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NOTICE TO FISHERS

Sardine Fishery licence holders

Dear Licence Holder

I am writing in relation to the total allowable commercial catch (TACC) and quota unit value determinations and other management arrangements for the 2022 season of the South Australian Sardine Fishery (SASF).

Total Allowable Commercial Catches

In determining the TACCs and quota unit values for the 2022 quota period I have considered the following:

1. The objectives of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*.
2. Regulation 9(2) of the *Fisheries Management (Sardine Fishery) Regulations 2021*.
3. The harvest strategy decision rules in the '*Management Plan for the Commercial Marine Scalefish Fishery Part B – Management arrangements for the taking of Sardines*'.
4. The draft harvest strategy recommended by the SASIA Research and Management Committee and the review of that harvest strategy by Prof Tony Smith.
5. The advice from SASIA recommending the 2022 TACCs and observer coverage.

As a delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have determined that, for the purposes of regulation 9(2) of the *Fisheries Management (Sardine Fishery) Regulations 2021*, the TACC for Sardines in the Gulfs Zone for 2022 is **30,000 tonnes**, and the TACC for Sardines in the Outside Zone for 2022 is **15,000 tonnes**.

These TACCs correspond to quota unit values of **2,142.85 kg/unit** for the Gulfs Zone and **1,071.42 kg/unit** for the Outside Zone (as shown in the table below).

I have also determined the TACC for Anchovy for the 2022 quota period is **1,000 tonnes**, which equates to a quota unit value of **2,380.95 kg/unit**.

Quota	Final 2022 TACC (tonnes)	Total units	Unit value (kg/unit)
Sardine – Gulfs Zone	30,000	14,000	2142.85
Sardine – Outside Zone	15,000	14,000	1071.42
Anchovy	1,000	420	2,380.95

The interim arrangements implementing a Gulf St Vincent (GSV) Zone will be continued in 2022 with a TACC of 6,000 tonnes of Outside Zone quota able to be harvested from the GSV zone. Arrangements relating to this temporary zone are contained within licence conditions being:

- Licence Condition # 14398 - The licence holder or registered master may take a maximum of 428.57 tonnes of the available Outside Zone quota entitlement under this licence from within the Gulf St Vincent Zone.
- Licence Condition # 14399 - Prior to commencing any fishing activity in the Gulf St Vincent Zone the licence holder or registered master must make a report to the Department.
- Licence Condition # 14400 - If sardines are to be taken from the Gulf St Vincent Zone the licence holder or registered master cannot take sardines from the outside zone or the gulfs zone in the same fishing trip.
- Licence Condition # 14401 - For the purposes of these conditions - the Gulf St Vincent Zone means the area of the Gulfs Zone east of the meridian of longitude 137 10' 00E, between Yorke Peninsula in the vicinity of Marion Bay, heading south to its intersection with Kangaroo Island and south of the mean high water springs at the parallel of latitude 35 10' 00 S in the vicinity of Onkaparinga Head, then north westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of the coast line of mainland Australia at the mean high water springs with the parallel of latitude 34 55' 00 S in the vicinity of Stansbury (GDA94).

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) is currently considering longer-term spatial arrangements related to the GSV zone through development of a draft management plan for the fishery.

You are also advised I have approved continuation of observer coverage in the SASF in 2022 at a target level of 10% of net sets.

Quota unit transfers

If a licence holder wishes to transfer quota units to another licence, application forms can be obtained from the PIRSA website www.pir.sa.gov.au/fisheries or by contacting PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture Licensing on (08) 8207 5332.

Should you have any questions in relation to these matters, please contact Dr Annabel Jones, Program Leader – Commercial Fisheries on (08) 8429 0165.

Yours sincerely



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