NOTICE TO NORTHERN ZONE ROCK LOBSTER FISH PROCESSORS -
ELECTRONIC REPORTING 2018/19

PIRSA and the South Australian Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishermen’s Association (SANZRLFA) have worked in collaboration to provide a modern and efficient electronic reporting service associated with fishing in the Northern Zone Rock Lobster fishery. The service is called “eCatch”.

In the 2018/19 fishing season, Northern Zone Rock Lobster fishers are trialling electronic reporting of their rock lobster catch. This electronic reporting includes the consignment of rock lobster to registered fish processors.

The eCatch service has also been developed to provide for electronic reporting by registered fish processors. The eCatch system allows the following report submissions via a web service (www.pir.sa.gov.au/ecatch) or phone (1800 eCatch or 1800 322 824):

- Purchase report
- Transfer report
- Sales report
- Weekly purchase value report

Additionally, the eCatch web service allows fish processors to easily track rock lobster purchases and sales and produce spreadsheets using the data supplied.

Fishers and fish processors accepting rock lobster from the Northern Zone Rock Lobster fishery will transition to electronic reporting via eCatch over the 2018/19 season. During this transition, both electronic and paper records will be required.

What you need to do before the season commences

1. Please complete and submit an attached “Application to add / remove e-business contact to a licence” for each person from your business who traditionally completes PIRSA / SARDI paperwork and will be providing electronic report submissions. If there are more than five persons who complete submissions, complete additional e-business forms accounting for all persons. Please note the form is fee free.

2. After the form(s) have been processed, each person listed will need to register for an individual myPIRSA account through the PIRSA website: www.pir.sa.gov.au/ecatch.
3. Each person will then need to login to myPIRSA. Under ‘Apply for a new service’, select ‘Use an eCatch (Digital Reporting) service’. Once approved individuals can then set up their eCatch account.

To support the transition to electronic reporting, Fisheries Officers will contact you to arrange an information session and provide further information about eCatch and the transition process.

**What you need to do during the season**

From 1 November 2018, fish processors will be required to:
- Submit purchase, sales and transfer records electronically via eCatch at the time of consignment, sale or transfer;

AND complete in full and submit:
- Paper Catch and Disposal Records
- Paper Rock Lobster Sales and Transfer Forms (RLSTF)
- Paper Periodic Returns from the South Australian Fish Processors Monthly Returns Logbook

Fishers and fish processors who demonstrate competency with the eCatch service will begin the transition to electronic (only) reporting, on or after 1 January 2019. *Please note that until all commercial fisheries are reporting electronically fish processors will still be required to submit paper Periodic Returns.*

To support the transition to electronic reporting PIRSA and SANZRLFA will be available at the SANZRLFA annual general meeting in September and the port meetings prior to the beginning of the season to answer questions.

For further information, please speak to your local Fisheries Officer, or contact PIRSA Leasing and Licensing on (08) 8204 1370.

Yours faithfully,

*Signature*

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