

The Hon Clare Scriven MLC

Our ref: eA197406 Obj ID: A5491944

Hon Nicola Centofanti MLC Member of the Legislative Council Parliament House ADELAIDE SA 5000

Dear Ms Centofanti

#### Determination under the Freedom of Information Act 1991

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act) received by the Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development and the Office of Minister for Forest Industries on 3 June 2022 requesting access to the following:

"A copy of all documents (including but not limited to hard copy or electronic briefings, minutes, reports, emails, letters (including draft versions), meeting agendas, diary entries, event attendance records and any other correspondence) relating to the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (SACAT) ruling to set aside the decisions made by Minister Basham relating to exceptional circumstances, as part of the marine scalefish fishery reform process. From 1 October 2022 to 1 June 2022."

On 16 June 2022, contact was made with your office seeking clarification of your request. Your application was placed on hold until the response from your office was received on 20 June 2022. Accordingly, the determination due date was revised to 7 July 2022.

Your revised application was confirmed as follows:

"A copy of all internal decision-making documents (including but not limited to hard copy or electronic briefings, minutes, reports, emails, letters (including draft versions), meeting agendas, diary entries, event attendance records and any other correspondence) of the policy relating to the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (SACAT) ruling to set aside the decisions made by Minister Basham relating to exceptional circumstances, as part of the marine scalefish fishery reform process. From 1 October 2021 to 1 June 2022."

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Minister for Forest Industries



Accordingly, the following determination has been finalised.

I have located fifteen documents that are captured within the scope of your request.

#### **Determination 1**

I have determined that access to the following documents is granted in full:

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
4	Advice document to Executive Director, PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture from SARDI Aquatic Sciences dated 27/4/2022 re Risk to Sustainability of Tier 1 MSF Stocks if TACCs were increased	23
7	Emails from the Office of the Chief Executive, PIRSA to the Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development and PIRSA officers dated 13/4/2022 and 14/4/2022 re Minister and CE meeting 19/4/2022	3
8	Emails between the Office of the Chief Executive, PIRSA and the Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 13/4/2022 to 19/4/2022 re Minister and CE Meeting agenda 19/4/2022	2

The information removed from Documents 7 and 8 is outside of the scope of your request.

#### Determination 2

I have determined that access to the following documents is **refused**:

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of
		Pages
1	Cabinet Submission dated 25/4/2022	10
3	Cabinet Submission dated 28/4/2022	47

Access to the above documents is refused pursuant to Clause 1(1)(a) of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act which states:

#### *"1 – Cabinet documents*

(1) A document is an exempt document –

(a) if it is a document that has been specifically prepared for submission to Cabinet (whether or not it has been so submitted;"

The documents consist of Cabinet Submissions which were specifically prepared for submission to Cabinet (whether or not they had been submitted to Cabinet).

#### **Determination 3**

I have determined that access to the following document is refused:

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
11a	Attachment to Doc 11 - Draft Cabinet document	13

Access to the above document is refused pursuant to Clause 1(1)(b) of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act which states:

#### "1 – Cabinet documents

- (1) A document is an exempt document
  - (b) if it is a preliminary draft of a document referred to in paragraph (a);"

The document consists of a preliminary draft of a proposed Cabinet Submission.

#### **Determination 4**

I have determined that access to the following documents is refused:

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
2	Cabinet document (undated)	1
9	Cabinet document dated 24/4/2022	143
10	Cabinet document dated 25/4/2022	1
11	Cabinet document dated 26/4/2022	3
12	Cabinet document dated 29/4/2022	2

Access to the above documents is refused pursuant to Clause 1(1)(e) of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act which states:

#### *"1 – Cabinet documents*

(1) A document is an exempt document –

(e) if it contains matter the disclosure of which would disclose information concerning any deliberation or decision of Cabinet;"

The documents consist of details of matters considered in Cabinet.

#### **Determination 5**

I have determined that access to the following documents is refused:

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
5	Crown Solicitor's Office Opinion dated 28/2/2022	11
6	Crown Solicitor's Office Opinion dated 1/4/2022	3

13	Email thread relating to and containing legal advice dated	4
	21/4/2022 to 28/4/2022	
14	Email thread dated 29/4/2022 attaching legal advice dated	5
	28/4/2022	

Access to the above documents is refused pursuant to Clause 10(1) of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act which states:

#### *"10 – Documents subject to legal professional privilege"*

(1) A document is an exempt document if it contains matter that would be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege."

The documents refer to consultation with the Crown Solicitor's Office and a legal firm referring to advices given or to be given, and is considered legally privileged.

If you are unhappy with this determination you are entitled to exercise your rights of external review with the Ombudsman SA. Alternatively, you can apply to the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (SACAT). If you wish to seek a review, you must do so within 30 calendar days of receiving this internal review determination.

