

A close-up photograph of a blue crab on a rocky shore. The crab is facing left, with its large blue claws and legs clearly visible. It is surrounded by green seaweed and small rocks. The word "PIRSA" is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters on the right side of the image.

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Introduction

The aim of this document is to outline the legal obligations of Licence Holders, Registered Masters and associated operators within the Blue Crab Fishery.

The document also provides information on permitted commercial devices. Further information can be found in the licence conditions on the back of each licence.

This information package is to be used as a guide only.

For further information or clarification please contact PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture or FISHWATCH (1800 065 522).

General Information

Whilst engaging in any fishing activity you are required to carry your fishing licence.

Two vessels cannot be used at the same time to operate pots under the same licence and cannot be conducting any other fishing activity under any other fishing licence whilst pots are either in the water and/or stored on the vessel.

Whilst a licence is allowed to have multiple numbers of boats endorsed on the licence, only one boat can be operated at one time.

If any rules are breached, the licence holder and the registered master may both be guilty of an offence under the legislation.

The Blue Crab Fishery

Fishing Zones

Gulf St. Vincent Blue Crab Fishing Zone means the waters of Gulf St. Vincent north of the geodesic from the location on Mean High Water Springs closest to 35°10'04.74' South, 137°40'38.64" East to the location on Mean High Water Springs closest to 35°36'48.51"South, 138°05'44.01"East.

Spencer Gulf Blue Crab Fishing Zone means the waters of Spencer Gulf north of the geodesic from the location on Mean High Water Springs closest to 34°26'45.00" South, 136°06'57.58" East to the location on Mean High Water Springs closest to 34°26'45.00" South, 137°24'59.26" East;

Permitted Species

Part 1—Aquatic resources prescribed for purposes of regulation 5(2)(a)

Crustaceans

Blue Swimmer Crab (*Portunus armatus*)

Rock Crab (*Nectocarcinus integrifrons*)

Spider Crab (Family Majidae)

Velvet Crab (*Nectocarcinus tuberculatus*)

Closures

Closed areas in Spencer Gulf (all year)

Upper Spencer Gulf – in the waters of Spencer Gulf north of the geodesic from the location on Mean High Water Springs closest to 32°43'45.67" South, 137°47'41.28" East to the location on Mean High Water Springs closest to 32°43'45.67" South, 137°54'11.78" East.

Whyalla – in the waters of or near False Bay contained within and bounded by a line commencing at Mean High Water Springs closest to 33°04'26.61" South, 137°32'58.50" East, then beginning north-easterly following the line of Mean High Water Springs to the location closest to 32°59'41.12" South, 137°45'31.96" East (Stony Point), then south-westerly to 33°05'12.75" South, 137°34'10.86" East (north-eastern corner of Whyalla-Cowled's Landing Aquatic Reserve), then north-westerly following the boundary of the Whyalla-Cowled's Landing Aquatic Reserve to the point of commencement.

Port Broughton and Fishermen's Bay - in the waters of or near Fisherman Bay contained within and bounded by a line commencing at Mean High Water Springs closest to 33°32'57.56" South, 137°56'27.59" East, then beginning south-easterly following the line of Mean High Water Springs to the location closest to 33°35'40.46" South, 137°55'20.82" East, then northerly to the location on Mean High Water Springs closest to 33°33'27.77" South, 137°55'24.65" East (Shag Island), then north-easterly to the point of commencement.

Closed areas in Spencer Gulf and Gulf St Vincent (From 1 December to Easter Monday of the following year)

All waters landward of a line commencing at the seaward end of the southern Outer Harbor breakwater closest to latitude 34°47'18.96" South, longitude 138°28'00.12" East, then westerly along the geodesic to latitude 34°47'12.12" South, longitude 138°24'54.00 East, then south south-easterly along the geodesic to latitude 35°02'30.84" South, longitude 138°29'16.44" East, then east along the parallel of latitude 35°02'30.84" South to the point on Mean High Water Springs closest to latitude 35°02'30.84" South, longitude 138°30'37.44 East.

