# SECTION B

# FISHING PERMIT CONDITIONS FOR: HAKE; SOLE; HORSE MACKEREL AND DEMERSAL SHARK

Fishing season: 2025

These permit Conditions must be read with applicable sector specific permit conditions ("SECTION C") for 2025.

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### 1. APPLICABLE ACTS, POLICIES, DELEGATIONS AND PERMIT CONDITIONS

- 1.1. This permit is issued subject to the provisions and regulations of the following laws (as amended where applicable). These laws include, but are not limited to:
- 1.1.1 The Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998) ("MLRA") and regulations promulgated thereunder;
- 1.1.2 The National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998) (NEMA), and regulations promulgated thereunder;
- 1.1.3 The National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004) (NEMBA) and regulations promulgated thereunder;
- 1.1.4 The National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003) (NEMPA) and regulations promulgated thereunder;
- 1.1.5 The National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act, 2008 (Act No.24 of 2008)

  (NEMA: ICMA) and regulations promulgated thereunder;
- 1.1.6 The Sea Birds and Seals Protection Act, 1973 (Act No. 46 of 1973) (SBSPA) and regulations promulgated thereunder:
- 1.1.7 The Firearms Controls Act, 2000 (Act No. 60 of 2000) (FACA) and regulations promulgated thereunder;
- 1.1.8 The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships Act, 1986 (Act No. 2 of 1986) (ICPPSA) and regulations promulgated thereunder;
- 1.1.9 South African Maritime Safety Authority Act, 1998 (Act 5 of 1998) (SAMSAA) and regulations promulgated thereunder;
- 1.1.10 Ships Registration Act, 1998 (Act No. 58 of 1998 and regulations promulgated thereunder;

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- 1.1.11 The Animals Protection Act, 1962 (Act No. 71 of 1962) and the Regulations promulgated thereunder;
- 1.1.12 The Standards Act, 2008 (Act No. 8 of 2008) and the Regulations promulgated thereunder;
- 1.1.13 The National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications Act. 2008 (Act No. 5 of 2008) and the Regulations promulgated thereunder;
- 1.1.14 National Ports Authority Act, 2005 (Act No. 12 of 2005) and the Regulations promulgated thereunder;
- 1.1.15 The Merchant Shipping Act, 1951 (Act 57 of 1951) and the Regulations promulgated thereunder; and
- 1.1.16 The Companies Act, 2008 (Act No. 71 of 2008) and the Regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 1.2 This permit is issued subject to the further provisions of the following policies:
- 1.2.1 General Policy on the Allocation and Management of Commercial Fishing Rights: 2021; and
- 1.2.2 The Policy for the Transfer of Commercial Fishing Rights: 2009.
- 1.3 The Director: Offshore & High Seas Fisheries Management shall be entitled to amend these permit
- 1.4 Any reference to the Permit Holder in these permit conditions includes the entity or person in whose name the commercial fishing right is allocated to ("the Right Holder") by the Minister or the delegated authority.
- 1.5 Any reference to the Department in these permit conditions means the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.
- These permit conditions must be read with the applicable Sector Specific Fishing Permit Conditions for:
  Hake Deep-Sea Trawl; Hake/Sole Inshore Trawl; Hake Longline (South Coast-Inshore, South Coast-Offshore & West Coast); Hake Handline; Hake/Horse Mackerel; Horse Mackerel and Demersal Shark ("SECTION C") for 2025.



### 2. VALIDITY OF PERMIT

- 2.1. This permit shall be valid for the period indicated in Section A ("the permit").
- 2.2. This permit shall automatically expire and be invalid if one or more of the following occur:
- 2.2.1 the right and/or permit be cancelled, revoked or suspended in terms of Section 28 of the MLRA;
- 2.2.2 the quantum of fish allocated to the Permit Holder (as specified in Section A) be caught; or
- 2.2.3 the precautionary catch limit for any bycatch species allocated to either the Permit Holder or the fishing sector be caught, or
- 2.2.4 The effort allocated to either the Permit Holder or the fishing sector be utilized and
- 2.2.5 the fishing season be terminated or end.

