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NOTICE TO FISHERS

Central Zone Abalone Fishery

Miscellaneous amendments to regulations

Dear Licence Holder,

I write to inform you of several miscellaneous amendments that have been made to regulations under the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* (the Act) that relate to the Central Zone Abalone Fishery (CZAF).

The amendments have been made to implement more efficient and flexible mechanisms for fishery management and to clarify, simplify and update current management arrangements. These amendments will help to increase the economic potential of these fisheries and reduce red tape for fishers. Important changes have also been made to increase the protection of key marine and aquatic animals.

These amendments to regulations came into effect on 1 May 2023. Of relevance to CZAF licence holders are the following regulations:

Fisheries Management (Abalone Fisheries) (Miscellaneous) Amendment Regulations 2023

Fisheries Management (General) (Miscellaneous) Amendment Regulations 2023

Fisheries Management (Demerit Points) (Miscellaneous) Amendment Regulations 2023.

These regulation amendments are published in the Government Gazette, No. 26, Thursday 20 April 2023 (pp. 799–858), available at:

https://governmentgazette.sa.gov.au/2023/April/2023_026.pdf

Key changes to regulations

The changes implemented relating to your fishery are described below. These amendments to regulations have been implemented to improve the sustainable management of fish resources, provide for improved administration of authorities or to correct administrative errors.

Fisheries Management (General) Regulations 2017

- The opportunity has been taken to make amendments to the *Fisheries Management (General) 2017*, to update all coordinates from GDA94 to GDA2020 based on the Geocentric Datum of Australia 2020 (GDA2020) consistent with the Australian national standard.

Fisheries Management (Abalone Fisheries) Regulations 2017

- Coordinates in the *Fisheries Management (Abalone Fisheries) Regulations 2017* have been amended to update all coordinates from GDA94 to GDA2020.

If you have any queries regarding these arrangements or would like a copy of the amended regulations referred to above, you can contact Steve Shanks, Manager – Commercial Fisheries (08) 8429 0197 or email Steve.Shanks@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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