

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT 2007: SECTION 115

Ministerial Exemption ME9903224

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to section 115 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*, the holder of a Southern Zone Abalone Fishery licence (hereinafter referred to as the “exemption holder”) or their registered master, are exempt from regulation 3(1), and Schedule 2, Part 2, Clause 5(2)(a) of the *Fisheries Management (General) Regulations 2017*, but only insofar as the exemption holders are permitted to harvest Blacklip Abalone (*Haliotis rubra*), in the waters within abalone fishing area 11 specified in Schedule 1, subject to the conditions specified in Schedule 2 from 1 October 2022 until 31 August 2023, unless varied or revoked earlier.

SCHEDULE 1

Waters of the Southern Zone Abalone Fishery contained within and bounded by a line commencing at 38°02'49"South, 140°27'27" East, then north-easterly to the line of Mean High Water Springs closest to 37°59'23.62" South, 140°31'01.72" East, then beginning south-easterly along the line of Mean High Water Springs to the location closest to 38°01'14.85" South, 140°34'08.04" East, then south-westerly to 38°04'23.35" South, 140°31'52.47"East, then north-westerly to the point of commencement. (GDA94).

For the purposes of this exemption, this area will be referred to as “Fishing Area 11A”.

SCHEDULE 2

1. The exemption holder must ensure all Blacklip Abalone harvested from Fishing Area 11A and retained pursuant to this exemption must have a shell length measured at its greatest dimension equal to or greater than 110 mm.
2. Where fishing has occurred in Fishing Area 11A the exemption holder must complete Part A of Abalone Catch and Disposal (CDR1) record prior to departing Fishing Area 11A defined in Schedule 1 and within 50 metres of landing.
3. The exemption holder must ensure all Blacklip Abalone taken from Fishing Area 11A are placed within sealed fish bins before departing Fishing Area 11A.

This notice does not purport to override the provisions or operation of any other Act including but not limited to the *Marine Parks Act 2007*.



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