

Abalone Compliance Workshop: 2nd November 2017

Recreational Abalone Compliance presentation.

Period: 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

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Recreational Abalone Compliance Presentation Oct 2017 Overview

Compliance statistics

- Explanation
- Whole State
- Central Zone

General observations

Apprehensions-Examples, discussions

Questions



Compliance Activity Summary



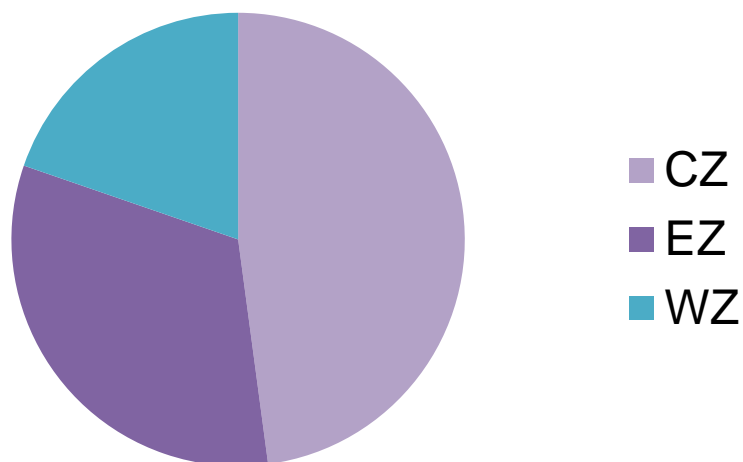
Whole of State:

- 2484 Inspections
- 811 Offenders
- 416 Verbal warnings
- 374 Official warnings
- 409 IN's
- 8 Briefs

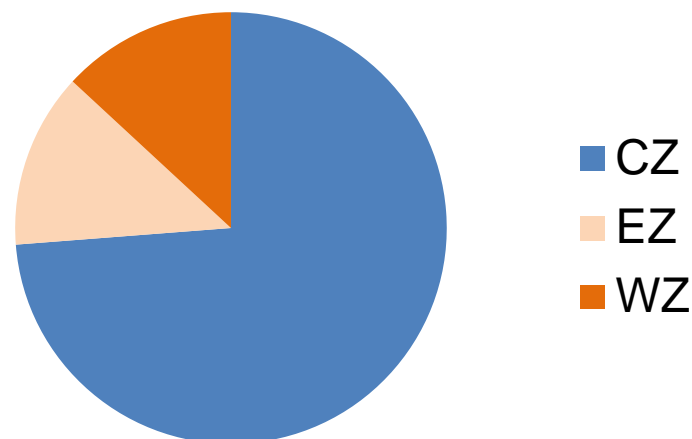


Fisheries Officer Responsibilities

Abalone Fishery Access Licences



Fisheries Officers - By Zone



Compliance Activity Summary- By zone

Western

- 257 Inspections
- 62 Offenders
- 16 Verbal warnings
- 20 Official warnings
- 32 IN's
- 2 Briefs

Central

- 2115 Inspections
- 732 Offenders
- 390 Verbal warnings
- 348 Official warnings
- 370 IN's
- 6 Briefs

Eastern

- 112 Inspections
- 17 Offenders
- 10 Verbal warnings
- 6 Official warnings
- 7 IN's
- 0 Briefs



Trends and Observations

- Lower quantities.
- Increased night activity.
- On site consuming of excess to Catch limit.



Trends and Observations

- Large quantity rec harvesting usually on non-commercial PP Bay reefs.
- Still observing guilt of mind blatant disregard for regulations on those hectic hot summer days.



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- Extraordinary effort to hide excess quantities to avoid detection.