### 3. FISHING AND RESTRICTED AREAS

- 3.1. This permit is valid only in South African waters (excluding tidal lagoons, tidal rivers and estuaries), closed areas and marine protected areas as stipulated in Chapter 3 of MLRA Regulations.
- 3.2. No fishing shall take place within False Bay, north of a straight line drawn from the lighthouse at Cape Hangklip to the lighthouse at Cape Point.
- 3.3. No fishing shall take place in the Marine Protected Areas as proclaimed in the Government Gazette No. 42478 dated 23 May 2019.

### 4. NOTIFICATIONS

4.1. The Permit Holder shall inform the relevant Fishery Control Officer (FCO) and/or Marine Resources Monitors (see Table 1 below for FCOs and Annexure A for Marine Resources Monitors' contact details) in

writing (by email and/or by phone, WhatsApp or send a short message service (SMS) of the following at least 2 hours prior to landing and 24 hours prior to the time of discharge of the vessel in port. The following information must be contained in the notification:

- 4.1.1. the vessel details (name of vessel);
- 4.1.2. On behalf of which Permit Holder(s) the catch is to be allocated/apportioned. Note that the apportionment of a landing among Right Holders can be adjusted retrospectively to balance catches to allocations. Such changes shall be made in writing and submitted to the Department, clearly marked *Quota Reconciliation*;
- 4.1.3. the estimated total catch (all species combined) onboard, as well as the estimated catch of:

  hake, horse mackerel, sharks, monk and kingklip, together with restricted species such as oreo
  dories, orange roughy and alfonsino.
- 4.1.4. any dead protected or prohibited species or excess by-catch as specified in relevant Section C,
- 4.1.5. the estimated time of arrival of the vessel ("ETA");
- 4.1.6. the port of arrival;
- 4.1.7. the intended time of discharge of the fish and/or fish products; and
- 4.1.8. confirmation of product left onboard from FCO should the vessel not be fully discharged.
- 4.2 Sealing of vessels
- 4.2.1 In the event of the vessel needing to berth for a deemed emergency, the Permit Holder shall inform the FCO at least 1 hour prior to the vessel berthing.
  - 4.2.2 All holds on vessels must allow FCO's to seal such holds.
  - 4.2.3 FCO's must seal holds upon the berthing of vessels.



- 4.2.4 All fish shall be discharged in the presence of a FCO or Harbour Resource Monitor.
- 4.2.5 The seal(s) may only be broken prior the discharge of the vessel by the FCO or Harbour Resource Monitor.
- 4.3 In the event of a vessel needing to berth for a deemed emergency:
  - 4.3.1 The Permit Holder shall inform the FCO at least 1 hour prior to the vessel berthing.
  - 4.3.2 All holds on vessels must allow for FCO's to seal such holds should the FCO be required to do so in the performance of his/her duties.
  - 4.3.3 No Permit Holder shall discharge fish without written permission from the Department.
  - 4.4 Fishing gear lost and/or retrieved at sea must be documented using the activity period information (as if it was a fishing event) and the activity code used as per the logbook instructions. The navigational position of the lost and/or retrieved gear must be recorded, but all other possible activity period information should also be provided.



Table 1: Designated landing sites for the landing of catches made by Permit Holders and contact details of FCOs.