For more information about seeking a review or appeal, please contact the Ombudsman SA on telephone (08) 8226 8699 or SACAT on 1800 723 767.

Should you require further information or clarification with respect to this matter, please contact Ms Lisa Farley on 8429 0422 or email: Minister.Scriven@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Hon Clare Scriven MLC MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT MINISTER FOR FOREST INDUSTRIES

8/7/2022



Doc 4

- ADVICE TO: PIRSA FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE (PROF. GAVIN BEGG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)
- FROM: DRS JONATHAN SMART AND JASON EARL (SARDI AQUATIC SCIENCES)
- SUBJECT: RISK TO SUSTAINABILITY OF TIER 1 MSF STOCKS IF TACCS WERE INCREASED TO (1) INCORPORATE ADDITIONAL QUOTA ALLOCATIONS, AND (2) ENABLE THE CARRY-OVER OF UP TO 10% OF THE UNCAUGHT QUOTA ON EACH LICENCE FROM THE 2021/22 SEASON TO THE 2022/23 SEASON.

DATE: 27 APRIL 2022

#### **KEY ISSUES**

- Additional quota units may be added to the Marine Scalefish Fishery (MSF) for licence holders that were included in an exceptional circumstances process during the MSF reform.
- As these additional units could not have been fished during the 2021/22 season, an increase to the Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) in 2022/23 is being considered to allow these licence holders to catch this quota in a subsequent fishing season.
- In addition, the carry-over of uncaught quota entitlements for Tier 1 stocks on licences from the 2021/22 season to the 2022/23 season is being considered.
- PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture have requested advice on the risk these options pose to sustainability for any Tier 1 stock, given the recently recommended TACCs for 2022/23 by the MSF Management Advisory Committee (MSFMAC).
- Three pieces of information were considered for each stock:
  - 1. The status of each stock
  - 2. The percentage of the TACC caught to date for the 2021/22 fishing season
  - 3. The increase in allocated quota units for each stock relating to the exceptional circumstances process.
- Snapper were not considered in this analysis as no additional allocations will occur for the South East fishing zone and the remaining fishing zones have not had a TACC recommended due to their ongoing closure.
- All King George Whiting and Southern Calamari stocks are classified as 'sustainable'. Garfish
  are classified as 'depleted' and 'recovering' for Gulf St Vincent (GSV) and Spencer Gulf (SG),
  respectively.
- The 2021/22 TACCs for all stocks are not expected to be caught based on the percentage of the TACC caught to date and the remaining length of the 2021/22 fishing season.
- The percentage of uncaught TACC in 2021/22 is likely to be larger than any potential TACC increase for 2022/23. Therefore, a low risk to sustainability was assigned for all Tier 1 stocks.

#### BACKGROUND

Quota allocations for the 2021/22 fishing season for Tier 1 stocks were calculated and allocated to MSF licence holders on 1 July 2021. These allocations incorporated the results of an exceptional circumstances process that provided additional quota units to licence holders with successful applications. The quota allocations for these fishers may be raised following applications to South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (SACAT). This would increase the total number of units in the fishery from those allocated on 1 July 2021.

Currently, the TACCs for the 2021/22 fishing season for all Tier 1 stocks managed by Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) were set using estimates of recent average annual catch. The only exception was Snapper in the South East (SE) fishing zone which had a TAC set using a modelbased recommended biological catch. However, no additional quota will be allocated for Snapper in the SE fishing zone as no licence holders that were included in the exceptional circumstances process had catch history for this stock.

In April 2022, the MSFMAC recommended that all TACCs be maintained for the 2022/23 fishing season (see Appendices). Currently, Snapper fishing is prohibited until 1 February 2023 in the GSV, SG and West Coast (WC) fishing zones. Therefore, the MSFMAC did not recommend a TACC for these stocks.

PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture have requested advice on the risk to Tier 1 stocks if the TACCs recommended by the MSFMAC were increased for the 2022/23 season to enable carry-over of (i) uncaught quota entitlements on individual licences from the 2021/22 season to the 2022/23 season up to a maximum of 10% of total quota entitlements (unknown until the completion of the 2021/22 season; termed 'existing entitlement carry-over'), and (ii) 100% of quota for EC applicants that could not have been fished during the 2021/22 fishing season (termed 'new potential quota unit carry-over').

#### RESULTS

The risk of both options was considered based on three pieces of information:

- 1. The status of each stock
- 2. The percentage of the TACC caught to date for the 2021/22 fishing season
- 3. The increase in allocated quota units for each stock

#### <u>Snapper</u>

Snapper did not need to be considered in this analysis as no additional quota units will be allocated for the SE fishing zone and TACCs have not been set for Snapper in the GSV, SG and WC fishing zones for the 2022/23 fishing season.

