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**NOTICE TO CENTRAL ZONE ABALONE FISHERY****Information on electronic reporting for the Central Zone Abalone Fishery**

Dear Licence holder

I write to provide an update on the implementation of electronic reporting arrangements for catch and disposal records in the Central Zone Abalone Fishery.

The Commercial Fishing SA App has now been available for use since 19 May 2023 which enabled fishers to report their catch for abalone quota electronically. In addition to this, fishers were able to access eCatch through their myPIRSA portal and report their catch directly into eCatch. This change has resulted in a more effective process for submitting Catch and Disposal Records (CDRs) in the Central Zone Abalone Fishery.

During the transition phase you have been required to dual report your catch using paper-based CDRs, as well as electronic CDRs (eCDRs) to ensure the accuracy of the new arrangements.

Please be advised that as of **1 September 2023**, the requirement for the submission of paper CDRs to the Department will be removed from the Central Zone Abalone Fishery determination for the purposes of Regulation 16 of the *Fisheries Management (Abalone Fisheries) Regulations 2017*.

From 1 September 2023, paper CDRs will no longer be accepted by the Department. You will only be able to submit eCDRs via the Commercial Fishing SA App or the eCatch (Digital Reporting) service through your myPIRSA portal.

Please find attached a copy of the updated Ministerial determinations for the reporting of eCDRs through the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) eCatch electronic database.

These determinations are published on the PIRSA website and can be viewed at

[https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/primary\\_industry/commercial\\_fishing/management/determinations](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](mailto:pirsa.ebusinessfisheries@sa.gov.au), or your local Fisheries Officer.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Begg'.

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