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NOTICE TO SARDINE FISHERY**Information on electronic reporting for the Sardine Fishery**

Dear Licence holder

I write to provide an update on the implementation of electronic reporting for the Sardine Fishery to transition from and replace the current paper-based quota reporting system.

An electronic catch reporting system has now been developed that will enable commercial fishers to report their catch for Sardine quota to the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA). This will improve the integrity and reliability of the quota arrangements in the fishery and result in a more effective and efficient management of the Sardine Fishery.

Fishers will now be required to report their catch by using the Commercial Fishing SA app. The app has been configured to report electronic catch disposal records (eCDRs). In addition, fishers can access eCatch through the myPIRSA portal and report their catch directly into eCatch.

Particulars about eCDR reporting have been detailed within the 'Sardine Fishery – Electronic Reporting Reference Guide' which will be provided to all licence holders.

Fishers are to commence reporting electronically from **1 November 2023** and will be required to temporarily dual report their catch until advised in writing by the department that paper CDRs are no longer required. Dual reporting requires fishers to report their catch using a paper-based CDR as well as the new electronic eCDR. This will allow for the monitoring of eCDRs to ensure the accuracy of their entries during the dual reporting period.

Fishers are to ensure when inputting details on their paper-based CDR and Transit form, they record the electronic report reference (e.g. Z01230630A) of their equivalent eCDR on the paper-based copy in the top right corner (see following images). This will allow for appropriate validation of submissions, as shown below.

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**PIRSA
SARDINE CATCH AND DISPOSAL RECORD**

Prior Report No.
Estimated weight reported

PART A

Vessel Name & Licence Number:

V: _____	M: _____
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Sardine Fishery Transit Form **PFTF**

Part A

Licence holder or registered master to complete

Licence number _____

Vessel name _____

Start date and time of consignment
from port or location of unloading _____

Port or location of unloading _____

New Ministerial Determinations have been put in place to support the new reporting arrangements for the purposes of regulation 12 of the *Fisheries Management (Sardine Fishery) Regulations 2021*. You will need to familiarise yourself with them.

The new determinations are published on the PIRSA website and can be viewed at https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/primary_industry/commercial_fishing/management/determinations

If you have any queries, please contact PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, eCDR team on 8207 5332 or email pirsa.ebusinessfisheries@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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