

SECTION C

Sector Specific
Permit Conditions:

Hake Handline Fishery

These permit Conditions must be read with the applicable Fishing Permit Conditions For: Hake; Sole; Horse Mackerel and Demersal Shark Sectors ("SECTION B") for 2014.

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1. APPLICABLE POLICIES AND PERMIT CONDITIONS

- 1.1. This permit is issued subject to the further provisions of the Policy for the Allocation of Commercial Fishing Rights in the Hake Handline Fishery: 2005.
- 1.2. These permit Conditions must be read with the applicable Fishing Permit Conditions For: Hake; Sole; Horse Mackerel and Demersal Shark Sectors ("SECTION B") for 2014.

2. FISHING AND RESTRICTED AREAS

- 2.1 This permit is valid only in South African waters (excluding tidal lagoons, tidal rivers and estuaries).
- 2.2 The Permit Holder shall only target hake from Cape Infanta to Port Alfred being the area bounded by an imaginary line drawn due south from the light house at Cape Infanta and an imaginary line due south from the Great Fish Point.
- 2.3 No fishing vessel shall enter the following Marine Protected Areas, De Hoop, Robberg, Tsitsikamma, Sardinia Bay. Fishing in other marine areas controlled by the South African National Parks is subject to regulations promulgated under the National Parks Act, 1976 (Act. No 57 of 1976) as amended.
- 2.4 The Permit Holder may target snoek in the area bounded by Port Nolloth and an imaginary line due south from Cape Recife.
- 2.5 The Permit Holder or any of his/her or its employees or agents shall not undertake fishing, or take or destroy any fauna or flora, or in any way disturb alter or destroy the natural environment, or carry on any activity which may adversely impact on the ecosystems in Marine Protected Areas except where so permitted by the Minister in writing.

- 2.6 No commercial hake handline vessels may enter any Marine Protected Areas unless authorised to do so.
- 2.7 In cases of emergency, the Permit Holder must obtain written authorisation before the fishing vessel enters or intends to enter into a Marine Protected Area or any other area closed for fishing. The request must clearly set out the nature of the emergency and motivate why the request should be granted. Such request shall be sent via e-mail to: daffops@daff.gov.za or faxed to: 021 425 6497.

3. **EFFORT LIMITATIONS AND GEAR RESTRICTIONS**

- 3.1. The number of crew as stipulated in section A ("the permit") of the permit shall not be exceeded. For this purpose, "crew" includes any person on board such vessel.
- 3.2. The use of any line or connected lines or fishing gear to which a total of more than 10 fishing hooks is attached is prohibited.
- 3.3. No fishing hooks, fishing line or plastics may be discarded. All fishing hooks must be removed from offal. All fishing hooks must be removed from discards before the offal is dumped, save where the removal of hooks from live discards (e.g. sharks) may endanger the safety of the crew or be detrimental to the survival of the animal.
- 3.4. Fishing gear lost at sea must be documented and the navigational position of the lost gear recorded in the Fishing logbook provided by the Department.

4. CATCH CONTROLS AND LIMITATIONS

- 4.1. In addition to limiting the catching of hake within the area Cape Infanta to Port Alfred, the Permit Holder shall not retain any other species as listed in Table 1 when targeting snoek.
- 4.2. No other Rights and/or permits may therefore be activated simultaneously on the vessel.
- 4.3. The Permit Holder shall at a future date to be announced by the Department, only man his vessel with crew that has been registered on the Fisheries Crew Register. Each crew member should be in possession of a valid crew identification card. Once this is in effect, the Department will notify all right holders.
- 4.4. The Permit Holder or in the case of a close corporation, a duly authorised representative, must be on board the nominated vessel during fishing operations. Written permission must be obtained from the Chief Director: Marine Resource Management to deviate from this permit condition.
- 4.5. The Permit Holder shall only undertake fishing of the species set out in Table 1 to the permit and subject to the restrictions such as bag, size and mass limits, area restrictions and closed seasons stipulated therein.

TABLE 1: Species that the permit holder may catch, be in possession of or sell				
COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	MINIMUM SIZE/ MASS	BAG LIMITS	CLOSED SEASON
Anchovies	Family Engraulidae	None	Unlimited	
Carpenter (silverfish)	<i>Argyrozona argyrozona</i>	35 cm	4	
Chub mackerel	<i>Scomber japonicus</i>	None	Unlimited	
Garfishes	Family Belonidae	None	Unlimited	
Hake (stockfish)	<i>Merluccius capensis</i> & <i>M. paradoxus</i>	None	Unlimited	
Halfbeaks	Family Hemiramphidae	None	Unlimited	
Horse mackerel / maasbanker	<i>Trachurus trachurus</i> <i>capensis</i>	None	Unlimited	
Kingklip	<i>Genypterus capensis</i>	None	1	
Kob	<i>Argyrosomus</i> spp.	50 cm	5 but may only land or be in possession of one kob > 110 cm per day	
Mullets / harders	Family Mugilidae	None	50	
Sardines (pilchard & red- eye)	Family Clupeidae	None	Unlimited	
Sauries	Family Scomberesocidae	None	Unlimited	
Scads	<i>Decapterus</i> spp.	None	Unlimited	
Snoek (Cape snoek)	<i>Thyrsites atun</i>	60 cm	Unlimited	
Squid (Chokka)	<i>Loligo vulgaris</i> <i>reynaudii</i>	None	20	19 October to 23 November

- 4.6. No other species of fish shall be retained by the Permit Holder. In the event of the Permit Holder catching any fish which shall not be landed or possessed, he or she or it must return such fish to the sea immediately, irrespective if it is dead or alive.