DESIGNATED LANDING SITES	ADDRESSES OF FCO OFFICES	FCO OFFICE DETAILS
Cape Town Harbour	Fisheries, Foretrust Building, Cape	Tel: 021-402 <mark>3430/3361</mark>
A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR	Town	Fax: 021-40 <mark>23367</mark>
		Cell: 0733232364
		E-mail: BMamaila@dffe.gov.za
Hout Bay Harbour	Harbour Road, Fisheries Office	Cell: 0828293918
	Hout Bay	E-mail: MSylvester@dffe.gov.za
Mossel Bay Harbour	82 Marsh Street, Old Shoprite	Fax: 0446911617
	Building, Mossel Bay, 6500 (Next	Cell: 0664711400
	to Department of Labor)	E mails I October Odffe say 70
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Plettenberg Bay Harbour	De Mar Building, Main Road,	Cell: 0664711479
	Knysna	E-mail: ZMvelakubi@dffe.gov.za
A	6571	T-1, 040,0004757
Cape St F <mark>rancis Harb</mark> our	St Francis Harbour, Cape St	Tel: 042-2931 <mark>757</mark>
	Francis	Fax: 042-29329 <mark>68</mark>
		Cell: 0846071783
		E-mail: MtMaziko@dffe.gov.za
Port No <mark>lloth (in ca</mark> se of	A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR	Tel: 027-8518363
emerg <mark>ency</mark> )	/ 4 3	Cell: 0615443934
		E-mail: ZDasi@dffe.gov.za
Saldan <mark>ha Bay Har</mark> bour	President Street, Saldanha Bay	Tel: 022-714 1710
	Harbour	Fax: 022-714 3997
		Cell: 082-771 8910
		E-mail: WTheron@dffe.gov.za
St Helen <mark>a Bay Harbo</mark> ur	Sandy Point Harbour, St Helena	Tel: 022-7361188/1125/1188
	Bay	Fax: 022-7361530
		Cell: 0787147422
		E-mail: WBasson@dffe.gov.za
Gansbaai Harbour	Gansbaai Harbour	Tel: 028-3840321
		Fax: 028-3841546
		Cell: 0826454795
		E-mail: PMersna@dffe.gov.za
Gqeberha Harbour	21 Stanley Street, Central	Tel: 041-5864051
	Gqeberha	Fax: 041-5850385
	AATU.	Cell: 0664711593
		E-mail: DMostert@dffe.gov.za



### 5. EFFORT LIMITATIONS AND GEAR RESTRICTIONS

- 5.1. The Department has developed, in consultation with the Recognised Industrial Bodies (paragraph 12.2) a set of criteria and/or rules for the purposes of:
  - 5.1.1. limiting effort and/or the prevention of the development of over capacity; and
  - 5.1.2. matching a Right Holder's available effort capacity to its allocation, or, in the case of joint ventures and/or catching agreements, matching the vessels capacity to the catch limit allocated to it.
- The sector specific requirements in respect of effort limitations and gear restrictions are set out in Section C of the permit conditions.
- For TAC managed fishing sectors, when submitting applications for a Permit to undertake commercial fishing, Permit Holders shall submit a copy of the fishing plan required under Section C together with the application. The fishing plan is not applicable to the Hake Longline sector, vessel capacity model is managed by the Department.
- 5.4 Foreign-flagged vessels may not be utilized.
- The Permit Holder shall take cognisance of sustainable fishing practices and of the impacts of its fishing method on the ecosystem. In this regard steps shall be taken to minimise seabird mortality; to minimise damage to the seabed; and to minimise the incidental mortality of non-commercial species.

### 6. VESSELS SPECIFICATIONS

- 6.1. The applicable letter for each specific sector shall be displayed on the vessel next to the area number at all times. The following sectors are required to display the following letters:
  - 6.1.1. Hake Deep-Sea Trawl D;
  - 6.1.2. Hake/Sole Inshore Trawl I;

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- 6.1.3. Horse Mackerel E;
- 6.1.4. Hake Longline (West and South Coast) L;
- 6.1.5. Hake/Horse Mackerel Fishery D;
- 6.1.6. Hake Handline HH;
- 6.1.7. Demersal Shark Longline- L
- 6.1.8. Small pelagic/Horse mackerel-P
- 6.1.9. Fish Processing Establishment-F
- 6.2. The Permit Holder shall not use any fishing vessel unless it bears the registration letters and numbers assigned thereto by the Director-General. Such letters and numbers shall be painted or displayed in accordance with Section 23(2)(a)(i) of the Ship Registration Act, 1998 (Act No. 58 of 1998) in uppercase in white on a black background or in black on a white background on both bows in characters not less than 15 cm in height, 10 cm in breadth (figure "1" excepted) and 2 cm in thickness (width of stroke). The space between adjacent letters and figures shall be between 2 cm and 5 cm.
- 6.3. Radio call signs shall be clearly visible and displayed as stipulated in terms of regulation 78 promulgated under the MLRA.

### 7. VESSEL MONITORING SYSTEM (VMS)

7.1. The Permit Holder's nominated fishing vessel/s shall be fitted with functional vessel monitoring system ("VMS") approved by the Department.



