NOTICE TO FISH PROCESSORS

Dear Registration holder

Ministerial Exemption to possess and process Roe's Abalone

I write in relation to the Ministerial Exemption (ME9902981) to possess and process *Haliothis Roei* (Roe's Abalone) in 2018 pursuant to s115 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*.

A Ministerial Exemption (ME9902970) has been granted for the commercial harvest of Roe's Abalone by Western Zone Abalone Fishery licence holders. A Ministerial Exemption (ME9902981) has also been approved for registered fish processors to process and be in possession of Roe's Abalone with a shell length less than 7.5 cm and meat weight 23 grams consigned by holders of a Western Zone Abalone Fishery licence.

The following Roe's Abalone management arrangements apply effective from 18 January 2018 until 31 December 2018:

- A minimum size limit of Roe's Abalone of 7.5 cm shell length and meat weight of 23 grams is in place. Roe's Abalone that meet the minimum shell length and meat weight may be shucked at sea.
- Shells and meat from Roe's Abalone must be kept separate once shucked and stored and landed in separate approved, tagged bags.
- All Roe's Abalone must be consigned to a registered Fisher Processor
- All shells from which the Roe's Abalone meat has been removed must remain in sealed, tagged bins or bags and consigned to a registered Fish Processor with the corresponding meat.
- All shells consigned to a Fish Processor must be retained for not less than 48 hours.
- Each bag or bin of Roe's Abalone is to be processed separately to other species of Abalone consigned.
- The weight of Roe's Abalone must be recorded separately to other species of Abalone consigned on Part B of the CDR1 form.
- All exemption holders must be in possession of a copy of the relevant exemption notice whilst undertaking the activity and produce a copy of the notice if required by a PIRSA Fisheries Officer.
A copy of the fish processor exemption notice (ME9902981) is enclosed.

If you have any queries concerning the Western Zone Abalone Fishery please contact Fishery Manager, Dr Belinda McGrath-Steer on Belinda.McGrath-Steer@sa.gov.au or telephone 08 8429 0142.

Yours sincerely

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