- 4.7. Whilst operating in terms of the provisions of this permit, the Permit Holder or any of his or her or its employees or agents shall not activate the right afforded to him/her or it in terms of any other permit including recreational fishing permits.
- 4.8. The Permit Holder shall not on any one day exceed or be in possession of more than the stipulated bag limits. Therefore daily bag limits shall not be accumulated over the duration of a trip, thus for all practical purposes daily bag limits are also trip limits.

5. HANDLING OF OVER/UNDER CATCHES AND PROHIBITED SPECIES

- 5.1. The Department will confiscate the unauthorised fish, gear, equipment or vehicles, as the case may be.

6. LANDING OF FISH

- 6.1. The Permit Holder must inform the local Fishery Control Officer (Table 2) in writing by fax or email at least 24 hours prior to the intended time of landing, and in event of not immediate offloading, one (1) hour prior to the vessel berthing in order to get the vessels holds sealed

TABLE 2: Hake Handline Landing Sites

<u>LANDING SITES: COMMERCIAL HAKE HANDLINE PERMIT HOLDERS</u>		
<u>PERMIT HOLDERS</u>		
<u>SOUTH COAST COMPLIANCE DIVISION</u>		
AREA	ADDRESS	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
Stilbaai	The slipway at Stilbaai harbour	Mr. C. Jones
Gouritz Mouth	Gouritz River Slipway	082 829 3924
Duivenhoks River	Die Puntjie	
Witsands	Breede River slipway (Kraaltjie)	
<u>LANDING SITES: COMMERCIAL HAKE HANDLINE</u>		
<u>PERMIT HOLDERS</u>		
<u>EAST COAST COMPLIANCE DIVISION</u>		
AREA	ADDRESS	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
Port Elizabeth	Port Elizabeth harbour	Mr D. Mostert
Swartkops River	Tiger Bay and Amsterdamhoek	041 585 4051
Noordhoek Ski Club	Marine Drive, Port Elizabeth	082 771 8906
Jeffreys Bay	Jeffreys Bay, Main Beach	Mr. M Maziko
Port St Francis	St Francis Bay harbour	084 607 1783
Port Alfred	Kowie River and Port Small Boat harbour, Halyard hotel	Mr. L Nodwala
Kenton-on-sea	Middle Beach	043 722 2091
Boknes	The public slipway at Boknes and Hamburg	082 829 3907
Plettenberg Bay	Plettenberg Bay central beach	Ms. H. October
Knysna	Knysna Angling Club, waterfront Drive, Knysna	044 382 1469
Kaaimans	Wildernis	084 404 6483
Mossel Bay	Mossel Bay harbour	Ms. T.G. Fono
		044 691 0096
		083 663 9155

- 6.2. Catches may only be landed at approved landing points within the zone of operation and the entire catch (including all by-catch) shall be discharged at one landing point (Table 2).
- 6.3. The Permit Holder shall ensure that all fish (including by-catch) is discharged from the vessel in accordance with the reasonable instructions of the Fishery Control Officer.
- 6.4. All fish that are landed must have head and tail intact such that it can be established whether the fish conforms to the minimum size and / or mass, provided that those listed below may be gutted.
- 6.5. The size of the fish shall be measured in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the extreme end of the tail.

7. SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION


- 7.1. The Permit Holder shall submit catch returns shall be recorded in the Commercial Linefish Catch Return ("**the Blue Book**") issued for such purpose.
- 7.2. A **Landing Declaration Sheet** must be completed when the catch is landed. The Landing Declaration Sheet must be signed by the Right Holder (or authorised representative).
- 7.3. The Landing Declaration Sheet must state to which factory/processor the catch is to be delivered, and if it is split, the landing sheet must be endorsed to this effect.
- 7.4. The Permit Holder shall render statistics as required in the Blue Book for commercial Linefish catch returns before the 15th of each month in respect of the previous month fished. If the Permit Holder has not fished for a particular month then a nil catch return must also be submitted accordingly to the Department before the 15th of each month in respect of the previous month not fished. The Permit Holder must complete one catch

return sheet, a landing declaration sheet and deliver it, still attached to the Blue Book by hand to the regional Fisheries office. Certification and receipt of delivery will be confirmed by the copy of the catch statistics in the Blue Book being stamped, dated and signed by an official of Fisheries, or such catch returns may alternatively be hand delivered to, **The Customer Services Centre, Ground Floor, Foretrust Building**) or posted by registered mail (**Hake HandLine Catch Statistics, Private Bag X2, Rogge Bay, Foreshore, Cape Town, Attention: Linefish Section**).

7.5. The Permit Holder shall retain the duplicate copies of the above sheets for a minimum of 24 (twenty-four) months.

7.6. Should the Permit Holder fail to timeously submit the above information or submit false or incorrect information, the Department will implement proceedings under section 28 of the MLRA. In addition, the Department reserves the right not to re-issue a permit under section 13 of the MLRA for the following year until such time as the required information has been receipted, verified and processed.

7.7. The Permit Holder shall provide, on request, any economic, socio economic or financial information in the format as requested by the Department.

SIGNATURE: 

DIRECTOR: OFFSHORE & HIGH SEAS FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

DATE: 19 3 -12- 2013