#### King George Whiting

- Both GSV and SG stocks were classified as **sustainable** in the most recent stock assessment (Drew et al. 2021).
- Less than 50% of the TACC has been caught for either stock with 75% of the fishing season complete (Table 1).
- The maximum existing entitlement carry-over for the GSV and SG stocks is 4.6 t and 11.1 t, respectively.
- The maximum new potential quota carry-over would increase the number of quota units in the fishery by 0.2% and 8.5% for GSV and SG, respectively (Table 2).

#### <u>Garfish</u>

- In the most recent stock assessment for Garfish, the GSV stock was classified as **depleted**, and the SG stock was classified as **recovering** (Steer et al 2018). These classifications were maintained in the most recent stock status report (Drew et al 2021).
- Less than 60% of the TACC has been caught for either stock with 75% of the fishing season complete (Table 1).
- The maximum existing entitlement carry-over of uncaught quota for the GSV and SG stocks is 7.1 t and 10 t, respectively.
- The maximum new potential quota carry-over would increase the number of quota units in the fishery by 7.4% and 5.3% for GSV and SG, respectively (Table 2).

#### Southern Calamari

- Both GSV and SG stocks were classified as **sustainable** in the most recent stock status report (Drew et al 2021).
- In GSV 47.41% of the TACC has been caught while 54.68% of the TACC has been caught in SG with 75% of the fishing season complete (Table 1).
- The maximum existing entitlement carry-over of uncaught quota for the GSV and SG stocks is 16.2 t and 20.4 t, respectively.
- The maximum new potential quota carry-over would increase the number of quota units in the fishery by 3.7% and 5.2% for GSV and SG, respectively (Table 2).

Table 1. The 2021/22 TACCs for Tier	1 stocks and the percentage of eacl	TACC caught by March 2022
	i stocks and the percentage of each	T TAGO Gaugin by March 2022

SPECIES	Zone	TACC (T)	% TACC CAUGHT
GARFISH	GSV	71	55.15
GARFISH	SG	100	53.18
KING GEORGE	GSV	46	42.28
KING GEORGE	SG	111	46.93
SNAPPER	SE	36	48.63
SOUTHERN	GSV	162	47.41
SOUTHERN	SG	204	54.68

#### DISCUSSION

There is a low risk to all stocks if the TACCs recommended by the MSFMAC were increased for the 2022/23 season to enable carry-over of uncaught quota entitlements on individual licences from the 2021/22 season to the 2022/23 season, up to a maximum of 10% of total quota entitlements. This is because the total catch would remain below the allocated TACC for 2021/22.

It is unlikely that the TACC will be caught for any Tier 1 stock during the 2021/22 fishing season (Table 1). Consequently, there is also a low risk to all stocks if the TACCs recommended by the MSFMAC were increased for the 2022/23 season to enable 100% carry-over of quota for EC applicants that could not have been fished during the 2021/22 fishing season. This is because the total catch is expected to remain below, or close to, the allocated TACC for 2021/22.

**Table 2.** The additional quota units for Tier 1 stocks that may be allocated to MSF licence holders.

Species	Zone	Additional units (EC)	Total MSF units	Total fishery units	Updated total fishery units	% increase of total fishery units
GARFISH	GSV	147.19	2000	2000	2147.19	7.4%
GARFISH	SG	106.81	1998	2000	2106.81	5.3%
KING GEORGE WHITING	GSV	3.81	1944	2000	2003.81	0.2%
KING GEORGE WHITING	SG	170.56	1958	2000	2170.56	8.5%
SNAPPER	GSV	450.12	3972	4000	4450.12	11.3%
SNAPPER	SG	97.04	3984	4000	4097.04	2.4%
SNAPPER	WC	74.61	992	1000	1074.61	7.5%
SOUTHERN CALAMARI	GSV	149.19	4000	4000	4149.19	3.7%
SOUTHERN CALAMARI	SG	209.74	3928	4000	4209.74	5.2%

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#### APPENDICES

Species summary templates considered by the MSFMAC when providing TACC recommendations in April 2022.

