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NOTICE TO PROCESSORS

Information on electronic reporting in the Marine Scalefish Fishery for fish processors accepting consignment of marine scalefish priority species.

Dear Registration holder

I write to provide an update on the implementation of electronic reporting for the Marine Scalefish Fishery and Rock Lobster Fisheries.

A simple electronic catch reporting system has been developed that has enabled fishers to report their catch for marine scalefish quota species. 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 Marine Scalefish Fishery.

Fishers will now be nominating the processor they are consigning their catch to electronically. As such there will be no hard copy catch disposal record (CDR) sent with the catch when reporting electronically.

Processors can view all consignments for marine scalefish by accessing eCatch through the myPIRSA portal. There is no requirement for processors to validate these trips unless the processor has identified an error with the consignment.

Particulars about reporting have been detailed within the 'Marine Scalefish Fishery – Electronic Reporting Reference Guide' which will be provided to all processors. This user guide will explain how to create a myPIRSA account and apply for and use the eCatch service.

Fishers will commence reporting electronically from November 2022 and will be requested to dual report their catch until advised (dual reporting requires fishers to report their catch using a paper-based CDR as well as the new electronic CDR). During this period processors will continue to receive hard copies of the fishers' CDR.

If you have any queries, please contact PIRSA Fisheries & Aquaculture, Leasing and Licensing on (08) 8207 5332 or email pirsa.ebusinessfisheries@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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