- 7.2. The Permit Holder and or Vessel Owner and or Vessel Skipper shall ensure that the VMS is fully operational, and that the VMS continues to transmit to the Department's Operations Room prior sailing and throughout whilst at sea.
- 7.3. The Permit Holder and or Vessel Owner and or Vessel Skipper shall establish and ensure that the VMS is functional by contacting the Operations Room at Branch: Fisheries Management on telephone numbers (021) 402 3076 or (021) 402 3077, and/or via e-mail: (VMSops@dffe.gov.za) prior to sailing.
- 7.4. The Permit Holder and or Vessel Owner and or Vessel Skipper shall notify the Departmental Operations Room prior to sailing as per clause 7.6 or submit a list of vessels sailing for the forthcoming week to Operations Room by email (VMSops@dffe.gov.za) by no later than the Thursday of the week prior. The operating hours are from 08h00am to 15h00pm in the office and can be contacted via telephones, cellphones and email; and from 15h00pm to 11h00pm from home and can only be contacted via cellphones and email, and on weekends and public holidays from 10h00 to 16h00 on cellphone numbers: 0832740712, 0664711336 and 0832654593.
- 7.4 Whilst at sea, the VMS shall report continuously and uninterruptedly to the Operations Room. Should the power supply to the VMS be interrupted or the equipment become dysfunctional (as a result of any unintentional cause) and the problem persists, the vessel shall return to port within twenty-four hours of being informed of the problem:
- 7.4.1 The Permit Holder and or Vessel Skipper shall provide report of the vessel position on 3 hourly basis, and the reporting of the vessels position must be email: <a href="mailto:VMSops@dffe.gov.za">VMSops@dffe.gov.za</a>;
- 7.4.2 The format of the manual VMS reports shall include the following: Date, Time (South African local time), Latitude, Longitude degrees minutes and decimal minutes e.g., 36°32.786'S 018°20.328'E, Course and Speed knots;
- 7.4.3 The report must be sent once a day (every 24 hours) containing eight reports in the prescribed format

- (a) Notice of estimated time of arrival;
- (b) Notice of the port of arrival;
- (c) Inspection of the catch by a Fishery Control/Monitor; and
- (d) A copy of the vessel track for the voyage for verification purposes,
- 7.5 Vessels wishing to switch off their VMS units whilst alongside in port, shall do so only after a minimum of 6 (six) hours after berthing, and shall switch on their units a minimum of 6 (six) hours prior to the estimated time of departure from port. The Permit Holder needs to notify Departmental Operation Room prior to sailing.

### 8. SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION

- 8.1. The Permit Holder shall submit to the Department:
- 8.1.1 notification (clearly marked *Right Holder Information*) of any change of contact details (including postal address and contact telephone numbers) within 30 days of such change;
- 8.1.2 the Right Holder must submit its own completed electronic copy of the "Summary of Landings" (Table 2) form on PDF and Excel format to:

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FISHING SECTORS	EMAIL ADDRESS	FISHING PERIODS	DATE OF SUBMISSION
Hake Deep-Sea trawl  Hake Inshore trawl  Dual Hake/Horse mackerel  Hake Deep-Sea trawl (Kingklip & Monkfish)	HakeT@dffe.gov.za  HakePUCL@dffe.gov.za	1 January – 30 June 2025 (1st six months)  1 July – 31 December 2025 (2nd six months)  Monthly basis	31 July 2025 and  31 January 2026, respectively  Last day of each month, i.e., 28/29/30/31
Hake Inshore trawl (Kingklip & Monkfish)	W/		20/23/00/01
Hake Longline	.HakeLL@dffe.gov.za	1 January – 30 June 2025 (1st six months)  1 July – 31 December 2025 (2nd six months)	31 July 2025 and  31 January 2026, respectively
Midwater Trawl	TrawlMW@dffe.gov.za	1 January – 30 June 2025 (1st six months)  1 July – 31 December 2025 (2nd six months)	31 July 2025 and  31 January 2026, respectively

The form must list all landings (indicating name of vessel, permit number, sailing date & time and docking date & time) and indicate the distribution of the landed weight among Right Holders, including instances where no landed weight was allocated to a Right Holder. If the vessel has not fished for a particular month, then this should be indicated on the "Summary of Landings" form. Requests for provision of the template of the "Summary of Landings" form may also be made to these email address. Each right holder must submit monthly catch records of Kingklip and Monkfish on the attached Annexure 2. Zero/Nil catches must be reported.