#### Southern Garfish Hyporhamphus melanchir

#### Gulf St Vincent/Kangaroo Island Last revised: 25 March 2022

Last revised: 25 March 2022								
Stock summary								
Stock status	Depleted	Depleted (2019)						
Stock assessment		Tier 1 species – last assessment was 2017 (Steer et al 2018). Most recent stock status was assigned in 2019 (Drew et al 2021).						
Fishery/stock trend	experience population few fish su truncated. Manageme However, f recruitmen	Southern Garfish in the Gulf St Vincent/Kangaroo Island (GSV/KI) fishing zone experienced exploitation rates of more than 80% during the 1990's when the population was only sustained through high levels of recruitment. During this period, few fish survived past age two and the population age structure was severely truncated. Management measures implemented since 2005 have reduced exploitation rates. However, biomass has not recovered, age structures have remained truncated, and recruitment is impaired. Therefore, this stock was classified as <b>depleted</b> in the last stock assessment (Steer et al 2018).						
Current			Comr	nercial catch a	and TACC			
management measure and catch	Year	cor	Total nmercial atch (t)	RBC (t)	RBCC (t)		TACC (t)	
RBC – recommended	2016/17	7	75	-	-		-	
biological catch	2017/18	3	81	-	-	-		
RBCC -	2018/19		81	-	-		-	
recommended	2019/20		62	-	-		-	
biological commercial	2020/2 <sup>2</sup> 2021/22		67	-	-		- 71	
catch	2021/22	- <u> </u>	Sector	allocations (	State-wide)	L		
TACC – total							<b>T</b> _4 <b>I</b>	
allowable	Comn	nercial	Recr	eational	Aborigina traditiona		Total	
commercial catch (based on	MSF	79.33%						
5-yr average	SZRL	0.13%		9.5%	1%		100%	
catch from 2015–2019)	NZRL	0.04%		9.070	1 70		100%	



Sector					
allocations					
Allocations in					
the current					
management					
plan are					
statewide.					
Current	Weekly length and age	structures collected t	hrough market san	npling in Adelaide.	
assessment	<ul> <li>Annual fishery statistics</li> </ul>	provided through a s	stock status report		
program	Application of a length-a	and-age-structured po	opulation model ev	ery three years	
	Recreational data collect	ted every five years	through statewide	recreational	
	survey	, ,	0		
	<ul> <li>No information is availa</li> </ul>	ole for Aboriginal/Tra	ditional fishing		
 				and the state	
Assessment	There are two biological stor		0		
summary	and southern regions. The n majority of the biomass and		· · · ·		
-	St Vincent (SGSV) stock has				
	to haul netting restrictions in				
	fishing zone occurs in NGSV	•			
	•		•		
	The most recent stock asses		•	•	
	weight-of-evidence approach (Steer et al 2018). The GarEst stock assessment model for the GSV/KI fishing zone combines both NGSV and SGSV stocks as some				
	C C				
	biological mixing occurs, despite demographic separation. The GarEst model includes data on commercial catch and effort, commercial age and length structures, and				
	recreational and charter boat catch and effort. Numerous management measures have				
	been implemented since 2005 which included licence reduction schemes, spatial and				
	temporal closures, changes to gear restrictions and changes to legal minimum length.				
	This assessment demonstra			-	
	allowed the stock recovery to	o occur. As a result, t	he stock was class	sified as <b>depleted</b> .	
	The 2021/22 TACC of 100 t	was recommended b	y the SnapperMAC	C and was	
	calculated based on the ave		• • • •		
RBC / TACC	Commerc Targ	et H in Target H		ive-year average	
options for	Secto fail sector mana	igeme = $2/3M$		ommercial catch 016/17 – 2020/21)	
2022/23	share (%)	n (0.3) (0.23)		010/17 - 2020/21)	
Sector catch		1 t 48 t	-	-	
shares		0 t 39 t	71 t	73 t	
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Regional catch	The DDC's were determined	from overease five to	or hismon active -	too from the last	
shares were	The RBC's were determined	nom average live-ye	ai Diomass estima	ates from the last	
calculated	assessment (2013-2017).				
according to the					
PIRSA					
allocation policy					



using new MSF zones. M = natural mortality	
Research needs	<ul> <li>Development of harvest strategy with performance indicators, reference points and harvest control rules.</li> <li>Standardisation of commercial CPUE, using improved measures of fishing effort.</li> <li>Improved estimates of recreational catch and effort.</li> </ul>
SSC recommendati on	A new stock assessment was being finalised and the results still being considered. The previous assessment indicated signs of stock recovery and there are continuing trends of stock recovery in the new assessment.
	The target harvest fraction of 30% as provided in the MSF Management Plan was considered appropriate for the species. Whilst the stock has a depleted status, the biomass has been stable and there was a significantly reducing harvest fraction. Catches in recent years were below average and this was likely due to a combination of changes to the legal minimum length in addition to MSF reform and covid-19 market related impacts.
	Noting the above factors, the MSFMAC considered there was no basis to reduce catch limits and recommended a rollover of the current 2021/22 TACC of 71t.
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#### Southern Garfish Hyporhamphus melanchir

