

# Chair's Report

## Allocation Review Committee

### Meeting #2 – 14 February 2024

The Allocation Review Committee (ARC) held its second meeting online via Microsoft Teams.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to consider the Southern Calamari catch levels by the Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery (SGPF) as referred by the Working Group and Minister on the basis of a Trigger breach. Consistent with the Allocation policy the catch levels were reviewed as percentages of the total recommended biological catch (RBC) for this species, which were requested of and generated by the South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI).

Consideration of the SGPF catch levels against the modeled RBC data demonstrated that in the assessment years considered, 2016/17 to 2022/23 (see **Appendix 1**):

- 1) There had been no breach of the Primary Trigger 1 by the Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery, resulting in the trigger not being exceeded in any assessment year;
- 2) There was a breach of Primary Trigger 2 level by the Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery in 2022/23, but the trigger was not being exceeded in three consecutive years or four of the five years; and
- 3) There had been no breach of the Primary Trigger 3 by the Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery, resulting in the trigger not being exceeded in any one year.

Based on the above findings, the ARC concluded that a breach requiring a review had not occurred and that no further meetings would be required for the assessment of the commercial only allocation of Southern Calamari.

An assessment report has been prepared detailing the process, outcomes and recommendations.

The ARC will reconvene when a full assessment of allocation is recommended by the Working Group and approved by the Minister.

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**Dr Kate Brooks**

Independent Chair of the Allocation Review Committee

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## Appendix 1: SPGF Catch against RBC

(SPGF = Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery Catch, RBC = Recommended Biological Catch, RBCC = Recommended Biological Commercial Catch)

	RBC (t)	RBCC (t)	SGPF Catch (t)	SGPF catch as % of total RBC (to check trigger 1)	SGPF catch as % of RBCC (to check triggers 2 and 3)
2016/17	873	537.77	42.04	4.82	7.82%
2017/18	884	544.54	40.20	4.55	7.38%
2018/19	857	527.91	32.36	3.78	6.13%
2019/20	873	537.77	29.69	3.40	5.52%
2020/21	892	549.47	42.86	4.81	7.80%
2021/22	875	539.00	39.35	4.50	7.30%
2022/23	895	551.32	59.46	6.64	10.79%

	Fishery Allocation = 4.6 (whole sector level)
	Commercial Allocation = 7.47
	Trigger 1 = 7.5% (sector/ fishery level)
	Trigger 2 breach = 8.2% (commercial only - triggers when there have been 3 consecutive years, or 4 of the previous 5 over trigger)
	Trigger 3 breach = 11.2% (commercial only)