- 8.1.3 performance measuring information as stipulated in paragraph 17.
- 8.2 The Permit Holder shall provide any other economic, socio economic or financial information in the format as and when requested by the Department.
- 8.3 The Permit Holder shall submit to the Department the catch and effort data in the Fishing Logbook provided by the Department.
- 8.4 Catch Statistics to be submitted by the Permit Holder are dealt with under Section C of the permit conditions.

### 9. RECORD KEEPING

- 9.1. The Permit Holder shall hold at its principal place of business the original permit issued for the current fishing season. The Permit Holder shall at all times over the duration of the right have available a true certified copy of this permit on board each vessel utilised to harvest the fish.
- 9.2. The Permit Holder shall keep a copy of all the catch discharge sheets or landing slips and distribution of catch to right holders for the duration of the fishing right

### 10. LEVIES

- 10.1. The Permit Holder shall pay the prescribed levies for the fish landed for prescribed species as stipulated in the Government Gazette (Gazette No.39451 Government Gazette Notice 1170, dated 25 November 2015 as amended from time to time).
- 10.2. All levies and fees shall be paid monthly in arrears and by the last working day of the month following the month in which fish was harvested. A penalty of 10% of the levies payable will be imposed on late submissions of levy declarations and payment of levies due.
- 10.3. The Department shall refuse to issue fishing subsequent permits to Right Holders who have any levies or fees outstanding for a period in excess of 30 days, or shall cancel, suspend or revoke the current Right Holder's fishing permit until all outstanding levies have been paid to the Department.

- 10.4. The permit holder shall submit together with all levy payments:
- 10.4.1 A levy declaration form;
- 10.4.2 A copy of the 'factory declaration sheet' for right holder for each landing included in that month's levy payment. The factory declaration sheets shall clearly indicate the right holder's name, vessel name and docking date for each landing, and;
- 10.4.3 In cases where a vessel is harvesting the allocation of more than one Permit Holder, a copy of the distribution of 'catch among rights allocations' sheet for each landing included in that month's levy payment. The factory declaration sheets shall clearly indicate the right holder's name, vessel name and docking date for each landing.
- 10.5 A nil return shall be submitted for every month where no fish has been landed.
- All returns, including the information specified in 10.4 and 10.5 shall be submitted to the Directorate:

  Revenue Management via email to Revenue@dffe.gov.za or by courier to:

Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

Branch: Fisheries Management
Customer Support and Permitting
Ground Floor, Foretrust Building
Martin Hammerschlag Way
Foreshore, Cape Town,
8001

10.7 Payment of levies can be made to the cashier at the Fisheries Customer Support and Permitting, Ground Floor, Foretrust Building, Martin Hammerschlag Way, Foreshore, Cape Town. Alternatively, payment may be made via direct deposit at any First National Bank (FNB) branch or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to the following banking details:



Bank: First National Bank
Branch code: 204109

Account name: Marine Living Resources Fund Deposit Account

**Account number: 62123256382** 

Deposit reference: Right Holders may use their Party/Customer number as a deposit reference.

Enquiries can either be emailed to Revenue@dffe.gov.za or SQaziyana@dffe.gov.za or telephone number (021) 402 3063/3209 respectively.

10.8 Failure to comply with clauses 10.1 – 10.7 may result in the initiation of legal proceedings (which may include section 28 proceedings and or criminal proceedings).

### 11. VIOLATIONS

- 11.1. A breach of the provisions of the MLRA or these permit conditions by the Permit Holder may result in the initiation of legal proceedings (which may include section 28 proceedings and or criminal proceedings). A breach includes, but is not limited to:
- 11.1.1 furnishing information to which the Department is entitled, which is not true or is not complete;
- 11.1.2 contravening or failing to comply with a permit condition imposed;
- 11.1.3 contravening or failing to comply with a provision of the MLRA;
- 11.1.4 failing to effectively utilise the permit.
- 11.2 The Department may refuse to re-issue a subsequent permit should the conditions stipulated in this permit not be adhered to.



