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NOTICE TO NORTHERN ZONE ROCK LOBSTER FISHERY WITH GIANT CRAB QUOTA

Information on electronic reporting for Giant Crab

Dear Licence holder

I write to provide an update on the implementation of electronic reporting for Giant Crab taken in the Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery to transition from and replace the current paper-based system.

An electronic catch reporting system has now been developed that will enable fishers to report their catch for Giant Crab quota to the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA). 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 required 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 'Giant Crab Fishery – Electronic Reporting Reference Guide' which will be provided to all licence holders.

Fishers are to commence reporting electronically from **3 October 2023** and will be required to temporarily dual report their catch until advised in writing by the Department that paper-based CDRs are no longer required. 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 the entries during the dual reporting period.

Fishers are to ensure when inputting details on their paper-based CDR, they record the electronic report reference (e.g. N01230630A) 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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GCCDR PART A

PIRSA FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE
GIANT CRAB CATCH
& DISPOSAL RECORD



(Part A to be completed in full on board registered vessel)

N01230630A

CDR G 02200

Prior Report Number

Giant Crabs Taken

Licence No.

Date

Time

am/pm

For the Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery, the reporting of Giant Crab catch and disposal is required through licence conditions. The previous conditions relating to Giant Crab CDRs has been revoked and three new conditions have been added to applicable licences to provide standard requirements for electronic reporting *and* paper-based reporting. Please note that once licence holders have transitioned to electronic reporting only, two of the new conditions relating to paper-based reporting will be revoked from the licence.

A summary of changes to licence conditions for Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery licences is provided in **Appendix 1**.

Licence holders have a right under section 111 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* (the Act) to seek a review of a variation or imposition of a licence condition. Appeal rights also exist under sections 112 and 113 of the Act.

Please find updated copy of your licence certificate enclosed.

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



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APPENDIX 1: Licence Condition amendments

Previous Licence Condition (12826 - NZRL)

The following requirements apply in relation to the completion of the GCCDR:

- (1) Giant crabs must not be unloaded from the registered boat endorsed on this licence unless the number of giant crabs are recorded on Part A of the GCCDR and Part A has been completed and signed by the licence holder or registered master.*
- (2) Once unloaded, giant crabs must be accompanied from the registered boat to the registered fish processor by the processor's copy of the GCCDR.*
- (3) The licence holder must forward the completed GCCDR form to PIRSA Fisheries within 24 hours of the completion of each fishing trip or prior to the commencement of the next fishing trip if that trip commences within 24 hours.*
- (4) The GCCDR book must remain on board the registered boat at all times except in accordance with (5) below.*
- (5) The licence holder or the registered master must forward the completed GCCDR book to PIRSA Fisheries at the PIRSA Office in Mount Gambier within fourteen (14) days of the completion of each individual book.*

New Licence Conditions (NZRL)

- 1 - Giant Crabs must not be unloaded from the registered boat unless Part A of an electronic report 'Giant Crab – CDR' has been completed.*
- 2 - In addition to providing an electronic report 'Giant Crab – CDR', Part A of a paper GCCDR must be completed and signed by the licence holder or registered master before Giant Crabs are unloaded from the registered boat, unless written confirmation has been received from the Manager Leasing and Licensing to the contrary.*
- 3 – Where paper GCCDRs are required to be completed, the licence holder or registered master must ensure that –*
 - a) once unloaded, the processor's copy of the paper GCCDR accompanies all related Giant Crabs from the registered boat to the registered fish processor;*
 - b) the completed paper GCCDR form is forwarded to PIRSA within 24 hours of the completion of each fishing trip or prior to the commencement of the next fishing trip if that trip commences within 24 hours; and*

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c) the GCCDR book must remain on board the registered boat at all times except where all the GCCDR's in the book have been completed and the book has been forwarded to PIRSA.