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## **NOTICE TO FISHERS – SOUTHERN ZONE ABALONE FISHERY**

### **INTERIM MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR FISHING AREA 11A**

I write in relation to interim management arrangements for an additional fishing area within Fishing Area 11 (Middle Point) as requested by Southern Zone Abalone Management Inc.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) is currently drafting the necessary legislative amendments to implement these arrangements, however this process has not been finalised at this time.

To implement the proposed Minimum Legal Length (MLL) of 110 mm for Blacklip Abalone harvested from the new Fishing Area (FA) within FA11, herein termed FA11A, as delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have issued a Ministerial Exemption to licence holders and their Registered Masters in the Southern Zone Abalone Fishery (SZAF) allowing for Blacklip Abalone of 110 mm or larger to be harvested in the area defined in that notice. This exemption also requires the completion of Part A of a catch disposal record (CDR) and sealing of bins containing Blacklip Abalone prior to leaving FA11A to fish in another area of the fishery.

All other MLLs described in the notice Clause 5(2)(a) of Part 2 of Schedule 2 of the *Fisheries Management (General) Regulations 2017* dated 10 September 2021 and published in the South Australian Government Gazette on 16 September 2021 apply.

The provision of this Ministerial Exemption is considered an interim arrangement while the process required to consider the proposed regulation amendments is finalised. It is noted the provision of this exemption does not infer in anyway the outcome of consideration of these regulation amendments.

If you have any other queries in relation to the SZAF please contact Hamish Telfer on 0427 648 866 or [hamish.telfer@sa.gov.au](mailto:hamish.telfer@sa.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

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