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NOTICE TO FISHERS IN THE SOUTHERN ZONE ABALONE FISHERY QUOTA ENTITLEMENTS FOR 2020/21

I write in relation to the Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) for the Southern Zone Abalone Fishery (SZAF) 2020/21 quota period.

Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC)

In setting the TACC for the 2020/21 quota period, I have considered the following;

- The objects of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*;
- The harvest strategy contained in the *Management Plan for the South Australian Commercial Abalone Fishery*, noting this harvest strategy is currently under review;
- The latest scientific information provided by SARDI Aquatic Sciences, including the stock status report (2020) for Blacklip Abalone and Greenlip Abalone from the 2018/19 season and available information from the 2019/20 quota period; and
- Advice from industry stakeholders provided at the Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) meeting held by PIRSA on 3 August 2020.

As delegate for the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have made the following determination for the SZAF 2020/21 quota period commencing 1 October 2020 under the *Fisheries Management (Abalone Fisheries) Regulations 2017*:

- the number of kilograms of abalone meat that is to be the value of an abalone unit and the conversion value for Blacklip Abalone of the SZAF at 36.663 kg meat weight and 0.3333, respectively, for the 2020/21 quota period. These values correspond to a TACC of 132,000 kg whole weight.
- the number of kilograms of abalone meat that is to be the value of an abalone unit and the conversion value for Greenlip Abalone of the SZAF at 9.999 kg meat weight and 0.3333, respectively, for the 2020/21 quota period. These values correspond to a TACC of 1,800 kg whole weight.

Please refer to the table below for full unit and TACC values for 2020/21 quota period:

	Blacklip Abalone	Greenlip Abalone
TACC (kg, whole weight)	132,000	1,800
Total abalone quota units	1,200	60
Abalone unit value (kg, whole weight)	110	30
Conversion factor	0.3333	0.3333
Abalone unit value (kg, meat weight)	36.663	9.999

In addition, the following catch caps (whole weight) and minimum legal shell lengths for Blacklip Abalone will be implemented for the 2020/21 quota period to allow for the fine scale spatial management of the SZAF. Note that changes to Fishing Areas for the 2020/21 quota period have been highlighted in grey below and are consistent with the recommendations made by industry at the 3 August 2020 meeting.

Fishing Area	Location	Catch cap (tonnes)	Minimum legal length (mm)
1	Cape Jaffa	5	125
2	Nora Creina	8	125
3	Beachport	7	125
4	Rivoli Bay	10	110
5	South End	8	125
6	Number 2 Rocks	30	125
7	Admella	8	125
8	Carpenters Rocks	12	125
9	Gerloff Bay	15	110
10	Blackfellows Caves	7	125
11	Middle Point	35	120
12	Port MacDonnell	15	120
13	East Port MacDonnell	3	100

Extract certificate

You are not required to return your licence. The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) has included an updated extract certificate with this notice.

Quota unit transfers

If you wish to transfer quota units to another licence, application forms can be obtained from the PIRSA website www.pir.sa.gov.au/fisheries or by contacting PIRSA on (08) 8207 5332.

If you have any other queries in relation to the SZAF please contact Dr Annabel Jones on Annabel.Jones@sa.gov.au or (08) 8429 0165.

Yours sincerely



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