

FACT SHEET – OCTOBER 2018

Abalone

This guide provides the information you need to operate in the Abalone share class.

1. FisherMobile - quota reporting

You must report fishing activity and quota usage in real time using the FisherMobile App on a mobile device.

You must make a FisherMobile pre-fish report before leaving port or your launching place.

The FisherMobile pre-fish report requires you to report:

1. your registration number
2. the date
3. fishing business number
4. time and location of departure
5. time and location of landing
6. if you intend to fish in a 'Differential Abalone Size Zone' being waters south of the entrance to Wonboyn Lake (zones Z1 – Z5) where a minimum length of 125 mm applies to abalone

If you take Abalone, you must report the validated weight (total weight of abalone to one decimal place) using FisherMobile.

You must remain in the immediate vicinity of your landed catch until you make a FisherMobile post-land report.

You must make a FisherMobile post-land report:

1. within 30 minutes and 50m from the point of landing if you have landed Abalone
2. within 30 minutes and 50m of coming ashore if you have hung Abalone
3. before any Abalone are moved from NSW

The FisherMobile post-land report will require you to report:

1. your registration number
2. fishing business number
3. validated weight
4. landing location

2. Interim Fishing Activity Report

If the FisherMobile system is not available, you must complete an Interim Fishing Activity Report

(IFAR) using the IFAR logbook supplied for this purpose.

An IFAR must be completed and submitted in accordance with the instructions in the IFAR logbook.

You still need to submit your Catch and Effort records through FisherMobile, FisherDirect, or by completing the NSW DPI Abalone Fishery Catch and Effort Logbook.

3. Size limits

The following minimum lengths apply to Abalone:

1. 119 mm - Abalone taken north of the entrance to Wonboyn Lake
2. 125 mm - Abalone taken south of the entrance to Wonboyn Lake

4. Conditions on the practice of hanging abalone

You may only hang Abalone subject to the following:

1. the fisher must be in the process of taking Abalone
2. the fisher must remain within 500m of any Abalone that is hung
3. the position of any Abalone that has been hung is indicated by a buoy that:
 - a. is positioned above the bin(s),
 - b. is not less than 100 mm in all dimensions,
 - c. has a height above the water of not less than 50 mm,
 - d. is moored in such a way that no rope is floating on the surface of the water, and
 - e. displays your fishing business number and the letter "A", in letters of a contrasting colour not less than 50 mm in height
4. any Abalone that has been hung must be retrieved and brought onto the boat being used to take abalone before coming ashore
5. on each occasion the fisher comes ashore, all Abalone on the boat must be landed
6. the fisher must ensure that any Abalone taken must be brought ashore and landed

7. the fisher must not return any Abalone that is taken and landed, to estuarine or ocean waters for the purposes of hanging

5. National docketing system

Transported Abalone must be accompanied by a duplicate copy of the NSW DPI Abalone fishery Catch and Effort Logbook to support the National Docketing System.

Fishers may choose to complete all reporting online and not carry a logbook. A NSW DPI Abalone Disposal Record is being developed and will be made available as an alternate option. A completed copy of a disposal record must accompany transported abalone if the duplicate logbook copy is not used.

6. Nominations

You can be nominated on more than one Abalone fishing business at one time, or if you are an Abalone fishery shareholder, you can fish your business in addition to any other business you may be nominated on.

When fishing more than one business, you must use the logbook allocated to the shareholder of the business you are fishing at the time, or report against the relevant business online.

7. Existing rules

This guide provides information on some rules. You need to be aware of all of the rules that apply to your fishery.

Fisheries management legislation can be found at www.legislation.nsw.gov.au

Other information such as some endorsement conditions, fishing closures and permits can be found at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au

More information

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