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## NOTICE TO SOUTHERN ZONE ABALONE FISHERY

## Information on electronic reporting for the Southern Zone Abalone Fishery

Dear Licence holder

I write to provide an update on the implementation of electronic reporting for the Southern Zone Abalone Fishery to replace the current paper-based system.

A simple electronic catch reporting system is currently being developed that will enable fishers to report their catch for abalone 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 Southern Zone Abalone Fishery.

Due to the transition timeframes for each of the three Abalone fisheries commencing at different times the *Fisheries Management (Abalone Fisheries) Regulations* 2017 relating to catch and disposal requirements, regulation 16 for the Abalone fisheries has been updated and separated into three individual zone regulations to accommodate each zone as they transition.

Please find attached the updated Ministerial determination for catch and disposal requirements for the Southern Zone Abalone Fishery.

If you have any queries, please contact PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, Leasing & Licensing on 8207 5332 or email <u>pirsa.ebusinessfisheries@sa.gov.au</u>

Yours sincerely

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