

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

**Regulation 16**

**Revocation**

As of 16 January 2026, the Determination made for the purposes of regulation 16 of the Fisheries Management (Abalone Fisheries) Regulations 2017 dated 23 October 2024 will be revoked.

**Determination**

For the purpose of Regulation 16 of the Fisheries Management (Abalone Fisheries) Regulations 2017 relating to catch and disposal requirements in the Western Zone Abalone Fishery, I make the following determinations commencing 16 January 2026

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

(1) Where abalone is taken under the licence from a boat, or has been taken without a boat, the holder of a licence or the registered master must comply with the following requirements:

(a) Prior to engaging in fishing activity under the licence each day an electronic report must be accurately completed and submitted with the following information:

- i. The name of the person making the report and the applicable licence number; and
- ii. The name of the registered master who will be conducting the fishing activity on that day; and
- iii. The launching site to be used that day; and
- iv. If the retrieval site is different to the launching site amend the electronic report 30 minutes before leaving the retrieval site; or
- v. If no abalone are taken cancel the electronic report 30 minutes before leaving the retrieval site.

(2) Where abalone is taken under the licence from a boat, or has been taken without a boat, the holder of a licence or the registered master must comply with the following requirements:

- (a) An electronic report must be accurately completed and submitted in respect of abalone taken under the licence –
- i. Where the abalone is landed on the day on which it is 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.

**Regulation 16(1)(c) (dealing with fish)**

(1) Where abalone is taken under a licence from a boat, or has been taken without a boat, the holder of the licence or the registered master must comply with the following requirements:

- (a) Within 200 metres of landing; and before abalone leaves the licence holder or registered master's possession; or where abalone has not been landed before the end of the day abalone must be secured in receptacles using registered tag(s) issued by the Department so as to ensure that no abalone can be removed or added to the receptacle without breaking any tag; and
- (b) Ensure abalone remains secured in receptacles using tag(s) issued by the Department until the abalone is consigned and delivered to the registered fish processor; and
- (c) Where a tag used to secure a receptacle is broken-
  - i. The receptacle is sealed with a replacement tag; and
  - ii. The broken tag is attached to the receptacle by threading it through the replacement tag; and
  - iii. The number of the replacement tag is accurately reported and submitted in an electronic report.
- (d) 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
- (e) All abalone must be accurately weighed at the registered premises of a registered fish processor and the electronic report completed within 48 hours from the time of landing; and
- (f) If at any time a tag is lost – that the Department is immediately notified of the loss on 1800 065 522.

**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 fish 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](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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for Primary Industries and Regional Development**