#### Spencer Gulf

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				Stock su	mmary					
Stock status	Recovering (2019)									
Stock assessment		Tier 1 species – last assessment was 2017 (Steer et al 2018). Most recent stock status was assigned in 2019 (Drew et al 2021).								
Fishery/stock trend	rates of me through hig and the po Manageme Exploitatio become le	Southern Garfish in the Spencer Gulf (SG) fishing zone experienced exploitation rates of more than 90% during the 1990's when the population was only sustained through high levels of recruitment. During this period, few fish survived past age two and the population age structure was severely truncated. Management measures implemented since 2005 have allowed stock recovery. Exploitation has been reduced, biomass has been stable and age structures have become less truncated. However, as of the last assessment, biomass has not yet begun to increase and recruitment remains impaired.								
Current	Commercial catch and TACC									
management measure and catch	Year		Total commercial catch (t)		RBC (t)	RBCC (t)		TACC (t)		
RBC – recommended	2016/17	7	107		-	-		-		
biological catch	2017/18	3		91	-	-		-		
	2018/19	9		110	-	-		-		
RBCC - recommended	2019/20	)		99	-	-	-			
biological	2020/21	1		109	-	-		-		
commercial catch	2021/22	2		-	-	-		100		
TACC – total	Sector allocations (State-wide)									
allowable commercial catch	Comn	nercia	al	Recr	eational	Aboriginal traditional		Total		
(based on 5-yr average catch	MSF	79.	.33%							
from 2015–2019)	SZRL	0.1	13%							
Sector allocations Allocations in the current	NZRL	0.0	04%	19	9.5%	1%		100%		



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are statewide.									
Current	<ul> <li>Weekly length and age structures collected through market sampling in Adelaide.</li> </ul>								
assessment program	Annual fishery statistics provided through a stock status report								
P <b>3</b>	• Application of a length-and-age-structured population model every three years								
	Rec     surv		ollected every fiv	e years th	rough statewi	de recreational			
	• No i	nformation is av	ailable for Abori	ginal/Tradi	tional fishing.				
Assessment summary	and south majority of Spencer due to ha	hern regions. The of the biomass a Gulf (SSG) stoo aul netting restri	he northern Sper and is predomina ck has a much sr	ncer Gulf (N Intly fished naller biom ion. Most c	NSG) stock co with haul ne nass and is fis of the catch a	ur in the northern onstitutes the ts. The southern shed with dab nets nd effort for the SG			
	weight-of model for biologica includes and recre measures schemes legal min	evidence appr the SG fishing mixing occurs data on comme ational and cha s have been im , spatial and ter imum length. T	oach (Steer et al zone combines despite demogr rcial catch and e arter boat catch a plemented since	2018). The both NSG aphic sepa ffort, comm and effort. I 2005 whic changes to demonstrat	e GarEst stoc and SSG stoc nation. The G nercial age an Numerous ma h included lic gear restrict ad that these	cks as some GarEst model and length structures anagement ence reduction ions and changes to management			
			00 t was recomm			-			
				-		h from 2015–2019.			
options for 2022/23				-		h from 2015–2019. Five-year average commercial catch (2016/17 –			
options for 2022/23 Sector catch	calculate	d based on the Commercial sector catch share	average 5-year a Target H in management	Target H = 2/3M	nmercial catc	h from 2015–2019. Five-year average commercial			
•	calculate Sector	d based on the Commercial sector catch share (%)	average 5-year a Target H in management plan (0.3)	Target H = 2/3M (0.23)	2021/22 TACC	h from 2015–2019. Five-year average commercial catch (2016/17 –			



M = natural mortality	
Research needs	Development of harvest strategy with performance indicators, reference points and harvest control rules.
	<ul> <li>Standardisation of commercial CPUE, using improved measures of fishing effort.</li> </ul>
	Improved estimates of recreational catch and effort.
SSC	A new stock assessment was being finalised and the results still being considered.
recommendation	The target harvest fraction of 30% as provided in the MSF Management Plan was considered appropriate for the species. Whilst the stock has a recovering status, the stable to increasing biomass and reducing harvest fraction indicate that recent catches have been at an appropriate level. It was noted that positive changes have been observed by SARDI in the age structure of the stock.
	Noting the above factors, the MSFMAC considered there to be no basis to reduce catch limits, and recommended a rollover of the current 2021/22 TACC of 100t.
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#### King George Whiting Sillaginodes punctatus

Gulf St. Vincent / Kangaroo Island Last revised: 23 March 2022



		S	Stock summ	ary						
Stock status	Sustainable (2019)									
Stock assessment	Tier 1 spec	Tier 1 species – last assessment was 2019 (Drew et al 2021).								
Fishery/stock trend	harvest fra estimated trend over	Fishable biomass has been stable for the past ten years at ~650 t. The harvest fraction has had a decreasing trend during this period and was estimated as 20% in 2019. Targeted hand line CPUE has had an increasing trend over this period which has been driven through consistent annual decreases of commercial catch and effort.								
Current			Commercia	al catch and <sup>.</sup>	ТАСС					
management measure and catch	Year	con	Total nmercial atch (t)	RBC (t)	RBCC (t)	TACC (t)				
RBC – recommended	2016/17	7	52	-	-	-				
biological catch	2017/18	3	37	-	-	-				
RBCC -	2018/19	)	40	-	-	-				
recommended	2019/20	)	42	-	-	-				
biological	2020/21		31	-	-	-				
commercial	2021/22	2		-	-	46				
catch	Sector allocations (State-wide)									
TACC – total allowable	Comm	nercial	Recre	eational	Aborigina traditiona					
commercial catch (based on	MSF	49.5%	REC	45.5%						
5-yr average	SZRL	0%								
catch from 2015–2019) <u>Sector</u> <u>allocations</u> Allocations in the current	NZRL	1%	СНТ	3%	1%	100%				



