

PUBLIC NOTICE:

31 January 2017

FINAL LIST OF FISHING RIGHTS ALLOCATION PROCESS 2015/16 FOR THE SAWEED FISHERY

Cape Town: Wednesday; 25 January 2017: The Delegated Authority to the Fishing Rights Allocation Process (FRAP) of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (the Delegated Authority) has concluded the allocation of fishing rights, concession areas and resource groups in the Seaweed fishery. The rights allocated in this fishery are for a period of 15 years.

The addendum to the General Published Reasons for the decision on the allocation of 2015/16 Fishing Rights and final decision lists in the Seaweed fishery is available on the Department's website and will be displayed along the coast in all Departmental Compliance Offices.

It is expected that the successful applicants will immediately start with the process of submitting their permit applications in this fishery, for the 2017/2018 fishing season at the Department's Customer Service Centre (Ground floor, Foretrust Building, Martin Hammerschlag Way, Foreshore, Cape Town; Tel: 021 402 3180) or any other designated Departmental office. No harvesting and transporting of Seaweed for the 2017/2018 fishing season will be allowed without valid permits.

The appeals period for this fishery commenced on Thursday, 26 January 2017, and will close on Friday, 21 April 2017 at 16H00. All appeals must be received by the Department not later than 16H00, Friday, 21 April 2017. Appeals in this fishery must only be submitted via email and only in PDF format а to FRAP2015appeals@daff.gov.za.

All applicants who wish to submit appeals against the decision of the Delegated Authority are advised to download the relevant appeal form(s) on the Departmental website: www.daff.gov.za. NOTE: APPLICANTS are advised that the values printed on the scoresheet for the Exclusionary Criteria "C" (Essential Requirements) and "D" (Improperly Lodged) are the outcome of the evaluation. If an 'N' is printed, it means the applicant was not excluded on that question. In cases where there is a "Y", the applicant would have been excluded on that criterion.

The Minister may make provision for the hearing of oral submissions where considered necessary and appropriate. The appeal must be marked as follows:

SEAWEED FISHERY APPEAL

APPELLANT'S FULL NAME AS IT APPEARS ON THE APPLICATION FORM APPELLANT'S SEAWEED APPLICATION NUMBER

Appellants **SHALL** set out all the relevant facts as well as the grounds of appeal and shall be accompanied by any relevant document. All documentation appended to the appeal must be certified by a Commissioner of Oaths as being **a true copy of the original**. The Delegated Authority has decided to make available to all applicants in this fishery the application forms and scoresheets of other applicants in the manner prescribed below:

1. The scoresheets for all other applicants in this fishery.

The scoresheets will be made available on www.daff.gov.za and through the Fishery Control Offices along the coast. PDF versions of the scoresheets will be emailed on request from the appellants.

2. Access to the application forms of applicants for fishing rights. Viewing of the FRAP 2015/16 application forms will only be provided at Foretrust Building, Martin Hammerschlag Way, Foreshore, Cape Town during the normal working hours. To view the FRAP 2015/16 applications, applicants are requested to contact Mr Msimelelo Mdledle and/or Ms Natasha Philander at MsimeleloM@daff.gov.za and/or NatashaP@daff.gov.za to book a date and time.

The Department will refuse access to the record of a third party in certain circumstances particularly if the record contains financial, commercial and technical information which if disclosed is likely to cause harm to the commercial or financial interests of the third party and disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the third party in contractual or other negotiations. Furthermore, the Department will refuse access to confidential information of third party specifically where such information could reasonably be expected to prejudice the future supply of similar information.

Viewing of application forms will commence on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>31 January 2017</u> until <u>Thursday</u>, <u>13 April 2017</u>. The Department will not extend the closing date for the submission of appeals in this fishery.

For all FRAP Enquiries

The Call Centre number is 021 402 3727 (FRAP)

An anonymous tip-off line has been set up to deter fraudulent and unethical practices, the tip-off line is 0800 203 785