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NOTICE TO FISHERS - SOUTHERN ZONE ABALONE FISHERY

TACC AND MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2021/22

I write in relation to the Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) for the Southern Zone Abalone Fishery (SZAF) 2021/22 quota period.

Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC)

In setting the TACC for the 2021/22 quota period, I have considered the following;

- The objects of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*;
- The outcomes of the draft harvest strategy contained in the draft *Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Abalone Fisheries (2021)*, currently being considered for adoption by the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development;
- The year-to-date scientific information provided by SARDI for the SZAF from the 2020/21 quota period; and
- Advice from the Southern Zone Abalone Management Inc on recommended management arrangements for the 2021/22 quota period.

As delegate for the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have made the following determination for the SZAF 2021/22 quota period commencing 1 October 2021 under the *Fisheries Management (Abalone Fisheries) Regulations 2017*:

- the number of kilograms of abalone meat that is to be the value of an abalone unit and the conversion value for Blacklip Abalone of the SZAF at 36.663 kg meat weight and 0.3333, respectively, for the 2021/22 quota period. These values correspond to a TACC of 132,000 kg whole weight.
- the number of kilograms of abalone meat that is to be the value of an abalone unit and the conversion value for Greenlip Abalone of the SZAF at 9.999 kg meat weight and 0.3333, respectively, for the 2021/22 quota period. These values correspond to a TACC of 1,800 kg whole weight.

Please refer to the table below for full unit and TACC values for 2021/22 quota period:

	Blacklip Abalone	Greenlip Abalone
TACC (kg, whole weight)	132,000	1,800
Total abalone quota units	1,200	60
Abalone unit value (kg, whole weight)	110	30
Conversion factor	0.3333	0.3333
Abalone unit value (kg, meat weight)	36.663	9.999

Fishing Areas, Catch Caps and Size Limits

In addition, the following catch caps (whole weight) and minimum legal lengths for Blacklip Abalone will be implemented for the 2021/22 quota period to allow for the fine scale spatial management of the Southern Zone Abalone Fishery. Note that changes to Fishery Areas (FAs) for the 2021/22 quota season have been highlighted in grey below and are consistent with the recommendations made by the Southern Zone Abalone Management Inc.

Fishing area	Location	Catch cap (tonnes)	Minimum legal length (mm)
1	Cape Jaffa	5	125
2	Nora Creina	8	125
3	Beachport	7	125
4	Rivoli Bay	10	110
5	South End	8	125
6	Number 2 Rocks	30	125
7	Admella	8	125
8	Carpenters Rocks	12	125
9	Gerloff Bay	15	112
10	Blackfellows Caves	7	125
11	Middle Point	35	120
12	Port MacDonnell	15	122
13	East Port MacDonnell	3	100

In response to a request from the Independent Chair of the Southern Zone Abalone Management Inc, the Hon Rory McEwan, the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development has requested the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) seek the necessary legislative amendments to the boundaries of FA in the SZAF to enable the creation of a new FA in the area of Middle Point (FA11) to be implemented by the beginning of the 2021/22 fishing season on 1 October 2021.

The boundaries of each FA are described in the *Fisheries Management (Abalone Fishery) Regulations 2017*. Therefore, implementation of a new FA and changing the boundaries of the Middle Point FA will require amendments to this legislation. PIRSA is currently seeking the necessary legislative amendments to implement these arrangements.

Further information will be provided to all licence holders in the SZAF prior to the beginning of the 2021/22 quota period on 1 October 2021 advising catch caps and minimum legal size for the proposed new FA.

Extract certificate

You are not required to return your licence. PIRSA has included an updated extract certificate with this notice.

Quota unit transfers

If you wish to transfer quota units to another licence, application forms can be obtained from the PIRSA website www.pir.sa.gov.au/fisheries or by contacting PIRSA on (08) 8207 5332.

If you have any other queries in relation to the SZAF please contact Dr Annabel Jones on Annabel.Jones@sa.gov.au or (08) 8429 0165.

Yours sincerely



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Gazette Notice

Fisheries Management Act 2007

Undersized fish in the Southern Zone Abalone Fishery

TAKE notice that for the purposes of clause 5(2)(a) of part 2 of schedule 2 of the *Fisheries Management (General) Regulations 2017* I hereby revoke all prior notices published in the South Australian Gazette declaring undersized lengths of Blacklip Abalone in the Southern Zone Abalone Fishery and hereby declare that Blacklip Abalone (*Haliotis rubra*) taken in an abalone fishing area of the Southern Zone Abalone Fishery is undersized if its length is less than that specified below:

Abalone Fishing area*	Location	Minimum legal length (mm)
1	Cape Jaffa	125
2	Nora Creina	125
3	Beachport	125
4	Rivoli Bay	110
5	South End	125
6	Number 2 Rocks	125
7	Admella	125
8	Carpenters Rocks	125
9	Gerloff Bay	112
10	Blackfellows Caves	125
11	Middle Point	120
12	Port MacDonnell	122
13	East Port MacDonnell	100

* As defined in regulation 11(1) and schedule 1 of the *Fisheries Management (Abalone Fisheries) Regulations 2017*.

Dated 10 September 2021



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