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NOTICE TO FISHERS

Dear Licence Holder

2022 Total Allowable Commercial Catch for the Western Zone Abalone Fishery

I write in relation to the total allowable commercial catch (TACC) for the 2022 quota period.

Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC)

In determining the TACC for the 2022 quota period, I have considered the following:

- The Objects of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*.
- The latest fishery information presented at the TACC meeting of 21 October 2021.
- Blacklip and Greenlip Abalone stocks in the WZAF in 2020/21 were classified as sustainable however, the harvestable biomass remains low.
- The outcomes of the TACC meeting held on 21 October 2021.
- Updated HS outcomes for both Greenlip and Blacklip including catch records and Fishery Independent Survey data that became available after the TACC meeting.
- Advice provided by the AIASA.

As delegate for the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have made the following determination for the Western Zone Abalone Fishery 2022 quota period (1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022):

- The Blacklip Abalone TACC will be **43,542 kg** meat weight.
- The Greenlip Abalone TACC will be **44,121 kg** meat weight.

Please refer to the table below for full unit and TACC values:

	Blacklip Abalone	Greenlip Abalone
TACC (kg, whole weight)	121,731.2	132,376.2
TACC (kg, meat weight)	43,542	44,121
Total Abalone quota units	1,106.25	1,216.88
Conversion factor	0.3333	0.3333
Abalone unit value (kg, whole weight)	110.04	108.78
Abalone unit value (kg, meat weight)	39.36	36.26

I acknowledge and support the AIASA voluntary initiatives to:

- A total season closure for harvest from 1 August 2022 to 31 October 2022.
- A limit on catch of Greenlip Abalone in January, February and March 2022 by 10%, 20% and 40% cumulatively to assist in the rebuilding of Greenlip Abalone stocks.
- A cap on Greenlip Abalone harvesting of no more than 10% of each licence's entitlement from 1 November to 31 December 2022 and a cap on Blacklip Abalone harvesting of no more than 25% of each licence's entitlement from 1 November to 31 December 2022.
- Maintenance of the Waterloo Bay 1-day arrangements.
- Pending finalisation of a Ministerial Exemption for Roei, access to this species will be subject to the season closure 1 August 2022 to 31 October 2022.

As per the meeting minutes of the TACC meeting of 21 October 2021 there is no request from industry for a closure of the fishery east of Cape Carnot and therefore, no specific arrangements are in place for 2022.

Extract certificate

You are not required to return your licence. The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) has included an updated extract certificate with this notice.

Quota unit transfers

If you wish to transfer quota units to another licence, application forms can be obtained from the PIRSA website www.pir.sa.gov.au/fisheries or by contacting PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture on (08) 8204 1370.

If you have any other queries in relation to the Western Zone Abalone Fishery please contact Dr Annabel Jones, Fisheries Manager, on (08) 8429 0165 or 0417 612 737.

Yours sincerely



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Delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development