All waters landward of a line commencing at the seaward end of the northern Outer Harbor breakwater closest to latitude 34°47'02.52" South, longitude 138°28'12.12" East, then north-westerly along the geodesic to latitude 34°44'51.06" South, longitude 138°26'40.80" East (spoil ground navigation mark), then north-easterly along the geodesic to the point on Mean High Water Springs closest to latitude 34°41'36.84" South, longitude 138°28'24.36" East.

All waters contained within 2 nautical miles from the boat ramps at the following locations;

- Ardrossan (latitude 34°26'05.52" South, longitude 137°55'02.70" East)
- Black Point (latitude 34°36'22.74" South, longitude 137°52'55.38" East)

- Port Vincent (latitude 34°46'39.96" South, longitude 137°51'46.44" East)
- Stansbury (latitude 34°54'13.62" South, longitude 137°47'51.66" East)

The waters of or near Wallaroo contained within 2 nautical miles from an approximate point location of 33°55'34.415" South, 137°37'26.060" East, but excluding any land or waters so encompassed that lie landward of the line of Mean High Water Springs.

The waters of or near Moonta contained within 2 nautical miles from an approximate point location of 34°04'28.397" South, 137°32'48.225" East, but excluding any land or waters so encompassed that lie landward of the line of Mean High Water Springs.

The waters of or near Franklin Harbor contained within and bounded by a line commencing at Mean High Water Springs closest to 33°43'34.047" South, 136°59'25.230" East, then south-westerly to the location on Mean High Water Springs closest to 33°44'25.604" South, 136°58'11.766" East, the beginning northerly following the line of Mean High Waters Springs to the point of commencement, but excluding any land or waters so encompassed that lie landward of the line of Mean High Water Springs

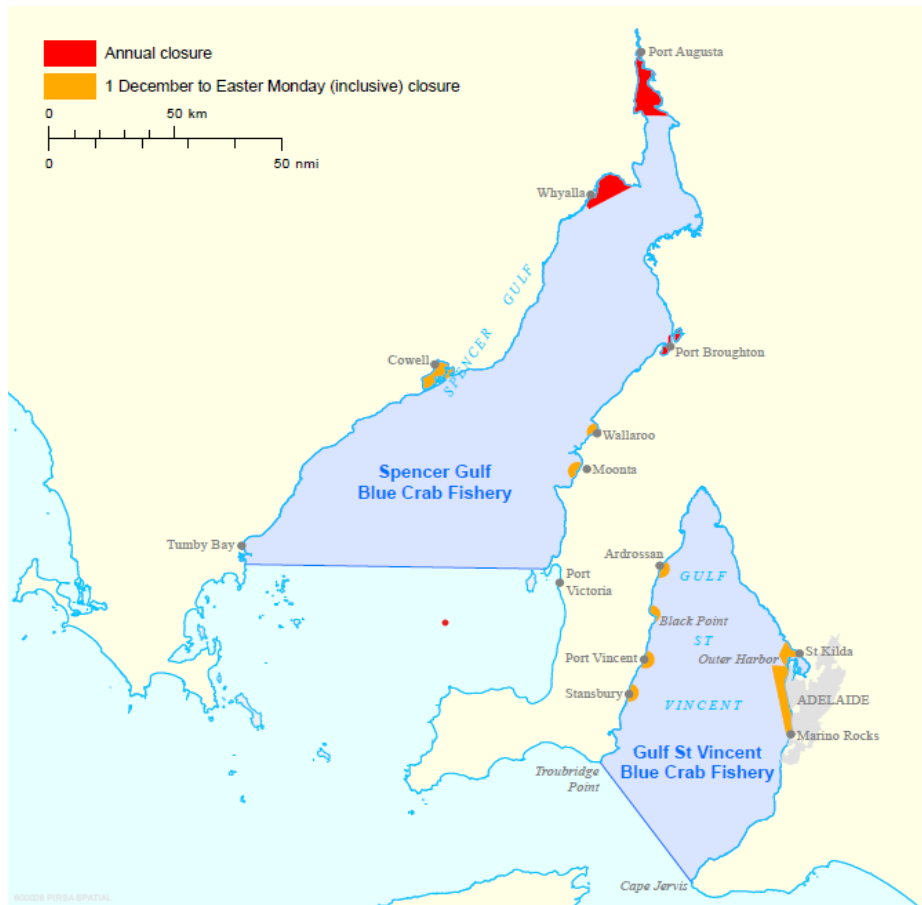


Figure 1. Area of the Blue Crab Fishery

Aquatic Reserves

The following aquatic reserves also have prohibitions and restrictions on where you can fish. The taking of Blue Swimmer Crab by crab pots is prohibited in:

