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NOTICE TO PROCESSORS

Information on electronic reporting for the Abalone Fishery for fish processors accepting consignment of Abalone.

Dear Registration holder

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

A simple electronic catch reporting system has been developed that has enabled 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 Abalone Fishery.

Fishers, when transitioned, 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 abalone by accessing eCatch through the myPIRSA portal.

Particulars about reporting have been detailed within the Electronic Reporting Reference Guide' for each zone which will be provided to all processors. These user guides will explain how to create a myPIRSA account and apply for and use the eCatch service.

Central Zone Abalone fishers will be the first to commence reporting electronically from 19 May 2023 with Southern Zone and Western Zone Abalone transitioning at a later date. During the transition fishers and fish processors will be requested 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 each fishery has fully transitioned to electronic only.

If you have any queries, please contact PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, Leasing and Licensing on (08) 8207 5332 or email 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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