management plan are statewide.						
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RBC / TACC options for 2022/23 Sector catch	Sect or	Commer cial sector catch share (%)	Target H in managem ent plan (0.28)	Target H = 2/3M (0.125)	2021/22 TACC	Five-year average commercial catch (2016/17 – 2020/21)
<u>shares</u>	RBC	100	184 t	74 t	-	-
Regional catch shares were	TAC C	40	82 t	33 t	46 t	40 t
calculated according to the	The RB	C's were de	etermined from	n ovorogo fi		and actimated from



Research needs	<ul> <li>Development of harvest strategy with performance indicators, reference points and harvest control rules.</li> </ul>							
	<ul> <li>Standardisation of commercial CPUE, using improved measures of fishing effort</li> </ul>							
	<ul> <li>Improved estimates of recreational catch and effort.</li> </ul>							
SSC recommendati on	The stock was classified as sustainable with a stable and increasing biomass, declining harvest fraction and increasing CPUE. There had been no change in status since the current catch limits had been set. The harvest fraction of 28% provided in the Management Plan was no longer considered appropriate for King George Whiting. The SSC noted the latest year's catch was below the 5yr average and this was likely due to a combination of the reform, covid-19 and market-related impacts contributing to less targeting of the species.							
	Considering the above, the SSC considered there to be no basis to reduce the current catch limit and recommended to rollover the current 2021/22 TACC of 46t.							
References	Drew, M., A. J. Fowler, R. McGarvey, J. E. Feenstra, F. Bailleul, D. Matthews, J. M. Matthews, J. Earl, T. A. Rogers, P. J. Rogers, A. Tsolos and J. Smart (2021). Assessment of the South Australian Marine Scalefish Fishery in 2019. Report for PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture. South Australian Research and Development Institute (Aquatic Sciences). SARDI Publication No. F2017/000427-4. SARDI Research Report Series No. 1109. 254 pp.							



#### King George Whiting Sillaginodes punctatus

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Stock summary											
Stock status	Sustainable (2019)										
Stock assessment	Tier 1 species – last assessment was 2019 (Drew et al 2021)										
Fishery/stock trend	Trends in fishable biomass have been cyclical since 1984, reflecting periods of increase and decline, but nevertheless have shown a long-term increase. Biomass has been stable for the past five years at ~1,500 t. The harvest fraction been stable since the early 2000s and was 20% in 2019. Recruitment, which has historically been heavily cyclical in nature, declined steeply from 2016 to 2019. However, the lower recruitment during that period was not reflected in lower fishable biomass, with low exploitation rates in recent years enabling the highest estimated biomass levels in recent years to be retained. Targeted handline CPUE has shown a long-term increasing trend, although with clear cyclical variation. It increased to a record-high level in 2016, and then marginally declined in the three subsequent years to a moderate—high level in 2019. Catch and targeted handline effort have been stable at low levels since 2010.										
Current			Commerc	ial catch and <sup>-</sup>	ГАСС						
management measure and catch	Year	con	Total nmercial atch (t)	RBC (t)	RBCC (t)	TAC	CC (t)				
RBC – recommended	2016/17		126	-	-		-				
biological catch	2017/18		108	-	-		-				
5500	2018/19		103	-	-		-				
RBCC - recommended	2019/20		96	-	-		-				
biological	2020/21		69	-	-		-				
commercial	2021/22			-	-	1	11				
catch			Sector allo	cations (State	-wide)						
TACC – total allowable	Commerci	al	Recr	eational	Aborigina traditiona		Total				



