NOTICE TO SOUTHERN ZONE ROCK LOBSTER FISHERY AUTHORITY HOLDERS- ELECTRONIC REPORTING 2017/18

PIRSA, SEPFA and Real Time Data have been working together to modernise the reporting services associated with fishing in the Southern Zone. From 1 October 2017 reporting and disposal of Rock Lobster in the Southern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery will be electronic.

Please continue to use your paper Marine Scalefish logbook to report any fish that is harvested from gear other than rock lobster pots.

Catch and disposal records (SZRL1-CDR Part A) and catch and effort returns for Rock Lobster are to be submitted using the Deckhand program provided on iPads allocated by SEPFA.

Part B of the catch disposal record (SZRL1-CDR Part B) is also to be submitted using the newly refurbished electronic scales.

PIRSA has implemented an eCatch system as a backup reporting system if Deckhand or the electronic scales fail. The eCatch system allows the following report submission via phone (1800 eCatch or 1800 322 824) or a web service:

- Landing outside of core hours
- Catch and effort returns (Deckhand)
- CDR (Deckhand)
- Bait net
- Interaction with threatened endangered or protected species (TEPS)
- Landing (Scales)

If you wish to gain access to the eCatch system you will need to complete the ID card process and apply for a myPIRSA account at [https://mypirsa.pir.sa.gov.au](https://mypirsa.pir.sa.gov.au).

In the unlikely event of a total system failure PIRSA has contingency plans in place and will be available to assist fishers until the system is restored.

Fish Processors accepting Rock Lobster from the Southern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery will be using both paper and eCatch during October 2017 and will be fully transitioning to electronic reporting over the coming months.
To support the transition to electronic reporting PIRSA, SEPFA and Real Time Data will be available at the port meetings in the South East to answer questions. Please refer to correspondence from the SEPFA Executive Officer regarding specific times and venues for these port meetings.

Fisheries Officers will be present at ports at the opening of the season to assist with any further enquiries.

SEPFA and Real Time Data will also be available for queries relating to Deckhand and the scales during the opening of the season. Their contact details will be provided during the port meetings.

For support using the eCatch system, please speak to your local Fisheries Officer, or contact PIRSA Leasing & Licensing on 8204 1370

Yours sincerely

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