

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PERSONS TAKING ABALONE

Title 14, Sections 1.74 and 29.16, of the California Code of Regulations require that this card be in your possession while taking abalone and that you record your catch and tag each abalone taken in accordance with these instructions.

1. Use a ball point pen with indelible ink to record each abalone you take. Use one line and one tag for each abalone.
2. Use tags in sequential order. Do not remove abalone tags from the report card until immediately prior to affixing to an abalone. Any tags detached from the report card and not affixed to an abalone shall be considered used and therefore invalid.
3. Immediately upon exiting the water or immediately upon boarding a vessel, whichever occurs first, fill in the month, day, time of catch, and fishing location on the abalone tag, remove and completely detach the tag from the card, and affix it to the shell of the abalone. A vessel is defined as any watercraft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water (reference Section 9840(a) CVC).
Exception: Cardholders who dive from a non-motorized watercraft such as a kayak that is in the water may wait until immediately after disembarking from the non-motorized watercraft to tag and record any abalone in possession, but shall not transfer any abalone from his or her immediate possession unless they are first tagged and recorded on the report card.
4. Cardholders shall not wait to return to their vehicle, beach site or other location to tag any abalone in possession.
5. Fasten the tag securely to the shell of the abalone. To affix the tag, a "zip tie", string, line or other suitable material shall be passed through a siphon hole on the abalone shell and through the tag at the location specified on the abalone tag.
6. Immediately upon tagging all abalone in possession, the cardholder shall record the month, day, time of catch, and fishing location in the appropriate spaces on the numbered line on the Abalone Report Card which corresponds to the number on the tag attached to the abalone.