NOTICE TO FISHERS

Dear Licence Holder

Re: 2018 Total Allowable Commercial Catch for the Western Zone Abalone Fishery

I write in relation to the total allowable commercial catch (TACC) for the 2018 quota period.

**Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC)**

In determining the TACC for the 2018 quota period, I have considered the following:

- the objectives of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*,
- the Harvest Strategy decision rules in the Management Plan, and
- the latest scientific information from SARDI and industry advice.

As delegate for the Minister, I have made the following determination for the Western Zone 2018 quota period (1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018):

- For Greenlip Abalone there will be no change in the TACC in comparison to 2017; the TACC will remain at 73,012.8 kg meat weight for 2018.
- For Blacklip Abalone there will be a 10.65% reduction in the TACC in comparison to 2017; the TACC will decrease to 66,639.8 kg meat weight for 2018.

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

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<th>Greenlip Abalone</th>
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<td>TACC (kg, meat-weight)</td>
<td>73,012.8</td>
<td>66,639.8</td>
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<td>TACC (kg, whole-weight)</td>
<td>219,038.4</td>
<td>200,119.6</td>
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<td>Total quota units</td>
<td>1,216.88</td>
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<td>Quota unit value (kg, meat-weight)</td>
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I note the AIASA voluntary initiatives to:

- Limit the catch of Greenlip Abalone in the months of January by 15% and in February by 30%;
- Reduce the total catch of Blacklip Abalone by 13.68%; and
- Temporal fishing practices to spread some fishing effort west of Port Brown.

I take the opportunity to acknowledge the co-management steps taken by AIASA to voluntarily limit the catch of Blacklip Abalone and to adopt spatial and temporal initiatives to further constrain and distribute fishing activities. These steps reflect a strong co-management approach. However, in consideration of the poor performance of Blacklip Abalone at several Spatial Assessment Units of high importance, including Drummond
and Sheringa, it is considered that additional management arrangements to protect the
stock in these areas may be needed in the future if the current status does not improve.

Extract certificate
You are not required to return your licence. Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA)
Fisheries & Aquaculture 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 8204 1370.

If you have any other queries in relation to the Western Zone Abalone Fishery please
contact Dr Belinda McGrath-Steer, Fisheries Manager, on 08 84290142 or 0476801726.

Yours sincerely

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