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NOTICE TO FISHERS

To Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery licence holders:

GULF ST VINCENT PRAWN FISHERY MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2022/23

The Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery (GSVVPF) will open on 1 November 2022 for the 2022/23 fishing season in accordance with the *Fisheries Management (Prawn Fisheries) Regulations 2017*. A copy of the regulations can be found at <http://www.legislation.sa.gov.au>.

In 2022/23, the fishery will have two prescribed periods:

- Prescribed Period 1 from 1 November 2022 to 24 December 2022.
- Prescribed Period 2 from 1 March 2023 to 31 July 2023.

In determining the arrangements for the 2022/23 fishing season, as delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have considered:

- the objectives of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*;
- the *Fisheries Management (Prawn Fisheries) Regulations 2017*;
- data on the performance of the fishery in 2021/22 and the harvest strategy decision rules that set the fishing nights contained in the *Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery (2022)*;
- advice from the Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery Management Advisory Committee (GSVPMAC).

I advise that as delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have determined that:

- There is a total of 390 fishing nights prescribed for the fishery for the 2022/23 fishing season of which 80 fishing nights are determined for prescribed period 1 and 310 nights determined for period 2 in addition to any unused nights from period 1.
- For prescribed period 1, 2.5 Class A units are required to fish for one night.
- For prescribed period 2, 2.5 Class A units or 3.23 Class B units are required to fish for one night.
- If a licence holder is fishing with approved amalgamated gear: for prescribed period 1, 3.13 Class A units are required to fish for one night; and for prescribed period 2, 3.13 Class A units or 4.04 Class B units are required to fish for one night.

Licence conditions will be implemented on all licences to determine the Class A and Class B unit values.

To implement these arrangement the following licence conditions will be revoked on all licences:

- 14623 – *Where the use of amalgamated gear has not been approved on this licence the number of fishing night units required to lawfully take aquatic resources under this licence on a night during prescribed period 1 is 4.44 Class A units.*

- 14624 – Where the use of amalgamated gear has been approved on this licence the number of fishing night units required to lawfully take aquatic resources under this licence on a night during prescribed period 1 is 5.5 Class A units.
- 14625 – Where the use of amalgamated gear has not been approved on this licence the number of fishing night units required to lawfully take aquatic resources under this licence on a night during prescribed period 2 is 4.44 Class A units or 4.08 Class B units.
- 14626 – Where the use of amalgamated gear has been approved on this licence the number of fishing night units required to lawfully take aquatic resources under this licence on a night during prescribed period 2 is 5.55 Class A units or 5.1 Class B units

New licence conditions have been added to each licence as follows:

- Where the use of amalgamated gear has not been approved on this licence the number of fishing night units required to lawfully take aquatic resources under this licence on a night during prescribed period 1 is 2.5 Class A units.
- Where the use of amalgamated gear has been approved on this licence the number of fishing night units required to lawfully take aquatic resources under this licence on a night during prescribed period 1 is 3.13 Class A units.
- Where the use of amalgamated gear has not been approved on this licence the number of fishing night units required to lawfully take aquatic resources under this licence on a night during prescribed period 2 is 2.5 Class A units or 3.23 Class B units.
- Where the use of amalgamated gear has been approved on this licence the number of fishing night units required to lawfully take aquatic resources under this licence on a night during prescribed period 2 is 3.13 Class A units or 4.04 Class B units

Please note licence holders have the right under section 111 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* to seek a review of a variation or imposition of a licence condition or refusal to issue, renew or consent to the transfer of an authority. Appeal rights also exist under sections 112 and 113 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* to the District Court and the Environment, Resources and Development Court, respectively.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) Leasing and Licensing will adjust the fishing night unit entitlements on the Registrations and Entitlements Certificate for each licence. Enclosed is a copy of the updated Registrations and Entitlements Certificate for your licence.

With regard to carry-over provisions, I intend to make adjustments to applicable licences to carry-over unused fishing nights from the 2021/22 fishing season to the 2022/23 fishing season up to a maximum of 10% of night entitlements for each prescribed period where these equate to a whole number of fishing nights. Carried over nights cannot be transferred and will not be carried over to the following season.

In addition, legislation to allow for over-fishing of up to 10% of night entitlements in each fishing period comes into effect in the 2022/23 fishing season where 10% of night entitlements equates to a whole number of fishing nights. Where additional nights fished during a specified period are equal to or less than 10% of the fishing night entitlements held on a licence, each night fished in excess of the licence's entitlement may be deducted from the entitlements on that licence in the subsequent prescribed period at a rate of one fishing night for each night fished in excess of the licences entitlements.

Where additional nights fished during a specified period are greater than 10% of the fishing night entitlements held on a licence, each night fished in excess of the licence's entitlement may be deducted from the entitlements on that licence in the subsequent prescribed period at a rate of two fishing nights for each night fished in excess of the licences entitlement.

Fishing night unit entitlements (except carried over nights) may be transferred temporarily (within the current season) or permanently between GSVPF licences. The form to conduct a transfer can be found at:

www.pir.sa.gov.au/fisheries/licensing_and_registration/licensing_and_registration/forms.

Fishing night units must be transferred in lots equalling a whole fishing night.

A fishing night has been defined as between the prescribed time of sunset and the prescribed time of sunrise for Adelaide (as published in the South Australian Government Gazette pursuant to the requirements of the *Proof of Sunrise and Sunset Act 1923*). These sunrise/sunset times are available at the following link www.sa.gov.au/topics/transport-travel-and-motoring/sunrise-and-sunset-times. Fishing will be conducted in whole nights.

The use of the amalgamated gear type (triple rig with a headline length of up to 43.89 m) requires approval after criteria for minimum unit holdings are met and retained. The forms to apply for amalgamated gear are available at the following link

www.pir.sa.gov.au/fisheries/licensing_and_registration/licensing_and_registration/forms.

Should you have any queries in regard to these matters please contact Hamish Telfer, Fisheries Manager on 0427 648 866 or at hamish.telfer@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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