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NOTICE TO SOUTHERN ZONE ROCK LOBSTER FISHERY WITH GIANT CRAB QUOTA

Information on electronic reporting for Giant Crab

Dear Licence holder

I write to provide an update on the implementation of electronic reporting for Giant Crab taken in the Southern Zone Rock Lobster 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 of Giant Crab 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 Southern Zone Rock Lobster 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 'Giant Crab Fishery – Electronic Reporting Reference Guide' which will be provided to all licence holders with Giant Crab quota entitlements.


Fishers are to commence reporting electronically from **3 October 2023** and will be required to temporarily dual report their catch until advised in writing by the Department that paper-based 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 the entries during the dual reporting period.

Fishers are to ensure when inputting details on their paper-based CDR, they record the electronic report reference (e.g. S01230630A) of their equivalent eCDR on the paper-

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based copy in the top right corner (see following image). This will allow for appropriate validation of submissions, as shown below.

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GCCDR PART A		 Government of South Australia Department of Primary Industries and Regions	CDR G 02200										
PIRSA FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE GIANT CRAB CATCH & DISPOSAL RECORD			Prior Report Number										
(Part A to be completed in full on board registered vessel)													
Giant Crabs Taken	Licence No.	<table border="1"><tr><td colspan="3"></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td colspan="3"></td></tr></table>											
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New Ministerial Determinations have been put in place to support the new reporting arrangements for the purposes of regulation 24 of the *Fisheries Management (Rock Lobster Fisheries) Regulations 2017*. You will need to familiarise your-self 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 or you require a hard copy of the determinations, please contact PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, eCDR team on 8207 5332 or email pirsa.ebusinessfisheries@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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