- (1) Barker Inlet—St. Kilda Aquatic Reserve
- (2) Coobowie Fishing Zone
- (3) St. Kilda—Chapman Creek Aquatic Reserve

The locations and coordinates of the State's aquatic reserves are provided in the *Fisheries Management (Aquatic Reserves) Regulations 2016* or on the PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture website.

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Marine Parks

Fishing Quota Zones also contain Marine Parks which have prohibitions and restrictions on fishing activities (<http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/marineparks/maps-and-coordinates>). The *Marine Parks Act 2007* and supporting regulations and proclamations can be found on the South Australian Legislation website.

All lines in spatial descriptions are geodesics based on the Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94) as defined in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette GN35 of 6 September 1995 and all coordinates are expressed in terms of GDA94.

The closures are currently under review through the planned harvest strategy review of the *Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Blue Crab Fishery*. Further details will be provided when this review is completed. For further information or clarification please contact PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture on 8207 5333.

Gear/Pot Entitlements

Each licence is endorsed with a list of permitted fishing gear. Only gear and the listed quantities on your Registrations and Entitlements register certificate may be used and stored on the vessel.

Additionally, licence conditions restricting the use of combinations of gear apply. Registered masters must be familiar with these conditions. Licence conditions can be viewed on the back of your issued fishing licence and are as below:

- 1305** Fish taken using a bait net may be used for bait purposes only and must not be sold.
- 1387** The maximum number of crab pots that may be used pursuant to this licence at any one time is the number listed on the Registrations and Entitlements register in relation to this licence.
- 12781** The following condition applies in relation to a licence that is subject to a condition fixing a Blue Crab quota entitlement at the commencement of the quota period; Blue Crab must only be taken by the licence holder from within the quota management zone to which the quota entitlement applies.

The maximum number of blue crab pots that you are permitted to use at any one time is calculated in accordance with the formula set out in the regulations, which provides that the Minister must determine a conversion value. This conversion value is used to work out how many pots may be used pursuant to a licence, depending on the number of quota units held by that licence.

For the 2021/22 quota period the conversion value for the **Spencer Gulf Blue Crab Zone** is 10. Therefore, one pot may be used for every 10 quota units held on a licence.

For the 2021/22 quota period the conversion value for the **Gulf St Vincent Blue Crab Zone** is 10. Therefore, one pot may be used for every 10 quota units held on a licence.

Fisher Obligations

Registered masters

Your registered boat must be in the charge of a registered master. A maximum number of five registered masters may be endorsed on your licence at any time.

Measuring Blue Swimmer Crab

A Blue Swimmer Crab is undersized if the carapace is less than 11 centimetres when measured from side to side at the base of the largest spines.

Any undersize crabs must be returned to the water immediately.



Female Blue Crabs carrying eggs

Blue crabs with external eggs are totally protected and must be returned to the water immediately.

Spider Crabs and Rock Crabs carrying eggs are also totally protected and must be returned to the water immediately.



Catch and Disposal Records (CDR)

Please place the writing template under the yellow copy to prevent marking of the next set of forms.

All entries must be clear and legible and made in black or blue ball point pen.

The licence holder (or registered master) must weigh the catch and complete Part A of the CDR prior to, or at the point of landing, and deliver the white, blue and green copies with the catch to the processor specified on the form.

The CDR books and carbon copies are to be distributed as followed.

Colour	Where the CDR form is to go
White (original)	To be forwarded to PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture within 24 hours of processor taking delivery of the blue crab
Blue	Processor to retain for 12 months
Green	Licence holder to retain
Yellow	Remains in book

The licence holder (or registered master) must weigh the catch and complete Part A of the CDR prior to, or at the point of landing.

On taking delivery the processor must immediately weigh the blue crab and complete and sign Part B of the CDR.