Trends and Observations

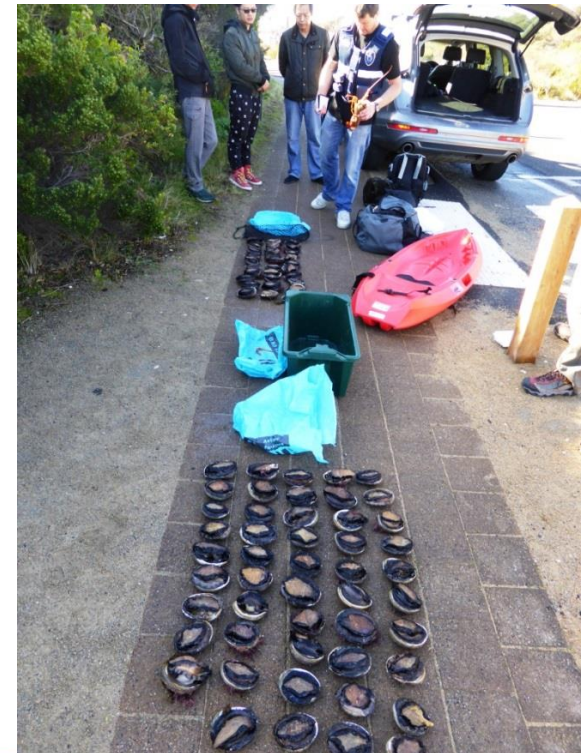
- Desperation to harvest...regardless of water skills.
- Prepared to take high risks. Several drownings/ near drownings



Repeat offender apprehension

Apprehensions:

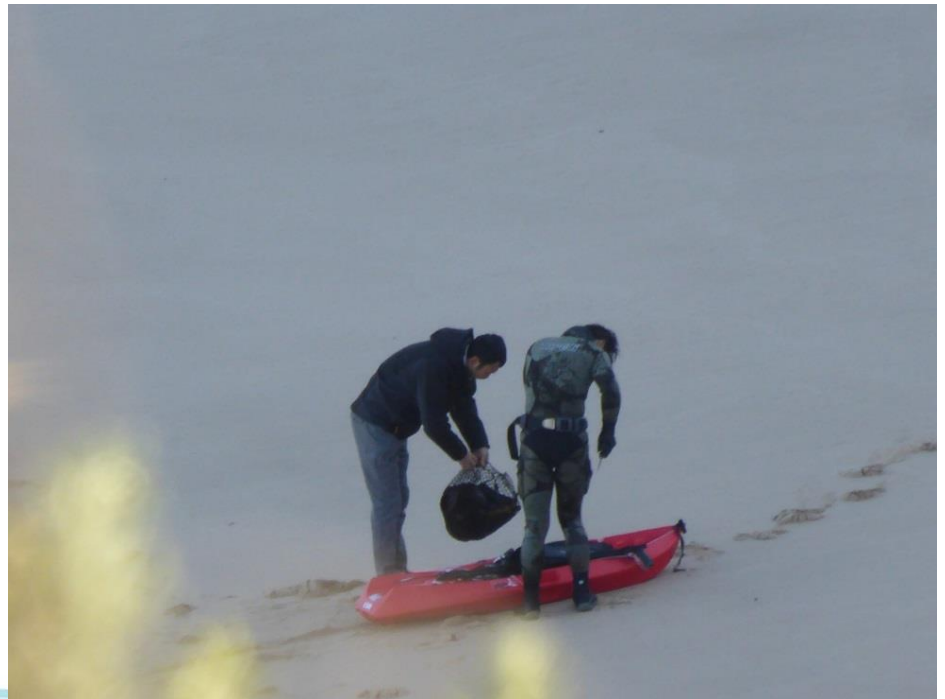
- July 2015: Sorrento report and apprehension (80 abs + 1 SRL)



Repeat offender apprehension

Court result: 3rd Dec 15: Frankston

- Principle diver: \$3000 @ convict. 2 year S.130 order. Costs. Forfeiture.
- Assistant 1: \$1000 + costs
- Assistant 2: OW



Repeat offender apprehension

On 31/12/2016 Apprehension of same person off Torquay.

In breach of S.130 order imposed in Dec 2015.

- Taking Greenlipped abalone.
- Removing from shell.
- Exceeding catch limit.
- Gave FO's False name and address details.
- Also admitted taking greenlipped abalone on 25th Dec 2016 in breach of Section 130 Order.



Repeat offender apprehension

Court result 15th Sept 17. Geelong

- \$8000 @ convict. Further 6 year S.130 order. Costs. Forfeiture of dive gear and vessel.



Compliance developments

- Enhancement of equipment
 - BWC Camera rollout.
 - PWCs- Statewide deployment
 - Recruits fully operational.



Questions