- 11.3 A breach of the provisions of the MLRA or these permit conditions by the Permit Holder or its employees (whether permanent, full-time or part-time), or its contractors, agents, advisers or the skipper of the vessel may result in the initiation of legal proceedings (which may include Section 28 proceedings and or criminal proceedings).
- 11.4 The Permit Holder shall not land, sell, receive or process any fish taken by any means in contravention of the MLRA.
- 11.5 The Permit Holder shall safely store all inorganic waste material, garbage and pollutants on board the vessel. Should the Permit Holder discard any inorganic waste material, garbage or pollutants into the sea, this permit may be suspended for a period determined by the Department and the Permit Holder shall take those steps considered necessary in terms of NEMA to remedy any pollution caused.
- There shall be no transhipment of catches without the written authorisation of the Department except when it is permissible under applicable Sector Specific Permit Conditions ("Section C"). Any transhipment without written authorisation may result in initiation of legal proceedings (which may include Section 28 proceedings and or criminal proceedings).
- 11.7 This permit is issued subject to the dates and condition of the Department's Vessel Capacity Management Regime for this fishery.
- 11.8 The Permit Holder shall harvest only the amount of fish allocated to it in terms of the Total Allowable Catch ("TAC") allocated to it under Section A ("the Permit"). Fishing over or under these limits may result in, but not limited to, the initiation of proceedings under Section 28 of the MLRA.
- 11.9 The vessel fishing in terms of this permit shall not leave the harbour without a valid catch permit issued in terms of section 13 of the MLRA.



- 11.10 The Permit Holder is obliged in terms of the MLRA to report to the Minister any contravention of the MLRA or permit conditions by any other person. Any such contravention shall be reported to the Department in writing and should be faxed to (021) 425-7324, Attention: The Chief Director: Monitoring, Control and Surveillance.
- 11.11 Should the Permit Holder inadvertently exceed its catch allocation, or per trip by-catch allowance (as specified in Section C i.e., applicable the sector specific Permit Conditions), the vessel shall notify the Department through the local Fishery Control Officer (see Table 1 above) in writing (with reasons for such over-catch) at least 24 hours prior to the vessel arriving in port. The Department may then seize the excess catch and, will not initiate further legal sanctions against the Permit Holder provided such excess catches do not occur on a frequent basis. Failure to notify the Department timeously may result in legal action against the Permit Holder.
- 11.12 At any time during the course of the fishing trip or discharging, a Fishery Control Officer may request the skipper of the vessel to provide the cargo manifest or any other documents relating to fishing operations.

  The skipper shall comply with this request.

### 12. CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

12.1. The Permit Holder may contact the Department in one of the following ways (all correspondence shall be clearly marked as to the subject matter thereof):

By Mail	By Hand	By Fax
Subject:	Subject:	021 402 3362
Customer Support and	Customer Support and	
Permitting, Private Bag X2,	Permitting, Ground Floor,	
Vlaeberg, 8018	Foretrust Building,	
	Martin Hammerschlag Way,	
	Foreshore,	By Telephone
	Cape Town	021 402 3180 / 3502 / 3071 /
	·	3259 / 3376 / 3560



- 12.2 The Department will prefer to consult and communicate with the Recognised Industrial Body (Bodies) representative of Right Holders for the applicable fishery.
- 12.3 Communication regarding all permits and licences shall be addressed to the Department and clearly marked *Permits and Licences*.

### 13. OBSERVER PROGRAMME

- 13.1. The Permit Holder may carry one or more Observers on board its vessel in accordance with the requirements of the Department's observer program. When an Observer is carried on a vessel, the Observer shall sign and write his/her full name on the cover of the logbook.
- 13.2. The Observer shall be fully accommodated on board the vessel and provided with food and facilities of a level accorded to officers.
- 13.3. The Permit Holder shall allow the Observer unrestricted access to monitor fishing activity and compliance with permit conditions and all applicable laws.
- 13.4. Should the Department reasonably believe that an Observer is being prevented from carrying on his/her obligations in any way or threatened in any way while on board, the Department may call the vessel into Port and take steps to immediately suspend fishing activities by the Permit Holder(s).

