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NOTICE TO FISHERS

Dear Licence Holder in the Western Zone Abalone Fishery

Ministerial Exemption to take Roe's Abalone

I write in relation to Ministerial Exemption (ME9903083) to take *Haliotis roei* (Roe's Abalone) in 2020 pursuant to Section 115 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* (the Act).

As a delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have approved a Ministerial exemption to be issued under Section 115 of the Act related to the harvest of Roe's Abalone. This exemption will apply effective from 5 March 2020 until 31 December 2020 unless varied or revoked earlier. The conditions of this exemption are similar to those in place in 2019.

You should note that your obligations under the Ministerial exemption includes the requirement to measure the first 50 shells Roe's Abalone harvested each fishing day (including when less than 50 Roe's Abalone have been caught on any one day) and to provide this information as instructed by SARDI. This information is important for consideration of longer-term management arrangements for the commercial harvest of Roe's Abalone.

The *Fisheries Management Act 2007* provides that it is an offence to breach a condition of an exemption. If compliance in relation to this Ministerial Exemption is unsatisfactory, including reporting of biological data, then management arrangements for the activity including shucking at sea may be revoked.

A copy of the Ministerial exemption notice (**Number ME9903083**) is enclosed

If you have any queries concerning the Western Zone Abalone Fishery please contact Dr Belinda McGrath-Steer at email belinda.mcgrath-steer@sa.gov.au or telephone 08 8429 0142.

Yours sincerely

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Delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development

CC: Abalone Industry Association of South Australia (AIASA)