commercial	MSF	49.5%	REC	45.5%	0			
catch (based on 5-yr average	SZRL	0%						
catch from 2015–2019) <u>Sector</u> <u>allocations</u> Allocations in the current management	NZRL	1%	СНТ	3%		1%	100%	
plan are statewide.								
Current assessment			nd age struc jional areas.	ures collec	ted through	market sampl	ling in	
program	• Annu	al fishery st	atistics prov	ded throug	h a stock sta	atus report		
P. • 3	<ul> <li>Appli years</li> </ul>		ength-and-a	ge-structur	ed population	n model ever	y three	
		eational dat ational surv		very five y	ears through	statewide		
	<ul> <li>Daily egg production methods (DEPM) have been established to estimate spawning biomass but are not undertaken as part of ongoing assessments.</li> </ul>							
	No in	formation is	available fo	r Aborigina	al/Traditional	fishing.		
Assessment summary	Decembe primary fis catch, targ pertaining model (W paramete	r 2019 using shery perfor geted handli to the fishe hitEst) that p rs that includ action. This a	g a weight-of mance indic ne CPUE, a ry were integoroduced tim ded fishable	-evidence ators were nd fishery a grated in a le-series of biomass, r	approach (Di total catch, ta age structure computer sto f annual estir	ta up until 31 rew et al. 202 argeted hand e. All datasets ock assessme nates of outp narvest fractio stock was	line ent ut	
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Sector catch		share (%)	ent plan (0.28)	(0.125)		2020/2		
<u>shares</u>	RBC	(78) 100	418 t	187 t	-	-		
	TAC C	44	184 t	82 t	111 t	100 t		

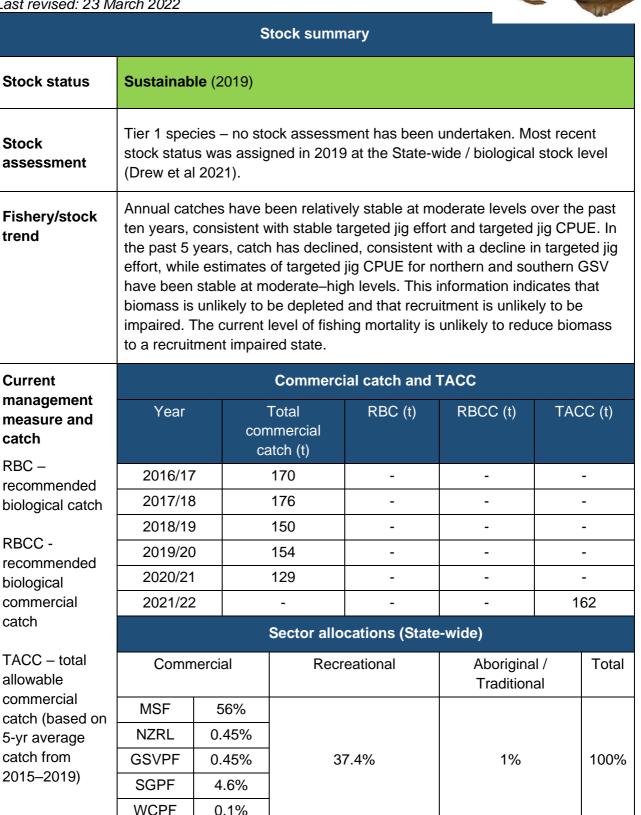


Regional catch shares were calculated according to the PIRSA allocation policy using new MSF zones. M = natural mortality	<ul> <li>The RBC's were determined from average five-year biomass estimates from the last assessment (2015-2019).</li> </ul>
Research needs	<ul> <li>Development of harvest strategy with performance indicators, reference points and harvest control rules.</li> <li>Standardisation of commercial CPUE, using improved measures of fishing effort.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Improved estimates of recreational catch and effort.</li> </ul>
SSC recommendati on	The stock was classified as sustainable with a stable and increasing biomass and declining harvest fraction. There had been no change in status since the 2021/22 TAC had been set. The harvest fraction of 28% was no longer considered appropriate for King George Whiting. The SSC noted the latest year's catch was below the 5yr average MSF average and this was likely due to a combination of the MSF reform, Covid-19 and market-related impacts contributing to less targeting of the species.
	Considering the above the factors the MSFMAC considered there was no basis to change the current catch limits and recommended a rollover of the current 2021/22 TACC of 111t.
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#### Southern Calamari Sepioteuthis australis

