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NOTICE TO FISHERS

Gulf St Vincent Prawn Fishery

Amendments to regulations

Dear Licence Holder,

I write to inform you of amendments to regulations under the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* relating to the Gulf Saint Vincent Prawn Fishery (GSVPF).

On 27 July 2023, amendments to the *Fisheries Management (Prawn Fisheries) Regulations 2017* (the regulations) were made by the Governor and published in the South Australian Government Gazette.

These amendments extend the prescribed fishing periods in the GSVPF to provide licence holders greater flexibility to use their night entitlements across an extended period of time.

Please note prescribed period 1 (pre-Christmas) is extended by 1 week and prescribed period 2 (post-Christmas) is extended by 3 months. This results in a single closure period for the fishery for January and February.

The new definitions described in regulation 9(1) of the regulations include:

Prescribed period 1 - means 1 November to 31 December (1 week extension).

Prescribed period 2 - means 1 March to 31 October (3-month extension).

Closed season - means the period commencing on 1 January in any year and ending the last day of February in the same year.

Fishing season - means the period comprising prescribed period 1 in any year and the prescribed period 2 ending on 31 October in the following year.

These regulation amendments are published in the Government Gazette, No. 58, Thursday 27 July 2023 (page 2381), and are available at:

https://governmentgazette.sa.gov.au/2023/July/2023_058.pdf

If you have any queries regarding these arrangements, please contact Elisha Lovell, A/Fishery Manager, on (08) 8429 3629 or email Elisha.Lovell@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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