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**NOTICE TO CENTRAL ZONE ABALONE PROCESSORS****Information on electronic reporting in the Central Zone Abalone Fishery for fish processors accepting consignment of Central Zone Abalone**

Dear Registration holder

I write to provide an update on the implementation of electronic reporting for the Central Zone Abalone Fishery.

Commercial fishers in the Central Zone Abalone Fishery have been using an electronic catch reporting system along with paper based CDRs since 19 May 2023. In addition to this, fishers could also access eCatch through their myPIRSA portal and report their catch directly into eCatch. This change has resulted in more effective and real-time management of the Central Zone Abalone Fishery.

The dual reporting of their catch since May 2023 using paper-based CDRs, as well as electronic CDRs was to ensure the accuracy of the new system during the transition to an electronic only method for catch reporting to the Department.

Please be advised that as of **1 September 2023**, Central Zone Abalone fishers will no longer be submitting paper CDRs to their processors. From this time onward only electronic eCDRs are permitted for Central Zone Abalone Fishery. This electronic process will replace the paper CDR currently sent with the consignment to the processor for Central Zone Abalone.

As a result Fish Processors will receive and be required to process Central Zone Abalone electronic eCDRs received via the MyPIRSA Portal eCatch platform.

If you have any queries, please contact the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) Fisheries and Aquaculture, Leasing and Licensing on (08) 8207 5332 or email [pirsa.ebusinessfisheries@sa.gov.au](mailto:pirsa.ebusinessfisheries@sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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