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# Fisheries (Electronic Reporting of Returns) Circular 2019

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## Issuing Authority

This circular is issued pursuant to regulation 47 of the Fisheries (Reporting) Regulations 2017 and having undertaken consultation in accordance with regulation 47(2) of those Regulations.

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## Introduction

*This introduction is not part of the circular itself, but provides the background and broad purpose of the circular.*

The Fisheries (Reporting) Regulations 2017 set new requirements for commercial fishers to provide the Chief Executive of the Ministry for Primary Industries with reports and returns electronically.

This circular provides the requirements to be met by commercial fishers and licensed fish receivers that are required to complete electronic monthly harvest returns and licensed fish receiver returns.

This circular comes into force on 01 December 2019 and revokes and replaces the Fisheries (Monthly Harvest Returns) Circular 2017, which came into force on 1 October 2017.

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## 1 Title

This circular is the Fisheries (Electronic Reporting of Returns) Circular 2019.

## 2 Commencement

This circular comes into force on 01 December 2019.

## 3 Purpose

The purpose of this circular is to set out the manner and form in which monthly harvest returns and licensed fish receiver returns must be provided to MPI under the Fisheries (Reporting) Regulations 2017 (**the Regulations**).

## 4 Application

This circular applies to all persons required to provide either:

- (a) a monthly harvest return (being those persons described in regulation 13 of the Regulations); and/or
- (b) a licensed fish receiver return .

## 5 Provision of returns electronically

- (1) Once completed, the monthly harvest return must be provided to the chief executive by way of submission to FishServe in accordance with the FishServe *Guide to submitting a monthly harvest return* (which can be found at <https://fishserve.co.nz/information/quick-guides>)

Once completed, the licensed fish receiver return must be provided to the chief executive by way of submission to FishServe in accordance with the FishServe *Guide to submitting a licensed fish receiver return* (which can be found at <https://fishserve.co.nz/information/quick-guides>)

## 6 Revocation

The Fisheries (Monthly Harvest Returns) Circular 2017 (issued on 1 October 2017) is revoked.