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NOTICE TO BLUE CRAB FISHERY

Information on electronic reporting for the Blue Crab Fishery

Dear Licence holder

I write to provide an update on the implementation of electronic reporting for the Blue Crab Fishery to replace the current paper-based system.

A simple electronic catch reporting system has been developed that will enable fishers to report their catch for Blue Crab 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 Blue Crab Fishery.

Fishers will now be able to report their catch by using the Commercial Fishing SA app. The app has been configured to report electronic catch disposal records (eCDRs). In addition, fishers can access eCatch through the myPIRSA portal and report their catch directly into eCatch.

Particulars about eCDR reporting have been detailed within the 'Blue Crab Fishery – Electronic Reporting Reference Guide' which will be provided to all licence holders.

Fishers are to commence reporting electronically from 19 May 2023 and will be required to dual report their catch until advised (dual reporting requires fishers to report their catch using a paper-based CDR, as well as the new electronic eCDR). This will allow for the monitoring of eCDRs to ensure the accuracy of their entry during the dual reporting period.

Fishers are to ensure when inputting details on their paper-based CDR, they hand write the electronic report reference (e.g. K01230331A) of their equivalent eCDR on the paper-based copy in the top right corner (see following image).

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CDR K 49751

**PIRSA FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE
BLUE CRAB CATCH AND DISPOSABLE RECORD**

Prior Report No.
(Marine scale only)

PART A

(To be completed on or before point of landing, prior to entering processor premises)

Licence Number:

SPENCER GULF / GULF ST VINCENT
PLEASE CIRCLE

Date of Landing:

Please find attached the updated Ministerial determination allowing for the reporting of catch by paper CDR and eCDR.

If you have any queries, please contact the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) Fisheries and Aquaculture, eCDR team on 8207 5332 or email pirsa.ebusinessfisheries@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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