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NOTICE TO SOUTHERN ZONE ABALONE FISHERY

Information on electronic reporting for the Southern Zone Abalone Fishery

Dear Licence holder

I write to provide an update on the implementation of electronic reporting for the Southern Zone Abalone Fishery to replace the current paper-based system.

A simple electronic catch reporting system has been developed that will enable fishers to report their catch for abalone quota. 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 Abalone Fishery.

Fishers will now be able 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 ‘Southern Zone Abalone Fishery – Electronic Reporting Reference Guide’ which will be provided to all licence holders.

Fishers are to commence reporting electronically from **1 September 2023** and will be required 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 eCDR). This will allow for the monitoring of eCDRs to ensure the accuracy of their entries during the dual reporting period.

Fishers are to ensure when inputting details on their paper-based CDR, they hand write the electronic report reference (e.g. A01230228A) of their equivalent eCDR on the paper-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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ABALONE CATCH & DISPOSAL RECORD

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<p>PART A (To be completed by the licence holder / registered master)</p> <p>Prior Report Number _____ Time _____</p>	<p>PART B (To be completed by registered processor) Processor Number _____</p> <p>Name and Address of processor _____</p>
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Please find attached the updated Ministerial determination allowing for the reporting of catch by paper CDR and eCDR.

These determinations are published on the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) website and can be viewed at

https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/primary_industry/commercial_fishing/management/determinations

If you have any queries, please contact PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, eCDR team on 8207 5332 or email pirsa.ebusinessfisheries@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Begg', with a stylized, cursive script.

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