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Sector allocations Allocations in the current management plan are statewide.						
Current assessment program	<ul> <li>An</li> <li>Re rec</li> </ul>	nual fishery creational d creational su	ck assessmen statistics pro lata collected urvey. n is available f	vided throug every five y	ears through	statewide
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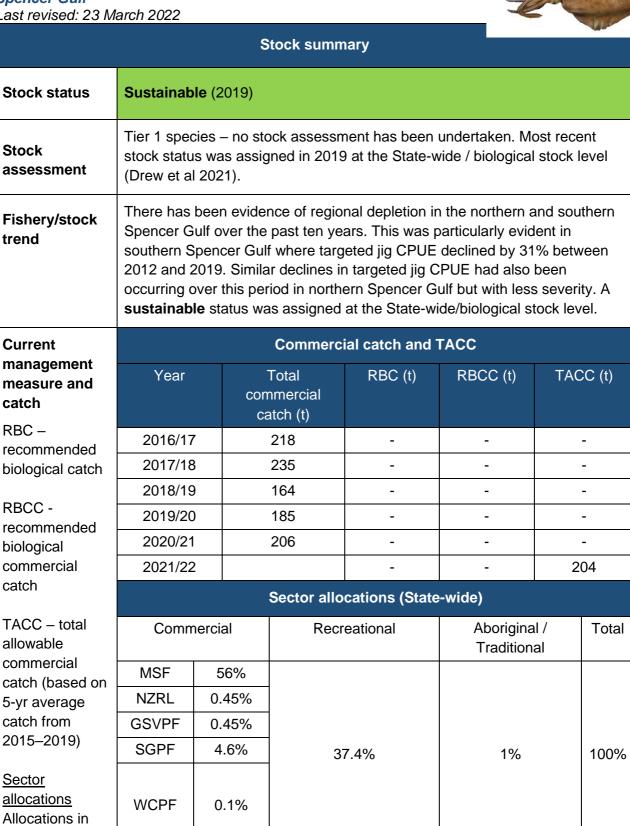
Research needs	<ul> <li>Development of a stock assessment program that can be used to assign stock status, estimate RBCs and inform setting of TACCs.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Development of harvest strategy with performance indicators, reference points and harvest control rules.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Standardisation of commercial CPUE, using improved measures of fishing effort</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Improved estimates of recreational catch and effort.</li> </ul>
SSC recommendati on	There is no formal stock assessment for Southern Calamari and it was noted that only commercial catch statistics were available to evaluate. Hmsy figures provided in previous recommendations were based on catch-only models and there was less confidence in the appropriateness of these for Southern Calamari. It was recognised that CPUE had been stable. Noting the above, the MSFMAC considered there was no basis to change the
	current catch limits and recommended a rollover of the current 2021/22 TACC of 162t.
References	Drew, M., A. J. Fowler, R. McGarvey, J. E. Feenstra, F. Bailleul, D. Matthews, J. M. Matthews, J. Earl, T. A. Rogers, P. J. Rogers, A. Tsolos and J. Smart (2021). Assessment of the South Australian Marine Scalefish Fishery in 2019. Report for PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture. South Australian Research and Development Institute (Aquatic Sciences). SARDI Publication No. F2017/000427-4. SARDI Research Report Series No. 1109. 254 pp.



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	Noting the above, the MSFMAC considered there was no basis to change the current catch limits and recommended a rollover of the current 2021/22 TACC of 204 t.
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	(PIRSA); Spark, Elise (PIRSA)	
Subject:	Minister and CE Meeting - Updated Agenda: 19 April 2022	
Attachments:	CE and Minister - Agenda - 19 April 2022.pdf	

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Hi everyone,

Please find updated Agenda attached for the meeting on Tuesday.

With kind regards,

Karen

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Kind regards, Elise

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## Agenda



Tuesday, 19 April 2022, 4pm – 5pm Minister's Boardroom – Level 10, 1 King William Street Face to Face Meeting

# **Minister Departmental briefing**

Participants: Hon. Clare Scriven MLC - Minister for Primary Industries & Regional Development

Meagan Spencer - Chief of Staff

Lucas Jones – Senior Advisor

Mathew O'Brien - Advisor

**Elena Anear** - Interim Liaison, Office of the Minister for Primary Industries & Regional Development and Primary Industries and Regions South Australia

Prof. Mehdi Doroudi - Chief Executive

Peter Appleford - Executive Director, Industry and Regional Development

Gavin Begg - Executive Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture

Jon Presser – Manager, Fisheries Reform

Will Kent - Chief Financial Officer

Elise Spark - Principal Advisor, Office of the Chief Executive

Item	Paper/Verbal	Торіс	Briefing Responsibility
1.	Minister's Office Items	•	
2.	Department Items	<ul> <li>Out of scope</li> <li>Out of scope</li> <li>MSF Reform - SACAT</li> <li>Out of scope</li> <li>Out of scope</li> <li>Out of scope t</li> </ul>	Out of scope Out of scope Mehdi / Gavin / Jon Out of scope Out of scope Mehdi
3.	Standing Items	Out of scope	Out of scope
4.	Other Business		

We acknowledge this land that we meet on today as the traditional lands for the Kaurna People and we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of the greater Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna people today



#### Spencer, Meagan (PIRSA)

From:	Spark, Elise (PIRSA)
Sent:	Tuesday, 19 April 2022 7:44 AM
То:	Spencer, Meagan (PIRSA)
Subject:	Re: Minister and CE Meeting Agenda: 19 April 2022

Hi Meagan, of course. Will send an updated agenda across to Denise this morning. Many thanks, Elise

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From: Spencer, Meagan (PIRSA) <Meagan.Spencer@sa.gov.au>
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#### Hi Elise

Can I please add the following two topics for discussion at tomorrow's Minister and CE meeting.

- Out of scope
- Marine Scalefish Fishery Reform SACAT Decisions

Happy to touch base tomorrow morning if there is any further information you need.

Many thanks

Meagan

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