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NOTICE TO FISHERS - SOUTHERN ZONE ABALONE FISHERY TACC AND MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2026/27

Dear Licence Holder

I write in relation to the Total Allowable Commercial Catches (TACCs) for the Southern Zone Abalone Fishery (SZAF) for the 2026/27 quota period.

As you are aware, a temporary closure notice has been implemented under section 79 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* prohibiting the take and possession of abalone in the SZAF until 4 March 2027. This closure has been implemented to support the rebuilding and recovery of abalone stocks following the significant depletion caused by Abalone Viral Ganglioneuritis (AVG).

Under section 11(2)(a) of the Fisheries Management (Abalone Fisheries) Regulations 2017 the Minister must nevertheless determine the kilogram value of a quota unit and conversion value for classes of abalone for the2026/27 quota period. As delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have determined the quota unit and conversion values for the commercial SZAF for the 2026/27 quota period under the Fisheries Management (Abalone Fisheries) Regulations 2017 as follows:

- 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 0.00 kg meat weight and 0.00, respectively.

  These values correspond to a TACC of 0.00 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 0.00 kg meat weight and 0.00, respectively.

  These values correspond to a TACC of 0.00 kg whole weight.

In determining the TACC and quota unit values for the 2026/27 season, I have considered the following:

1) The objects of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*
2) The impacts of AVG on abalone stock in the SZAF.

In addition, please note licence holders in the SZAF have been provided licence fee relief for 2026/27, with licence fees for 2026/27 set at zero (0).

If you have any questions in relation to the SZAF 2026/27 management arrangements, please contact Steve Shanks on email steve.shanks@sa.gov.au or telephone 8429 0197.

Yours sincerely



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