

**Fisheries Management (Abalone Fisheries) Regulations 2017**

**Regulation 16**

**Revocation**

The Determination relating to catch and disposal requirements in the Central Zone Abalone Fishery for the purposes of Regulation 16 dated 30 August 2023 will be revoked as of 16 January 2026.

**Determination**

For the purpose of Regulation 16 relating to catch and disposal requirements in the Central Zone Abalone Fishery, commencing 16 January 2026, I make the following determinations: –

**Regulation 16(1)(a) (record information)**

- (1) Where abalone is taken under a licence, the holder of the licence or the registered master must comply with the following requirements:
- (a) Part A of electronic report 'Abalone CZ – CDR' record must be completed and submitted in respect of all abalone taken under the licence—
    - i. if the abalone is landed on the day which it was taken—
      - 1. immediately after the abalone is landed and within 200 metres of the place of landing; or
      - 2. if the abalone is to be delivered to the registered premises of a registered fish processor within 200 metres of the place of landing—before the abalone is delivered to the premises; or
    - ii. in any other case—before the end of the day on which the abalone is taken.
- (2) The holder of the licence or registered master must ensure that five abalone shells from every catch bag is measured and recorded in the form issued by SARDI.

**Regulation 16(1)(b) (provide information)**

- (1) Where abalone is taken under a licence, the holder of the licence or the registered master must comply with the following requirements:
- (a) The Department must be notified on 1800 065 522 or by the Commercial Fishing SA Application prior to engaging in fishing activity under the licence each day with the following information:
    - i. the name of the person making the report and the applicable licence number; and
    - ii. the date that the fishing activity will occur; and
    - iii. the name of the registered master who will be conducting the fishing activity on that day; and

- iv. the launching site to be used that day; and
  - v. the registered fish processor that the abalone is to be consigned to.
- (b) If, after a notification has been made under (a), and the retrieval site or launching site is to be different to the launching site reported, or no abalone have been taken, the Department must be notified on 1800 065 522 or by the Commercial Fishing SA Application, no less than 30 minutes before leaving the retrieval site.
- (2) The holder of the licence or registered master must ensure that the completed form containing the recorded measurements of five abalone shells from every catch bag is provided to;

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within 15 days of the month to which it relates.

**Regulation 16(1)(c) (required actions for fish)**

- (1) Where abalone is taken under a licence, the holder of the licence or the registered master must comply with the following requirements:
- (a) any receptacles used to contain abalone must be secured with consecutively numbered tags supplied by the Department; and
  - (b) the total number of receptacles used to contain abalone on any one day and the identifying number of each of the tags placed on each bin must be included on the electronic report 'Abalone CZ – CDR'; and
  - (c) all abalone must be consigned to one of the registered fish processors listed on the licence Registrations and Entitlements register for weighing within the State of South Australia; and
  - (d) Abalone to which a wholly or partly completed electronic report 'Abalone CZ – CDR' relates (as the case may be) are to be delivered or consigned to the registered premises of the fish processor specified in the report, must be transported in sealed receptacles; and
  - (e) Within 200 metres of the place of landing the abalone, a receptacle containing abalone must be sealed with a tag issued by the Department; and
  - (f) where a tag used to secure a receptacle is broken —
    - i. the bag or bin is sealed with a replacement tag; and
    - ii. the broken tag is attached to the bag or bin by threading it through the replacement tag; and
    - iii. the number of the replacement tag is recorded on the electronic report 'Abalone CZ – CDR' record; and

- (g) if a tag is lost—that the Department is immediately notified of the loss on 1800 065 522.
- (2) The holder of the licence or registered master must ensure-
- (a) all consigned abalone are accurately weighed at the registered premises of a registered fish processor and Part B of the relating electronic report 'Abalone CZ – CDR' is completed within 48 hours of the time of landing.

Regulation 16(3) (keeping of records)

- (1) Where an electronic report has been completed and received by the Department for abalone taken under a licence no further record need be kept for the purposes of this determination.

Where the holder of a licence or their registered master have been instructed by PIRSA in writing to retain and provide samples of any abalone, for the purposes of research in accordance with those written instructions, the holder of a licence or their registered master is not required to comply with this determination, in relation to the fish samples retained for PIRSA, if the fish samples are kept separate to all other abalone retained under the licence on the same fishing trip in a container marked (PIRSA fish samples) and physically collected thereafter by PIRSA.

For the purposes of this determination –

**Department** – means the Department of Primary Industries and Regions South Australia.

**Electronic report** – means an entry received in the eCatch electronic database created and administered by the Department. Submission of the electronic report may be directly entered into the eCatch electronic database via the myPIRSA portal ([www.pir.sa.gov.au/ecatch](http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/ecatch)); via the Commercial Fishing SAApp; or other third party application. If entered by a third party application the Licence Holder, Registered Master or Nominated Agent must ensure the report has been received by the eCatch electronic database.

**PIRSA** – means the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, including any division of that department, including but not limited to the South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI), and Biosecurity

Dated 16 January 2026



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