Space is also available for those licence holders who wish to verify and sign off on the processor weight.

If a CDR requires cancelling, please write cancelled across the CDR and forward the white, blue and green copies to PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture.

CDR books

CDR books contain 50 pages and must be retained on the vessel until complete.

A green tear out slip is located in the CDR book. This slip indicates that the book is nearing completion. The slip can be posted to PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture and a new CDR book will be posted out.

If a mistake is made when completing the page, correct the mistake, and initial the change.

If a page or book is damaged, contact PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture immediately to report the damaged CDR numbers on (08) 8207 5332.

CDR books are not transferrable to new licence holders should you sell your licence.

The CDR must be signed by the licence holder or a registered master of that licence.

[See example CDR for further information.](#)

BSCF 1

CDR K 42851

Prior Report No.
(Marine scale only)

**PIRSA FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE
BLUE CRAB CATCH AND DISPOSABLE RECORD**

PART A

(To be completed on or before point of landing, prior to entering processor premises)

Part A – to be completed by licence holder/master

Be Number: **SPENCER GULF / GULF ST VINCENT**
PLEASE CIRCLE
of Landing: / /
of Landing: : am/pm
Location of Landing:
this CDR represent the entire catch landed: YES / NO PLEASE CIRCLE
associated CDR no's:
Name or Receiving Processor:
Address:

Blue Crabs
Accurate Weight kgs Number of Bins

I certify that the information recorded on Part A of this form is true and correct.

Signature of Licence Holder or Registered Master: _____

Print Full Name: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____ Time: ____ : ____ am/pm

PART B

(To be completed and delivered to PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture Compliance Unit within 24 hours of taking delivery of blue crabs)

Part B – to be completed by registered fish processor

Weight of Blue Crabs weighed immediately on delivery: kgs
Total Number of Scales:
I certify that the weight recorded on Part B of this form is true and correct.
Signature of Registered Processor: _____
Print Full Name: _____
Processor Number: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____ Time: ____ : ____ am/pm

OPTIONAL

Signature of Licence Holder or Registered Master: _____

Print Full Name: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____ Time: ____ : ____ am/pm

Optional section for the licence holder to sign acknowledging agreement with the processor weights

Prior report number only applicable to Marine Scalefish Licences

Quota Entitlements

The quota entitlements of a licence are the number of kilograms endorsed on the licence for each region. Exceeding this quota is an offence under the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* and could result in prosecution. Regulations also allow for reduction in quota entitlements for future seasons. The penalty for breaching a condition of licence is a fine of up to \$20,000.

In order to ensure compliance with quota entitlements the following penalties are set down in the regulations. Where quota entitlements are exceeded in any year the Minister may decrease the quota in the following year, as follows:

- a) If the catch exceeded the quota entitlement by 20 kg or less – by 1 kg for each kg in excess of quota;
- b) If the catch exceeded the quota entitlement by more than 20 kg but less than or equal to 50 kg – by 2 kg for each kg in excess of quota; or
- c) If quota entitlements are exceeded by more than 50 kg in any year and a court convicts the licence holder of that offence, the court may impose a penalty of reducing the quota by 1 kg for each kg in excess of the quota for three quota periods following the conviction.

It is the responsibility of all licence holders to ensure that they do not exceed the number of kilograms endorsed on their licence at any time. No fishing activity should be either commenced or continued once the quota entitlement has been reached.

The regulations provide for the transfer of quota entitlements between licence holders. Any transferred increase in quota must have been approved before any fishing activity is continued or commenced.

Prior to Fishing Reports

Marine Scalefish licences with Blue Crab endorsements must prior report all fishing activity by calling FISHWATCH on 1800 065 522, or by using the FISHWATCH prior reporting app, prior to engaging in your fishing trip.

If prior reporting to FISHWATCH by phone, the operator will ask you the following questions;

- Are you a commercial operator?
- Please state your licence number?
- What is the nature of your call? E.g. Prior reporting
- What type of prior report? E.g. Blue Crab
- What port are you leaving from?
- Your name?
- Your contact number (including STD)?
- Commencement date & time?

Please ensure you have this information handy at the time of the call.

