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NOTICE TO PROCESSORS

Information on electronic reporting for fish processors accepting consignment of Western Zone Abalone

Dear Registration holder

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

A simple electronic catch reporting system has now been developed that will enable fishers to report their catch for Abalone quota. This will improve the integrity and reliability of the quota arrangements and result in a more effective and efficient management of the Western Zone Abalone Fishery for quota holders.

Western Zone Abalone fishers will now be nominating the processor they are consigning their catch to electronically. Processors can view all consignments to them for Abalone by accessing eCatch through the myPIRSA portal.

Particulars about reporting have been detailed within the 'Western Zone Abalone Fishery – Electronic Reporting Reference Guide' which was previously provided to all processors. This user guide explained how to create a myPIRSA account and apply for and use the eCatch service.

Western Zone Abalone fishers will now commence reporting electronically from **1 July 2023**. During the transition Western Zone Abalone fishers and fish processors will be required to dual report their catch until advised otherwise (dual reporting requires fishers and processors to report their catch using a paper-based CDR as well as the new electronic CDR). During this period processors will continue to receive hard copies of the fishers' CDR.

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

These determinations are published on the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) website and can be viewed at

https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/primary_industry/commercial_fishing/management/determinations

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If you have any queries, please contact PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, eCDR team on (08) 8207 5332 or email <u>pirsa.ebusinessfisheries@sa.gov.au</u>.

Yours sincerely

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