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**NOTICE TO MISCELLANEOUS (GIANT CRAB) FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS
AND ROCK LOBSTER FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS WITH GIANT CRAB
QUOTA ENTITLEMENTS**

Dear licence holder,

I write to advise, that as delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, under the Fisheries Management (Rock Lobster Fisheries) Regulations 2017 and the Fisheries Management (Miscellaneous Fishery) Regulations 2015, I have determined the Giant Crab quota unit values for the 2026/27 quota period in the Northern Zone and Southern Zone as follows:

	Quota unit value	Total Allowable Commercial Catch
Northern Zone	4.9 kg/unit	4.9 tonnes
Southern Zone	3.7 kg/unit	3.7 tonnes

Determination of the Giant Crab quota unit values has been made considering:

1. The objects of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*.
2. The harvest strategy, included in the *Policy for the Management of the South Australian Commercial Giant Crab Fishery*.
3. SARDI advice on the performance of the fishery, reported in the SARDI Advice Note of 18 August 2026.
4. SARDI Giant Crab 2024/25 Status Report.
5. Industry feedback on the recommended TACC, stock status and carry-over and over-catch arrangements provided at the meeting of Giant Crab quota entitlement holders held on 27 August 2026.

In regard to carry-over arrangements, I advise that as the delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have determined there will be no provision to carry-over uncaught Giant Crab quota entitlements from the 2025/26 quota period to the 2026/27 quota period. This decision is based on scientific advice classifying the stock in both the Southern Zone and Northern Zone as 'depleting' in 2024/25 and standardised commercial catch per unit effort for 2025/26.

In regard to over-catch provisions, I advise that as the delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have determined that if during the 2026/27 quota period the total catch of Giant Crab taken by the holder of a Rock

Lobster or Miscellaneous Fishery licence with Giant Crab quota entitlements exceeds their Giant Crab quota entitlements, the amount of quota to which licence conditions may be varied on a one for one kg basis for the 2027/28 season is zero kilograms (i.e., zero over-catch allowance). As such, any catch exceeding the entitlements on a licence in the 2026/27 quota period may be deducted by 2 kg for each kilogram over the quota entitlement in 2027/28. This decision is based primarily on scientific advice classifying the stock in both the Southern Zone and Northern Zone as 'depleting' in 2024/25 and standardised commercial catch per unit effort for 2025/26.

A copy of the SARDI Advice Note on the standardised commercial catch per unit effort for 2025/26 is enclosed for your information.

Should you have any enquiries in relation to either the Giant Crab Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC), or the carry-over and over-catch arrangements for 2026/27, please contact Steve Shanks, Manager – Commercial Fisheries, by phone at 0477 396 367 or via email at steve.shanks@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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