Registration of vessels

All fishing must be undertaken from a vessel that is registered on the respective fishing licence. Only one (1) vessel may be used at a time.

Keeping your boat in survey

Licence holders are reminded that all commercial vessels are required to operate in accordance with the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012, Schedule 1*. Fishery licences and boat registrations under the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* do not replace the need to comply with Survey and Certificate of Operation requirements under the *National Law Act*. Information for commercial vessel operators is available on the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) website at www.amsa.gov.au.

For more information please contact the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, Commercial Marine Services, on 1300 885 793.

Sale of catch

All Blue Crab must be consigned to a registered fish processor nominated on your licence. The fish processors that you have nominated are listed on your Registrations and Entitlements Register.

To change your nominated fish processors you are required to submit an application to PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture.

Logbook Reporting Requirements

Periodic (SARDI) Returns

- Periodic (SARDI) Returns are used to monitor and manage the sustainability of South Australia's fisheries.
- SARDI Returns from the South Australian Blue Crab Fishery logbook detailing your catch for the month must be submitted within 15 days of the end of that month.
- If no fish were taken during a particular calendar month a return indicating no fish were taken (NIL return) is to be lodged.
- Copies of returns must be retained for a period of 12 months.
- SARDI log book/envelopes are available by contacting the SARDI Information Services Group, West Beach on (08) 8207 5400.

Late submission of Periodic Returns may result in a \$500 expiation and 10 demerit points will be imposed.

Wildlife Reporting Logbook

In addition to your catch and effort logbook, there is a logbook for reporting interactions with threatened, endangered and protected species (TEPS) across all South Australian commercial fisheries. Licence holders are reminded that these wildlife interaction logbooks are required to be submitted when an

interaction occurs with a threatened, endangered or protected species (e.g. seahorse, White Shark, etc). If you do not have a copy of the TEPS logbook please contact SARDI's Information Services Group on (08) 8207 5400.

Catch history

Catch history is the amount of fish taken by a licence holder pursuant to a licence issued under the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*. In some fisheries, when management arrangements have changed, catch history has been used as one of the relevant criteria when allocating access to resources. It is important to note that it is NOT policy in South Australia to recognise the transfer of catch history from one licence holder to another when a licence is sold or transferred.

Implicit in this policy is the assumption that catch history remains with the original licence holder. That person may have their catch history recognised when re-entering the fishery with a licence purchase, however:

Licensing Information

Licence Transfers

The *Fisheries Management (Blue Crab Fishery) Regulations 2013* provide that a licence in respect of the Blue Crab Fishery may be transferred with the consent of the Minister. An application for consent must be in writing and must be made on a form, which has been approved by the Minister.

The *Fisheries Management (Blue Crab Fishery) Regulations 2013* provide that: The Minister may only consent to a transfer of a licence if satisfied as to the following:

- that any fees or other amounts payable in relation to the licence under the Act or the repealed Act have been paid in full
- that the licence to be transferred has not been suspended;
- that no proceedings alleging an offence against the Act or the repealed Act are pending or likely to be commenced in the State against the holder of the licence;
- that the transferee is a natural person of at least 15 years of age and is a fit and proper person to hold a licence in respect of the fishery;
- if a boat registered for use under the licence is the subject of, is registered for use under, or is otherwise referred to in, a licence, permit, authority or other entitlement to take aquatic resources granted under a law of the Commonwealth or a corresponding law—
 - (i) that the entitlement is either to be transferred together with the licence to the transferee or to be surrendered on or before the transfer of the licence; or
 - (ii) that—
 - a. the transfer of the licence separately from the entitlement is not likely to result in fishing activities that over-exploit or endanger the aquatic resources of the State; and
 - b. the person or body that granted the entitlement concurs with the separate transfer of the licence.

Quota Transfers

Blue Crab quota can be transferred in whole units only on either a temporary or permanent basis. The permanent transfer of quota will not alter your annual licence fees until the following year. Licence holders should consider these fees when negotiating the price of the transfer.

Please note that any quota transfers take effect from the time that you receive written confirmation from PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture that the application has been approved. You must not fish quota entitlements subject to the application until that time.

