

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Marine Scalefish

Marine scalefish fishery catch and disposal record/processor

Can a fisher record two days' worth of catch (if fishing trip occurs within 24 hours) on one catch and disposal record (CDR)?

Yes.

In which situation would a fisher record multiple prior to landing report numbers on a CDR?

A fisher may go two (or even three) times a day in some circumstances, before consigning any fish. The fisher will need to do a prior to landing report on each occasion. However, only needs to complete the CDR when the fish leave their possession within 24 hours/before processing/once tags are broken – whichever of these events occurs first.

Can a fisher record multiple days' worth of catch on the same CDR where it exceeds 24 hours? (e.g. three landings across three days)?

In all cases a CDR must be completed within 24 hours of landing (or before processing, leaving the fishers possession or immediately after breaking tags – whichever comes first). Multiple days of catch can be stored awaiting a truck provided CDR's have been completed.

If a CDR is emailed to the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) Leasing and Licensing will the fisher receive a confirmation?

Yes. An automatic reply from Leasing and Licensing is sent back to the sending email address upon receipt of any electronic mail.

Where are envelopes available for posting my CDRs to PIRSA?

Envelopes are available from PIRSA Leasing and Licensing and will be available from regional Fisheries Offices.

Where can I sell my quota managed fish species?

All quota managed species, as well as King George Whiting from the West Coast Fishing Zone, need to be consigned to a registered fish processor located in South Australia. A registered fish processor may be either:

- a) fish processor (full registration)
- b) a restricted fish processor held by the fisher.

A fisher may register as a restricted fish processor. A restricted fish processor may consign fish caught by themselves and sell to an unregistered fish processor who carries on a business during which aquatic resources are sold or supplied as a meal or part of a meal directly to the public (e.g., pubs, restaurants, takeaway shops). Restricted fish processors, who are also the holder of a Marine Scalefish Fishery (MSF) licence may sell the fish they catch under their MSF licence to any business or member of the public. This was implemented as part of the MSF reform arrangements. All sales or consignments of quota monitored species must be recorded in a PIRSA issued Sales and Consignment book.

Can I take home fish for personal consumption for myself or my family rather than go through a Fish Processor Registration (restricted)/FX licence?

If the fish is on the MSF permitted species list, and are not subject to quota, a fisher may take home a feed or sell direct to members of the public who will consume the fish.

Can I take home quota fish species for personal consumption?

All quota monitored species taken must be weighed, a CDR completed and then consigned to a registered fish processor located in South Australia. Fish that have been consigned to a restricted fish processor (FX) may be consumed. Quota species consigned or consumed from a restricted fish processor must be recorded on a Sales and Consignment Form. If fish have been consigned to a fish processor (FP) they would need to arrange that directly with the processor, but the entire weight must be consigned in the first instance.

Periodic returns – sales and consignment returns

Do fishers record an accurate or estimate weight on the SARDI periodic returns relating to King George Whiting, Snapper, Southern Garfish or Southern Calamari?

Fishers should be completing their periodic returns as accurately as they can, if they have accurate weights that's what should be recorded.

Am I required to submit 'nil' sales and consignment book returns for the month even if I do not make any sales or consignments?

If a fisher does not sell or consign any fish via their restricted fish processor registration during a month there is no requirement to submit a form.

Do I need to complete sales and consignment Forms if I am a full registered Fish Processor?

No. Only restricted fish processors (FX) are required to complete sales and consignment forms.

Prior to fishing and landing reports*

*Prior reporting is only required for species subject to individual transferable quota (ITQ).

What are the requirements for a prior to fishing report?

A prior to fishing report is required at least 30 minutes before commencement of fishing activity, which includes launching a vessel. For MSF shore-based fishers (i.e., who could possibly catch quota monitored species) this would mean at least 30 minutes before commencement of fishing activity.

Can I provide a prior to landing report and use a combination of estimated weight for some catch and tags for other catch?

Yes, However, this requires two separate prior to landing reports – one for estimated weight and one for bin tags. The entire catch will need to be weighed at the same time, and the CDR completed immediately upon weighing.

I don't have enough bins, or bin lids. What do I do?

Use estimated weight process.

I didn't bring enough tags. What do I do?

Use estimated weight process.

If fishing for quota species but in a non-quota zone for that species (e.g. Southern Calamari in the South East) do I need to make any prior reports?

No.

Can I fish in more than one zone in a fishing trip?

Fishing for non-quota species may occur across more than one zone. However, quota managed species can only be caught in one zone per trip.

Recording estimated weights on landing through Fishwatch and the app?

Round up or down to the nearest whole number (except zero). Decimal weights are not accepted, and the quota weight will be deducted from the accurate weight on MSF-CDR.

Impacts on other arrangements

Will spatial/temporal closures on Southern Garfish go ahead under the new quota arrangements?

The seasonal closure will no longer take place in the Gulf St Vincent and Spencer Gulf. However, the minimum haul net pocket mesh size in the Gulf St Vincent, Kangaroo Island, and Spencer Gulf fishing zones will remain at a minimum of 36 mm. In all other areas of the state, this size is 32 mm. Please refer to licence condition 14402. The minimum size limit for Garfish has changed from 25 cm to 23 cm. This information is in the [Notice to Fishers](#).

Can I temporarily transfer Individual Transferrable Quota (ITQ) between the Marine Scale Fishery and Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery?

No. Quota cannot be transferred from a Marine Scale licence to a Rock Lobster licence. This information is in your Stage 3 Information pack.

Other

Does the rule allowing nets and lines to be carried on the same vessel only apply to MSF licences or does it also apply to Sardine licences/vessels?

The sardine fishery is now a standalone fishery dedicated to taking sardines and other permitted pelagic species using a sardine net.

How has the quota allocation of snapper been applied to Southern Zone Rock lobster licences in the South East Zone?

The MSF Management Plan outlines percentage allocations for key species between sectors across the state. Eighty-one percent of the statewide Snapper catch was allocated to the commercial sector, with 1.45% attributed to the Southern Zone Rock Lobster fishery. This equates to 1.8% of the commercial allocation across the state - the bulk of which has traditionally come from the Spencer Gulf and relatively little from the South East. When looking specifically in the South East, approximately 20% of the commercial catch of Snapper there has come from the Southern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery and is reflected in the quota allocation.

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