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NOTICE TO FISHERS - SOUTHERN ZONE ABALONE FISHERY

TACC AND MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2023/24

Dear Licence Holder

I write in relation to the Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) for the Southern Zone Abalone Fishery (SZAF) for the 2023/24 quota period.

Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC)

As delegate for the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have made the following determinations for the SZAF 2023/24 quota period commencing 1 September 2023 under the *Fisheries Management (Abalone Fisheries) Regulations 2017*:

- The number of kilograms of abalone meat that is to be the value of an abalone unit and the conversion value for Blacklip Abalone of the SZAF at 36.663 kg meat weight and 0.3333, respectively, for the 2023/24 quota period.

These values correspond to a TACC of 132,000 kg whole weight.

- The number of kilograms of abalone meat that is to be the value of an abalone unit and the conversion value for Greenlip Abalone of the SZAF at 9.999 kg meat weight and 0.3333, respectively, for the 2023/24 quota period.

These values correspond to a TACC of 1,800 kg whole weight.

Please note the determined values are the same as those in place for the 2022/23 quota period.

In setting the TACC for the 2023/24 quota period, I have considered the following;

- 1) The objectives of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*;
- 2) The harvest strategy decision rules in the Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Abalone Fisheries (2021);
- 3) Advice from SARDI contained in the year-to-date fishery data report from 2022/23;
- 4) Industry advice from the meeting held between the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA), SARDI and the Southern Zone Abalone Fishery industry 10 July 2023.

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Please refer to the table below for abalone unit and TACC values for the 2023/24 quota period:

	Blacklip Abalone	Greenlip Abalone
TACC (kg, whole weight)	132,000	1,800
Total abalone quota units	1,200	60
Abalone unit value (kg, whole weight)	110	30
Conversion factor	0.3333	0.3333
Abalone unit value (kg, meat weight)	36.663	9.999

Fishing Areas, Catch Caps and Size Limits

In addition, the following catch caps (whole weight) and minimum legal lengths for Blacklip Abalone will be maintained for the 2023/24 quota period to allow for the spatial management of the SZAF. Note that no changes have been made to these arrangements from those in place in 2022/23, consistent with the recommendations made by the Southern Zone Abalone Management Inc and licence holders.

Fishing area	Location	Catch cap (tonnes)	Minimum legal length (mm)
1	Cape Jaffa	5	125
2	Nora Creina	8	125
3	Beachport	7	125
4	Rivoli Bay	10	110
5	South End	8	125
6	Number 2 Rocks	30	125
7	Admella	8	125
8	Carpenters Rocks	12	125
9	Gerloff Bay	15	112
10	Blackfellows Caves	7	125
11A	Nene Valley	6	110
11	Middle Point	35	120
12	Port MacDonnell	15	122
13	East Port MacDonnell	3	100

Please note the 2023/24 quota period for the SZAF commences 1 September 2023.

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 on (08) 8207 5332.

If you have any queries in relation to the SZAF please contact Elisha Lovell at elisha.lovell@sa.gov.au or (08) 8429 3629.

Yours sincerely



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