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## **NOTICE TO PROCESSORS**

### **Information on electronic reporting for the Blue Crab Fishery for fish processors accepting consignment of Blue Crab.**

Dear Registration holder

I write to provide an update on the implementation of electronic reporting for the Blue Crab Fishery.

A simple electronic catch reporting system has been developed that has enabled fishers to report their catch for Blue Crab quota. 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 Blue Crab Fishery.

Fishers will now be nominating the processor they are consigning their catch to electronically. As such there will be no hard copy catch disposal record (CDR) sent with the catch when reporting electronically.

Processors can view all consignments for Blue Crab by accessing eCatch through the myPIRSA portal.

Particulars about reporting have been detailed within the 'Blue Crab Fishery – Electronic Reporting Reference Guide' which will be provided to all processors. This user guide will explain how to create a myPIRSA account and apply for and use the eCatch service.

Fishers will commence reporting electronically from 19 May 2023. During the transition fishers and fish processors will be required to dual report their catch until advised (dual reporting requires fishers and processors to report their catch using a paper-based CDR, as well as the new electronic CDR).

Please find attached the updated Ministerial determination allowing for the delivery of catch by paper CDR and eCDR until the fishery has completely transitioned to electronic CDRs.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Begg', with a stylized, cursive script.

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