

Fisheries Management (Abalone Fisheries) Regulations 2017
Regulation 16

Revocation

The Determination relating to catch and disposal requirements in the Southern Zone Abalone Fishery for the purposes of Regulation 16 dated 21 December 2023 will be revoked as of 16 January 2026 .

Determination

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

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

(1) The holder of a licence or the registered master of a boat from which abalone is taken under such a licence must comply with the following requirements:

- (a) Part A of electronic report 'Abalone SZ – CDR' record must be completed in respect of greenlip abalone taken under the licence —
 - i. immediately after the abalone is landed and within 200 metres of the place of landing; or
 - ii. 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.
- (b) Part A of electronic report 'Abalone SZ – CDR' record must be completed in respect of blacklip abalone taken under the licence —
 - i. In the case where the licence holder or registered master has fished a single Southern Zone abalone fishing area on that day, within 50 metres of landing;
 - ii. In the case where the licence holder or registered master has taken blacklip abalone from more than one abalone fishing area on that day, prior to departing each abalone fishing area;

iii. In any other case-before the end of the day on which the abalone is taken.

(2) In addition to the requirements above, in the case of all abalone taken under a licence in respect of the Southern Zone Abalone Fishery the holder of the licence or registered master must, within 2 hours of the abalone being landed, weigh the abalone on accurate scales and complete Part B of electronic report 'Abalone SZ – CDR' record.

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

- (1) The holder of a licence or the registered master of a boat from which abalone is taken under such a licence must comply with the following requirements;
- (a) In the case of abalone taken under a licence in respect of the Southern Zone Abalone Fishery the holder of the licence or registered master must ensure blacklip abalone (*Haliotis rubra*) and greenlip abalone (*Haliotis laevigata*) are stored in separate receptacles; and
 - (b) Prior to departing a Southern Zone abalone fishing area, all Blacklip Abalone taken from that abalone fishing area must be placed within sealed receptacles;
 - (c) Within 200 metres of the place of landing, all greenlip abalone must be placed within sealed receptacles;
 - (d) Lids of receptacles used must be secured with consecutively numbered tags supplied by the Department;
 - (e) The total number of receptacles used and the identifying number of each of the tags placed on each receptacle must be included on the Part A of electronic report 'Abalone SZ – CDR' record.
 - (f) 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;
 - (g) Abalone to which an electronic report 'Abalone SZ – CDR' record relates that are to be delivered or consigned to the registered premises of the fish processor specified on the record must be transported in sealed receptacles;
 - (h) If a tag is broken while a receptacle is being sealed or transported;
 - i. The receptacle is sealed with a replacement tag; and
 - ii. The broken tag is attached to the bag or receptacle by threading it through the replacement tag; and
 - iii. The number of the replacement tag is recorded on the electronic report 'Broken tag report'.

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 taken under the licence on the same 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); 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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