pir.sa.gov.au/>. Alternatively, licence holders may request a copy from PIRSA Fisheries Licensing at PIRSA.FisheriesLicensing@sa.gov.au

Note, licence holders have a right under section 111 of the Act to seek an internal review of a variation or imposition of a licence condition.

As you may be aware, School Shark and Gummy Shark are managed by agreement with the Commonwealth Government which provides allocations to South Australia through apportionment of the global Total Allowable Catch (TAC). Accordingly, I advise of my intentions to manage the commercial take of these species for the period 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027 within South Australia's apportioned share, under the following arrangements:

- Application of a commercial catch cap for School Shark of **24.8 tonnes** (t) for the 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027 year. Should 24.8 t or more be landed I intend to prohibit the take and possession of School Shark for the remainder of the season via a declaration issued pursuant to section 79 of the Act.
- Application of a commercial catch cap for Gummy Shark of **50 t**. Should 50 t or more be landed, I intend to prohibit the take and possession of Gummy Shark for the remainder of the season via a declaration issued pursuant to section 79 of the Act.

In determining the above arrangements I have considered the objects of the Act, the apportionment of the School Shark and Gummy Shark TAC as allocated by the Commonwealth, feedback from AFMA in relation to the arrangements and Memorandum of Understanding in place between the South Australian and Commonwealth Governments, and feedback provided from the relevant peak representative fishing organisations during a meeting held on 28 April 2026.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact Yolande Markey, Fishery Manager, on 0427 979 085 or Yolande.Markey@sa.gov.au .

Yours sincerely



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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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Appendix A

Licence conditions revoked or imposed on all Marine Scalefish Fishery and Rock Lobster Fisheries and Lakes and Coorong Fishery licences pursuant to s55(2) of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*

Licence conditions revoked from all Marine Scalefish Fishery, Rock Lobster Fisheries and Lakes and Coorong Fishery licences

Revoked condition 16483

Where the licence holder does not hold or have an interest in an authority issued under the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* (Commonwealth), the licence holder or register master must comply with the following when undertaking fishing activities under the licence:

- (a) No more than 2 School Shark may be taken in any one day;
- (b) No more than a combined total of 5 Gummy Shark and School Shark may be taken in any one day (of which there must not be more than 2 School Shark);
- (c) On a fishing trip of more than one day, no more than 4 School Shark may be on the registered boat;
- (d) On a fishing trip of one day or less, no more than a combined total of 5 Gummy Shark and School Shark may be on the registered boat, of which no more than 2 may be School Shark;
- (e) On a fishing trip of more than one day, where the licence holder or registered master has provided a report to the Department by 11:00 pm on the first day of the fishing trip, no more than a combined total of 10 Gummy Shark and School Shark may be on the registered boat of which there must not be more than 4 School Shark;
- (f) No School Shark or Gummy Shark may be taken by the licence holder or master on a fishing trip where more than one licence is being fished from the registered boat and the individual or combined limits of School Shark and Gummy Shark for the registered boat have already been taken by or between any of the licences being fished.

For the purposes of this condition:

Gummy Shark is also known as *Mustelus antarcticus*

School Shark is also known as *Galeorhinus galeus*

“Day” means the 24 hour period from one midnight to the next

“A report to the Department” is submitted via a telephone call to 1800 065 522; or

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The possession limits above apply to the registered boat undertaking the fishing activity regardless of whether 1 or more licences are being operated from that same boat.

Imposed new condition

Where the licence holder does not hold or have an interest in an authority issued under the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* (Commonwealth), the licence holder or register master must comply with the following when undertaking fishing activities under the licence:

- (a) No more than **3** School Shark may be taken in any one day;
- (b) No more than a combined total of **6** Gummy Shark and School Shark may be taken in any one day (of which there must not be more than **3** School Shark);

- (c) On a fishing trip of more than one day, no more than 6 School Shark may be on the registered boat;
- (d) On a fishing trip of one day or less, no more than a combined total of 6 Gummy Shark and School Shark may be on the registered boat, of which no more than 3 may be School Shark;
- (e) On a fishing trip of more than one day, where the licence holder or registered master has provided a report to the Department by 11:00 pm on the first day of the fishing trip, no more than a combined total of 12 Gummy Shark and School Shark may be on the registered boat of which there must not be more than 6 School Shark;
- (f) No School Shark or Gummy Shark may be taken by the licence holder or master on a fishing trip where more than one licence is being fished from the registered boat and the individual or combined limits of School Shark and Gummy Shark for the registered boat have already been taken by or between any of the licences being fished.

For the purposes of this condition:

Gummy Shark is also known as *Mustelus antarcticus*

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