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NOTICE TO BLUE CRAB FISHERY

Information on electronic reporting for the Blue Crab Fishery

Dear Licence holder

I write to provide an update on the implementation of electronic reporting for the Blue Crab Fishery to replace the current paper-based system.

The Commercial Fishing SA App has now been available for use since 19 May 2023 which enabled fishers to report their catch for Blue Crab quota electronically. In addition to this, fishers were able to access eCatch through their myPIRSA portal and report their catch directly into eCatch. This change has resulted in a more effective process for submitting Catch and Disposal Records (CDRs) in the Blue Crab Fishery.

During the transition phase you were required to dual report your catch using paper-based CDRs as well as electronic CDRs (eCDRs) to ensure their accuracy.

Please be advised that as of 9 June 2023, you are no longer required to submit a paper CDR to the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) Leasing and Licensing.

Paper CDRs will no longer be accepted and only eCDRs submitted via the Commercial Fishing SA App or the eCatch(Digital Reporting) service through your myPIRSA portal will be accepted.

Please find attached the updated Ministerial determinations for the reporting of eCDRs through the PIRSA eCatch electronic database.

If you have any queries, please contact PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, eCDR Team on 8207 5332 or email <u>pirsa.ebusinessfisheries@sa.gov.au</u>, or your local Fisheries Officer.

Yours sincerely

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