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NOTICE TO FISHERS**HEADLINE LENGTH GULF ST VINCENT PRAWN FISHERY**

I am writing to you regarding the issuing of a Ministerial exemption to permit vessels with an overall length of between 15.2 m and 22 m to operate with a total maximum headline length of 29.26 m in the Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery (GSVPF).

I appreciate the GSVPF is currently closed under regulation 10 of the Fisheries Management (Prawn Fisheries) Regulations 2017 until 30 June 2026 and I note that a formal reopening date has yet to be determined. Notwithstanding the reopening date for the fishery, the South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI) will still be required to undertake Fishery Independent Surveys using GSVPF vessels using prawn trawl nets.

As delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have issued a new Ministerial exemption (ME9903367) to enable vessels operating in the GSVPF of greater than 15.2 m in length and less than 22 m to continue to operate nets greater than 27.43 m (up to 29.26 m combined headline length for single, double or triple rigs). This exemption will take effect from 7 May 2026 until 6 May 2027 unless otherwise varied or revoked.

I have enclosed a copy of the new Ministerial exemption for your information. Should you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact Jade Fredericks, Fisheries Manager on 0417 495 352 or via email at jade.fredericks@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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

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