NOTICE TO NORTHERN ZONE ROCK LOBSTER FISHERY AUTHORITY
HOLDERS - 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”.

The “Deckhand” application developed by Real Time Data and the SANZRLFA is an approved third party application that communicates directly with eCatch. Fishers may also submit, edit and view historic reports via the eCatch web service (www.pir.sa.gov.au/ecatch) or submit reports via the 1800 eCatch phone based service (1800 322 824).

Fishers and fish processors accepting rock lobster from the Northern Zone Rock Lobster fishery will transition to electronic reporting over the 2018/19 season.

During this transition, both electronic and paper records will be required to be completed in full.

What you need to do before the season commences

If you have not previously done so;


2. Login to myPIRSA. Under ‘Apply for a new service’, select ‘Use an eCatch (Digital Reporting) service’. Once approved you can set up your eCatch account including allocating access rights to registered masters who may fish pursuant to your licence e.g. registered masters can be permitted to view quota balance statements or view correspondence from PIRSA.

3. Please ensure that any registered masters fishing pursuant to your licence also register for a myPIRSA account and login to setup their own account.

Objective ID:
What you need to do during the season

From 1 November 2018, fishers will be required to:
- Report your catch on either Deckhand or eCatch (using either the web or phone service);

AND complete in full and submit:
- Paper Catch and Disposal Records
- Paper Periodic Returns (monthly SARDI catch and effort log sheets)
- Prior to unload reports via Fishwatch 1800 065 522 or on the Commercial Reporting app
- Prior to fishing Outer Regions reports via Fishwatch

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 approval to cease paper Periodic Returns may take longer due to the timeframes involved with submission and information cross checking.

To support the transition to electronic reporting PIRSA and SANZRLFA will be available at the SANZRLFA annual general meeting in September. In addition to PIRSA and SANZRLFA, Real Time Data will also be available at the port meetings prior to the beginning of the season.

For support using the eCatch web or 1800 eCatch service, please speak to your local Fisheries Officer, or contact PIRSA Licensing on (08) 8204 1370.

Yours sincerely

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