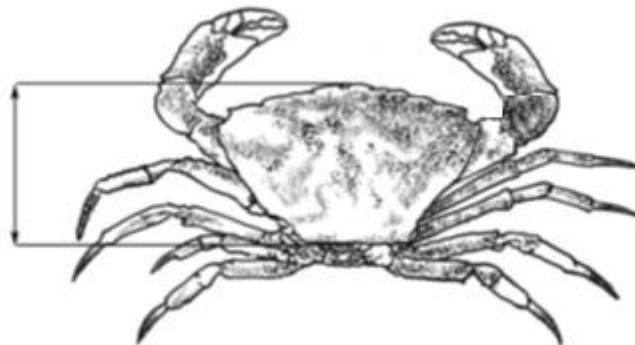


# Proposed arrangements for Deep Water Crab Exploratory Fishing Permit

## Proposed Permit Conditions

1. The permit holder or the registered master may only take deep water crabs of the Infraorder Brachyura, except for Giant Crabs (*Pseudocarcinus gigas*) using pots in all waters of South Australia greater than 300 m. This excludes Aquatic Reserves, Marine Park sanctuary zones or restricted access zones (unless otherwise authorised under the *Marine Parks Act 2007*, Commonwealth marine reserves under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. No other crustaceans including Southern Rock Lobster may be taken.
2. During the term of the permit, the permit holder or the registered master shall take no more than more than 50 tonnes total catch of deep water crab species, which shall include no more than 25 tonnes of Crystal Crab (*Chaceon bicolour* or *C. Albus*), and 25 tonnes of Champagne Crab (*Hypothalassia acerba* or similar).
3. The permit holder or registered master may not take Crystal Crab that are less than 92 mm carapace length or Champagne Crab that are less than 70 mm carapace length when measured from top to bottom, as shown in the diagram below.



**carapace from top to bottom**

4. The permit holder or registered master may not take deep water crabs bearing eggs.
5. The permit holder or registered master may only use deep water crab pots pursuant to this Exploratory Fishing Permit.
6. The permit holder or the registered master may not use at any one time for the purposes of taking deep water crabs pursuant to this permit more than 400 deep water crab pots.
7. A deep water crab pot used pursuant to the Exploratory Fishing Permit must:
  - a) weigh not more than 40 kg; and
  - b) be not more than 61 cm high; and

- c) be not more than 122 cm wide at its base; and
- d) have its cove mouth at the top; and
- e) be attached to a buoy that complies with regulation 13 of the *Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2007*, and
- f) Be fitted with two escape gaps

Escape gaps must:

- a) be as near as practicable to 180° apart; and
  - b) be kept free of obstructions at all times; and
  - c) be not less than 5.7 cm high and 28 cm wide; and
  - d) be not more than 11 cm above the base of the pot at their highest point.
8. The permit holder must ensure that all deep water crabs retained under the permit are landed whole; and within the State and consigned or delivered to one of the registered fish processors listed on the Registrations and Entitlements register (of this permit).
  9. A maximum number of five registered masters may be endorsed on the permit. The permit holder or the registered master must not cause, suffer or permit more than one person (who must be a registered master) to engage in fishing activities under the permit on the same day.
  10. The permit holder or the registered master may not engage in any other fishing activity at the same time as fishing pursuant to this permit.
  11. The registered boat used pursuant to this permit must be nominated on the permit and the vessel must be marked with the permit number.
  12. The permit holder or the registered master must notify the Minister by an approved method at least one hour prior to engaging in fishing activity and provide the following information – (a) the name of the person notifying the Minister; (b) the name of the registered master who will be conducting the authorised activity on that day; (c) details of the boat that will be used to engage in the authorised activity; (d) the time and date the authorised activity will commence; (e) an estimated time of landing; and (f) the place of landing.
  13. If the permit holder or the registered master is not able to land deep water crabs within an hour of the estimated time of landing or place notified in accordance with condition 122 above, they must notify the Minister before the estimated time provided and provide a new time of landing or place of landing.
  14. The permit holder or the registered master must accurately weigh the catch and complete Part A of a CDR1 form at the conclusion of each fishing trip and within 200 metres of the place of landing. He or she must ensure that a copy of CDR1 is delivered to the Minister within 48 hours of its completion.
  15. Upon completion of the day's fishing activities the permit holder or the registered master must –
    - a. complete a periodic return, in a form determined by the Minister; and
    - b. include in the return such information as the Minister requires; and

- c. date and sign the return and certify that information contained in the periodic return is complete and accurate, and deliver the periodic return to the Minister within 48 hours of its completion.
16. subject to condition 15, the permit holder or the registered master must –
  - a. make a copy of each periodic return that he or she completes before the periodic return is sent or delivered to the Minister; and
  - b. retain the copy for a period of 10 months from the last day of the month to which the periodic return relates.
17. The registered owner of the registered boat used pursuant to this permit must ensure:
  - a. that the boat is fitted with an approved vessel monitoring system (VMS);
  - b. that the VMS unit is operating at all times for the duration of this permit; and
  - c. that if the VMS unit ceases to operate, immediately after becoming aware that the VMS unit has ceased to operate, notify the Minister of that fact.
18. The registered owner of the registered boat used pursuant to this permit, may with written approval of the Minister cease to operate the VMS unit by switching off the unit, or placing the VMS unit in sleep mode. The registered owner of the registered boat must not, while the VMS unit is switched off or in sleep mode, use the boat for the purpose of engaging in a prescribed fishing activity.
19. The permit holder or the registered master may at the direction of SARDI Aquatic Sciences Research Chief in writing, collect samples of deep water crabs.

In these conditions, unless the contrary intention appears –

**Act** means the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*;

**Approved method:** in relation to notifying the Minister means a report made by telephone on 1800 065 522 or a report made by the SA Fisheries and Aquaculture Commercial Reporting App.

**Carapace length:** in relation to deep water crabs means the length of the carapace measured at the widest point from top to bottom.

**CDR1 form** means the form produced by the Department entitled CDR1 –Deep Water Crab Catch and Disposal Record.

**Conclusion of fishing trip** means when deep water crabs taken during a fishing trip leaves the registered boat or when the registered boat containing deep water crabs taken during a fishing trip is removed from the water.

**Day:** means the period commencing at midnight on a day and ending at midnight the next following.

**Deep Water Crab** – means any species in the Infraorder Brachyura except for Giant Crabs (*Pseudocarcinus gigas*);

**Periodic return** means the form provided by South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI) entitled deep water crabs Catch and Effort Data.