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NOTICE TO FISH PROCESSORS

Dear Registration Holder

Ministerial exemption to possess and process Roe's Abalone

I write in relation to the Ministerial exemption (ME9903132) to possess and process *Haliotis roei* (Roe's Abalone) in 2021 pursuant to s115 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*.

A Ministerial exemption (ME9903123) has been granted for the commercial harvest of Roe's Abalone by Western Zone Abalone Fishery licence holders. A Ministerial exemption (ME9903132) has also been approved for registered fish processors to process and be in possession of Roe's Abalone with a shell length not less than 7.5 cm consigned by holders of a Western Zone Abalone Fishery licence.

The following Roe's Abalone management arrangements apply effective from 1 January 2021 until 31 December 2021:

- A minimum size limit of Roe's Abalone of 7.5 cm shell length is in place. Roe's Abalone that meet the minimum shell length 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 Fish 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 (**ME9903132**) is enclosed.

If you have any queries concerning the Western Zone Abalone Fishery please contact Dr Annabel Jones at email annabel.jones@sa.gov.au or telephone 08 8429 0165.

Yours sincerely



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CC: Abalone Industry Association of South Australia (AIASA)