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## NOTICE TO FISHERS

Dear Licence Holder

### FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE

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### Re: 2021 Total Allowable Commercial Catch for the Western Zone Abalone Fishery

I write in relation to the total allowable commercial catch (TACC) for the 2021 quota period.

#### **Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC)**

In determining the TACC for the 2021 quota period, I have considered the following;

- The Objects of the Fisheries Management Act 2007 and regard to section 7(1).
- The latest SARDI report, Western Zone Blacklip Abalone (*Haliotis rubra*) and Greenlip Abalone (*H. laevigata*) Fisheries in 2018.
- The latest fishery information presented at the TACC meeting of 22 October 2020.
- Blacklip Abalone stocks in the WZAF in 2019/20 were classified as sustainable however, the harvestable biomass remains low.
- Greenlip Abalone stocks are classified as depleting however, CPUE increased at 68% of SAUs in 2019/20.
- The outcomes of the TACC meeting held on 22 October 2020.
- The outcomes of the draft Harvest Strategy.
- Advice provided by the AIASA.

As delegate for the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have made the following determination for the Western Zone Abalone Fishery 2021 quota period (1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021):

- The Blacklip Abalone TACC will be 47,260 kg meat weight for 2021.
- The Greenlip Abalone TACC will be 48,870 kg meat weight for 2021.

Please refer to the table below for full unit and TACC values:

	<b>Blacklip Abalone</b>	<b>Greenlip Abalone</b>
TACC (kg, whole weight)	141,794.18	146,624.66
TACC (kg, meat weight)	<b>47,260</b>	<b>48,870</b>
Total Abalone quota units	1,106.25	1,216.88
Conversion factor	0.3333	0.3333
Abalone unit value (kg, whole weight)	128.18	120.49
Abalone unit value (kg, meat weight)	42.721	40.160

I acknowledge the AIASA voluntary initiatives to limit the catch of Greenlip Abalone in the months of January, February and March by 10%, 20% and 40% cumulatively to assist in the rebuilding of Greenlip Abalone stocks.

Consistent with the outcomes of Stobart *et al.* (2018) and the request from AIASA I have also determined the following closures be put in place to assist in the recovery of Blacklip and Greenlip Abalone stocks in 2020;

- Closure of the area east of Cape Carnot for harvesting Blacklip and Greenlip Abalone from 1 July to 31 December 2021.

You should note that pursuant to subsection 79(2) of the Fisheries Management Act 2007 a temporary notice prohibiting fishing activity of a specified class during a specified period remains in force for a period, not exceeding 12 months, and may be renewed once for a further period not exceeding 12 months. As this is the second 12-month period to which these arrangements have been implemented, these arrangements will not be able to be implemented through section 79 in 2022.

In 2020, licence condition number 13703 (see below) to implement monitoring of total catch of Blacklip from the Drummond SAU through catch disposal records (CDRs) were added to all WZAF licences. In light of the improved status for Blacklip and resulting increase in Blacklip TACC, it is considered the monitoring of catch at Drummond through CDRs is no longer required. Catch at this SAU will continue to be monitored through the traditional catch and effort logbooks. Please be advised that as delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have removed this condition on all WZAF licences.

In light of the impact of COVID-19 on fisheries in South Australia PIRSA is actively progressing the industry request to carry-over of uncaught quota entitlements from 2020 to the next three fishing seasons as a matter of priority. Please note carry-over of quota entitlements from one quota period to another requires amendments to legislation through normal Government processes, the timeframes for which are necessarily affected by other whole-of-government activities and are outside PIRSA's control. PIRSA will provide progress on these proposed arrangements as soon as possible.

### ***Extract certificate***

You are not required to return your licence. The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) has included an updated extract certificate with this notice.

### ***Quota unit transfers***

If you wish to transfer quota units to another licence, application forms can be obtained from the PIRSA website [www.pir.sa.gov.au/fisheries](http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/fisheries) or by contacting PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture on 8204 1370.

If you have any other queries in relation to the Western Zone Abalone Fishery please contact Dr Annabel Jones, Fisheries Manager, on (08) 8429 0165 or 0417 612 737.

Yours sincerely



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Delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regions

Licence Condition 13703

The holder of a licence in respect to the Western Zone Abalone Fishery or the registered master of a boat from which Blacklip abalone is taken under such licence must comply with the following provisions:

1. In the case of abalone taken from the Drummond SAU the holder of the licence or registered master must ensure Blacklip abalone (*Haliotis rubra*) are stored in bags or bins secured by tags supplied by PIRSA separate to abalone caught from other SAUs; and
2. Where catch is taken from multiple SAU's in the one day, that a separate CDR is completed for Blacklip abalone taken from the Drummond SAU; and
3. Before departing the Drummond SAU fishing area, all Blacklip abalone taken from the Drummond SAU must be placed within sealed bins or bags;
4. The lids or bags must be secured with tags supplied by PIRSA; and
5. The total number of bins and bags for that day and the identifying number of each of the tags placed on each bin must be included on the CDR1 record for Blacklip abalone caught from Drummond SAU; and
6. Part A of the CDR1 record must be completed prior to departing the Drummond SAU and within 200m of landing.
7. For the purpose of this condition, the Drummond SAU is defined as being the area heading in a general westerly direction from the coast at the meridian of longitude 135° 15.18'E and latitude 33° 59.18'S to the meridian of longitude 135° 4.95'E and latitude 34° 1.91'S. Then in a generally southerly direction to the meridian of longitude 135° 13.12'E and latitude 34° 20.54'S and finally back to the coastal in an easterly direction to the point of meridian of longitude 135° 21.43'E and latitude 34° 20.56'S.