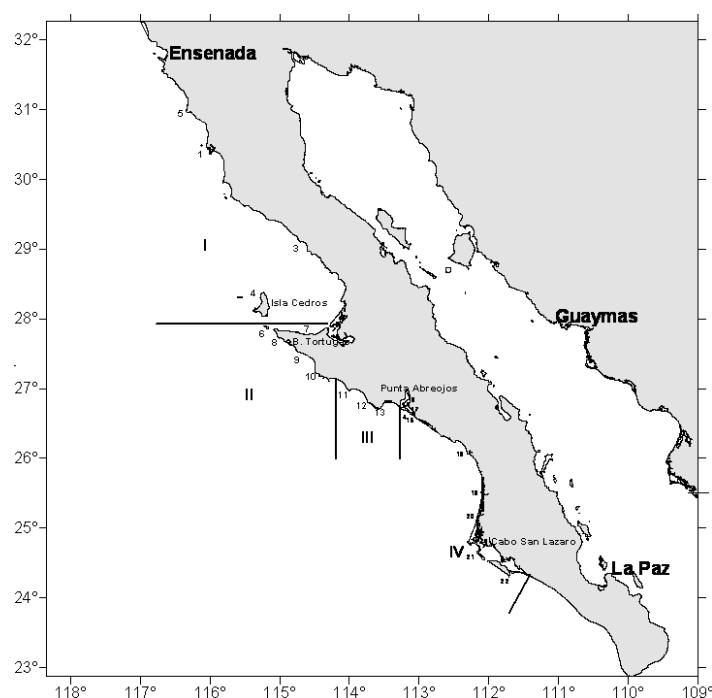


## Mexican fisheries authority changed abalone fishing season

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On July 7, 2021, SADER /CONAPESCA (Agricultural Secretariat and Fisheries Commission), based on studies conducted by INAPESCA (National Fisheries Institute), published a change on the abalone fishing season, that was not updated since 1994. New fishing seasons depends on the zonification of abalone fisheries in the Baja California's Pacific Coast. For instance, Zone I starts at the USA/Mexico border Baja California (B.C.) ending southbound at Punta Malarrimo, Baja California Sur (B.C.S.) (Guerrero Negro Lagoon), while Zone IV starts at Punta Holcomb (San Ignacio Lagoon) ending southbound at Bahia Magdalena Lagoon near La Paz (see figure). The seasons were moved forward for about one month. New fishing season starts on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on 31<sup>st</sup> July for zone I, from February 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> for zones II and III and from March 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> for zone IV.

The fisheries status is reported as deteriorated, due partially to adverse oceanographic conditions. This fishery is conducted by 248 fishing units (vessels) organized in several cooperatives and fishers organizations in B.C. and B.C.S. Last reported official catches are from 2017 with B.C. fishing 86 MT and B.C.S. fishing 159 MT, totaling 245 MT. It is important to note that reported amounts are for meat only, so total weight is higher.



Zones of Mexican abalone fishery (INAPESCA, 2006)

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