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Department:
Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Minister of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries
Minister S. Zokwana, MP

Reference: AP/DRAGONFISH FISHERMAN CC

REPORT IN TERMS OF REGULATION 5(3) OF THE REGULATIONS PROMULGATED UNDER THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT No. 18 OF 1998): APPEAL IN TERMS OF SECTION 80 OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT No. 18 OF 1998) ON THE APPEAL LODGED BY –

DRAGONFISH FISHERMAN CC
SECTOR: DEMERSAL SHARK
APPLICATION NUMBER: DMS 130147

1. Purpose

To submit a report as provided for in terms of Regulation 5(3) of the Regulations promulgated under the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998) (“the MLRA”), with regard to an appeal by Dragonfish Fisherman CC (“the Appellant”).

2. Introduction

- 2.1 The appellant is a new entrant applicant whose application was refused on the basis that its application was “too weak” to justify the allocation of a Demersal Shark right.
- 2.2 The appellant was scored a total of 37.50%. The Acting DDG had decided that new entrant applicants that had scored 50% and more would be granted a fishing right in this fishery. The reason for the refusal of the Appellant’s

application was because its application was comparatively too weak to justify the allocation of a right.

- 2.3 The Appellant nominated a lobster vessel which is not geared for Demersal long line fishing. The catching agreement in the application form refers to Tuna Pole fishing not Demersal Shark. Thus, the Appellant had failed to demonstrate access to a suitable Demersal Shark vessel.
- 2.4 The appellant duly filed its appeal on 21 February 2014. The Appellant had not elected to file a supplementary appeal by 31 July 2015.

3. Grounds of Appeal

- 3.1 The Appellant's raises scoring for vessel as a ground, however there are no points allocated for scoring a vessel in Demersal Shark.
- 3.2 In addition, the Appellant failed to demonstrate access to or even nominate a suitable Demersal Shark fishing vessel.
- 3.3 The requirement to demonstrate a right of access to a suitable vessel for this fishery is an exclusionary requirement where failure to satisfy this essential requirement results in the application being excluded.

4. Recommendation

Having had regard to the Appellant's appeal, it is recommended that the Minister **rejects** the Appellant's appeal.




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Fisheries Management

DATE: 9/9/15

Decision by Minister: Recommendation Accepted / Recommendation Rejected


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