Please note: Only uncaught quota units are able to be transferred.

Deceased Estate

Upon the death of a licence holder, the licence will become vested in the personal representative of the deceased, as part of the estate of the deceased. The requirements that apply in this situation are set out in section 57 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*.

Registering a Third Party Interest

Fisheries legislation provides for the Minister, upon application and payment of the prescribed fee by the licence holder, to make a notation on the register that a third party has an interest in the licence. The Minister is required to refuse an application for surrender or transfer of a licence without the consent of the registered third party. A licence holder may nominate more than one third party, but a separate application is required for each third party.

Change of Address

Licence holders are reminded that if they change their address, either postal or residential, notification must be sent to the Leasing & Licensing Section of PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, within 30 days, with their current fishery licence.

Replacement Licence

A copy of a licence may be issued if a current fishery licence is lost or destroyed. An application form with the prescribed fee will need to be completed and paid before the replacement is issued.

Public Register

The Fisheries Management Act 2007 provides that a public register of authorities (including licences) issued under the Act must be kept. This register must include, among other things, a notation that a specified person has a registered interest in a licence. This notation will be made upon application by the holder of the relevant licence, and on payment of the prescribed fee.

If you are in the process of acquiring a licence under the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* you are advised to make independent enquires of the licence holder as to any demerit points that are recorded on that licence. The Public Register may not be up to date at the time of your search as there are sometimes delays in the allocation process and so should not be relied upon in isolation from other enquiries any demerits that are incurred by the licence as at the time of the transfer will be attributed to the relevant

licence in the ordinary course of business regardless of any transfers occurring in that period. If you require further clarification of the actual demerits held by a licence prior to any transfer you will need to request that from PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture in writing and as part of that process you will need written consent of the licence holder for that information to be released to you.

Recreational Fishing from Registered Vessels

You are reminded that commercial boats may only be used for recreational purposes if PIRSA is notified beforehand on 1800 065 522, or by using the FISHWATCH prior reporting app. The following information will be required:

- The name of the licence holder making the call
- The fishery licence number(s) of the licence(s) on which the registered boat is endorsed
- The name of the boat and the commercial boat survey number
- The registration numbers of recreational devices (rock lobster pots or nets) that will be on board the boat
- The time and date the recreational activity will commence
- The time and date the recreational activity will cease.

You are also reminded that the boat must be approved for recreational use in accordance with Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure requirements. The commercial fishing boat licence number must be covered over while undertaking recreational fishing and the unique vessel identifier must be visible at all times on your commercial vessel, regardless of your operational activity.

All fish taken must be removed from the vessel at the conclusion of the trip.

It is an offence to sell or trade a recreational catch.

Demerit points

A demerit point scheme was introduced in 2009 as a deterrent against fisheries offences.

Under the scheme if a person or body corporate is found guilty of an offence by a court or pays an on-the-spot fine, they and the relevant authority will also accrue a number of demerit points.

The number of demerit points applied will vary depending on the severity of the offence.

Demerit points have a lifespan of five years from the date that they are accrued. After five years the demerit points are removed.

If a person or body corporate accrues 200 points within five years, there are a range of penalties that can apply, including disqualification from holding an authority issued under the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* (the Act) and disqualification from being a registered master on any boat, or both for a period of ten years. An authority will remain disqualified until it is transferred or compulsorily acquired.

The legislation defining the demerit point scheme is located in the Act. The list of offences and respective number of demerit points incurred is located in the *Fisheries Management (Demerit Points) Regulations 2017*.

Authority means a licence, permit, registration, authorisation or authority under the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*.

Demerit frequently asked questions

What happens if I accrue 200 demerit points?

If a person accumulates 200 demerit points within a 5 year period they are liable to be disqualified from holding any authority issued under the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* (the Act) including:

- A commercial fishing licence
- A fish processor registration
- A recreational registration (pot or net)
- Operating as a Director in a body corporate that holds an authority
- Operating as a registered master on a boat used pursuant to an authority

The disqualification period applies for 10 years.

An authority held by a disqualified person will be immediately suspended and must be transferred. If a transfer does not take effect within 180 days the Minister may compulsorily acquire the licence. If the disqualified person holds a non-transferrable fishing licence, the licence will be cancelled.

