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## **NOTICE TO PROCESSORS**

Information on electronic reporting for the Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery for fish processors accepting consignment of Northern Zone Rock Lobster

Dear Registration holder

I write to provide an update on the implementation of electronic reporting for the Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery.

A simple electronic catch reporting system has been developed that has enabled fishers to report their catch for Northern Zone Rock Lobster 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 Northern Zone Rock Lobster 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 Northern Zone Rock Lobster by accessing eCatch through the myPIRSA portal.

Particulars about reporting have been detailed within the 'Northern Zone Rock Lobster 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 **16 August 2023**. During the transition fishers and fish processors will be required to dual report their catch until advised (dual reporting requires fishers and processors to report their catch using a paper-based CDR as well as the new electronic CDR).

Please find attached the updated Ministerial determination allowing for the delivery of catch by paper CDR and eCDR until the fishery has completely transitioned to electronic CDRs.

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

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