

## **Fisheries Management (Lakes and Coorong) Regulations 2024**

### **Regulation 20**

#### **Revocation**

The Determinations made for the purposes of regulation 19 of the Fisheries Management (Lakes and Coorong) Regulations 2009 dated 8 April 2022 will be revoked as of 1 July 2025.

#### **Determination**

For the purpose of regulation 20 of the Fisheries Management (Lakes and Coorong) Regulations 2024 relating to Periodic Returns for Lakes and Coorong (excluding Pipi), commencing as of 1 July 2025 – I make the following determinations –

- **Licence holders must comply with Part A and Part B of this determination until the Manager Information Services, PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, has provided written notice that the licence holder is no longer required to comply with Part A.**
- **Following the provision of written notice to a licence holder or registered master from the Manager Information Services, PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, advising that paper-based records and reporting described in Part A are no longer required, Electronic Catch & Effort (C&E) log report relating to that licence will only be accepted by the Department in electronic form consistent with the requirements in Part B of this determination.**

### **Part A**

#### **Paper based records and reporting**

Unless licence holders or registered masters have written notice from the Manager Information Services to the contrary they must provide logbook returns and reporting as described in this part.

#### **Regulation 20(1) (provide return)**

- (1) The holder of a licence in respect of the fishery or registered master must—
- (a) complete a return form contained in the '*South Australian Inland Waters Catch and Effort Returns*' book issued by the Department in respect of each calendar month during the currency of the licence;
  - (b) date and sign the return to certify that the information contained in the return is complete and accurate; and
  - (c) submit the return to the Department within 15 days of the end of the month to which it relates.

- (d) If the holder of a licence takes no aquatic resources under the licence during a particular calendar month, he or she is required to furnish a return form in respect of that period indicating that no aquatic resources were taken unless—
  - (i) the total catch of aquatic resources taken during previous months in the same calendar year equalled the related quota entitlement under the licence in respect of that aquatic resource for the quota period ending during that calendar year; and
  - (ii) if the fishery has been closed for a whole calendar month, the holder of a licence need not furnish a return for that month.
- (2) The holder of a licence in respect of the fishery subject to a condition fixing a pipi quota or nominated agent or the registered master of a registered boat used under such a licence must—
  - (a) complete a return form contained in the '*South Australian Inland Waters Catch and Effort Return for Goolwa Cockles*' book issued by the Department in respect of each calendar month during the currency of the licence;
  - (b) date and sign the return to certify that the information contained in the return is complete and accurate; and
  - (c) submit the return to the Department within 15 days of the end of the month to which it relates.

**Regulation 20(2) (keeping records)**

- (1) The holder of a licence in respect of the fishery must—
  - (a) make a copy of each return form that he or she completes under the determination for regulation 20(1) before the return form is sent or submitted to the Department consistent with the instructions on the approved form; and
  - (b) retain the copy for a period of 12 months from the last day of the month to which the return form relates.

**Part B**

**Electronic records and reporting**

**Regulation 20(1) (provide return)**

- (1) The holder of a licence in respect of the fishery or registered master must—
  - (a) complete an electronic C&E log report entry in respect of each day fishing activity is undertaken during the currency of the licence; and
  - (b) submit the return to the Department within 72 hours of landing.

**Regulation 20(2) (keeping records)**

- (1) Where an electronic C&E log report has been completed under a licence in accordance with regulation 20(1) of this Part and successfully submitted to the Department no further record need be kept for the purposes of this determination.

For the purposes of this determination –

**Electronic report** – means an entry received in the eCatch electronic database created and administered by the Department. This may be directly entered into the eCatch electronic database via the myPIRSA portal ([www.pir.sa.gov.au/ecatch](http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/ecatch)); or via the PIRSA Commercial Fishing SA application; or via the Fishwatch Call Centre; or other third party application. If entered by a third party application the Licence Holder, Registered Master or Nominated Agent must ensure the report has been received by the eCatch electronic database.

Dated: 23 June 2025



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**As delegate of the Minister for Primary industries and Regional Development**