What happens if a company (body corporate) accrues 200 demerit points?

If a body corporate accumulates 200 points within five years, then each Director is disqualified from holding or obtaining an authority for ten years.

The authority is also suspended and must be transferred within 180 days. If a transfer does not take effect within the required timeframe the Minister will compulsorily acquire the licence. If the disqualified body corporate holds a non-transferrable fishing licence, the licence will be cancelled.

Will I be notified if I am close to accumulating 200 demerit points?

The Minister will send a letter to any person or body corporate when they, or the authority they hold, accumulate 100 demerit points. The letter will provide a demerit points balance. The letter will be updated and re-sent for any subsequent offence.

Do I incur demerit points for verbal or written warnings?

No. Demerit points are only incurred if a person or body corporate is found guilty of an offence by a court or pays an expiation fee.

If a registered master commits an offence while operating my fishing licence, does the licence accumulate points too?

The Act provides that the holder of an authority is responsible for an offence committed by a registered master (or agent) and therefore liable to the same penalty.

Where an authority holder is subsequently found guilty of an offence in court or pays an expiation fee, demerit points will apply to the licence.

What happens if multiple offences have been committed?

If multiple offences have been committed arising from the same incident, demerit points are only applied pursuant to the one offence that attracts the most demerit points.

If I am found guilty of a recreational offence, will the demerit points affect my commercial fishing licence?

Demerit points for a recreational offence will be accrued under your name as a natural person; however they will not be accrued on your commercial licence. Should you accumulate 200 demerit points you will be disqualified from holding any Authority issued under the Act and also operating as a registered master for a period of ten years.

Do demerit points affect my marine qualifications or my driver's licence?

No. Demerit points only affect authorities issued under the Act. These authorities include commercial fishing licences, fish processor registrations, recreational rock lobster pot registrations and recreational net registrations.

My authority has a number of demerit points recorded against it. If I wish to sell the licence will the demerit points be removed?

No. The demerit points will stay with the authority until they expire after five years. As a person or body corporate you will also retain demerit points until they expire after this period. Prospective buyers can obtain information on the number of demerit points accrued by a licence on the details below.

Where can I check my demerit point balance?

Demerit point balances are available by:

- (a) Contacting PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture on (08) 8207 5332
- (b) Viewing the Fisheries Public Register online at:

www.pir.sa.gov.au/fisheries/public_register

Contact Information

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Where can I find a copy of the Blue Crab Fishery Regulations?

The regulations can be found online at; www.legislation.sa.gov.au

Follow the links to 'Regulations & Rules' then *Fisheries Management (Blue Crab Fishery) Regulations 2013*.

What do I do if I make a mistake on a CDR?

If a mistake is made when completing the page, correct the mistake and initial the change.

What do I do if my CDR book or page(s) are damaged?

If a page or book is damaged, contact PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture immediately to report the damaged CDR numbers on (08) 8207 5332.

How can I obtain a new CDR book?

A green tear out slip is located in the CDR books (or a stamped page). This slip indicates that the book is nearing completion. The slip can be posted to PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture and a new CDR book will be posted out to you.

If you require another CDR Book, and there is not a Green Tear out slip, or stamp in your current CDR Book, contact PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture approximately 20 pages from the end of your CDR Book on (08) 8207 5332. **Please allow 10 working days for Australia Post to send the new CDR book to you.** Alternatively you can arrange to collect a new CDR book in person from PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture at 2 Hamra Avenue, West Beach SA 5024.

*If you send in the green tear out slip you do not need to contact PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture, a new book will be sent as soon as the request form is received.

How can I obtain more PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture reply paid envelopes?

If you require more reply paid envelopes contact PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture before you completely run out of envelopes on (08) 8207 5332. **Please allow 10 working days for Australia Post to send the envelopes to you.** Alternatively you can arrange to collect a bundle of envelopes in person from PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture at 2 Hamra Avenue, West Beach SA 5024.

Where can I get maps and coordinates for Marine Parks?

You can download maps and GPS coordinates and find your nearest marine park.
www.marineparks.sa.gov.au

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