### 14. PROCESSING AND SALE OF FISH

14.1. The Permit holder must read the applicable Permit Conditions for Fish Processing Establishment (FPE) for the 2025 fishing season.

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### 15. TRANSFER OF FISHING RIGHTS

15.1. The Permit Holder shall only transfer the long-term commercial fishing right in terms of section 21 of the MLRA, read together with the Policy for the Transfer of Commercial Fishing Rights: 2009 or any new approved Policy.

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- Any transfer or sale of shares in a company and/or membership interest that results in a change in control 15.2. or black ownership of the Right Holder shall be approved by the Department in terms of section 21 of the MLRA.
- Failing to comply to comply with conditions 15.1 and/or 15.2 may lead to the initiation of further legal 15.3. proceedings including but not limited to proceedings in terms of section 28 of the MLRA.

### 16. TRANSPORTATION OF FISH

- 16.1. The Permit Holder shall not transport fish without being in possession of the following:
- 16.1.1. a valid transport permit or
- 16.1.2. in the case where the fish is weighed and recorded at an authorized FPE an official delivery note or sales invoice, reflecting the name of the seller and buyer, fish weight and species.
- The Permit Holder shall deliver the fish harvested to its nominated FPE as soon as reasonably possible 16.2. after landing, utilizing, where possible, the shortest main route between the landing site and the FPE.

### 17. FISHING PERFORMANCE MEASURING

- 17.1. The Department will continue conducting performance measuring exercises in 2025 in various fisheries.
- The criteria against which Right Holders will be measured have been finalised after consultation with the 17.2. Right Holders. Apart from the assessment of individual Right Holders, the purpose of performance measuring will be to ensure that the objectives of the fishery are being met and that management methodologies remain current and suitable for the fishery.
- Permit Holders shall be obliged to participate in the performance measuring exercises and provide the 17.3. Department with true and accurate information relating to these exercises and the failure to do so may lead, but not limited, to the suspension of this permit or the initiation of legal proceedings, which may include section 28 proceedings. MI

### 18. ECOSYSTEM EFFECTS OF FISHING

The Permit Holder must take cognizance of sustainable fishing practices and impacts of trawl nets and trawling on the ecosystem. A specific concern is possible catches and subsequent mortalities of seals.

Other marine mammals may also potentially be at occasional risk.

### 18.1 Marine Mammal Interaction Mitigation Measures

- 18.1.1 Vessels operated by the Permit Holder must follow the below procedure to reduce gear impacts on the environment and marine mammals:
  - 18.1.1.1 Have suitable equipment such as grab hooks on board to retrieve abandoned, lost or otherwise discarded fishing gear (ALDFG) while at sea and training available for crew to facilitate the recovery of ALDFG.
  - 18.1.1.2 Shall not abandon lost gear at sea without making every reasonable attempt to retrieve it as soon as possible.
  - 18.1.1.3 Shall not deliberately abandon fishing gear at sea, except for safety reasons, notably vessels in distress and/or life in danger.
  - 18.1.1.4 Shall ensure that adequate space is kept on board vessels for the storage of redundant and damaged gear.
  - 18.1.1.5 Shall only dispose of old or replaced gear following the solid waste policy of the city in which the vessel is docked.
  - 18.1.1.6 Shall make every effort to recycle gear if possible.
  - 18.1.1.7 Shall subscribe to receive current sea state information and weather reports to reduce the potential of gear loss.
  - 18.1.1.8 Shall have the necessary winch or auto trawl (when installed) equipment to ensure the gear does not close or entrap mammals.
  - 18.1.1.9 Nets should not be left on the surface for significant periods of time, to avoid entangling pinnipeds/cetaceans around the net
- 18.1.2 In the event vessels are forced to abandon gear or gear is lost, the vessel shall:

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- 18.1.2.1 Have the necessary GPS positioning equipment to mark and report position of lost gear if unable to recover.
- 18.1.2.2 Report the location and time of the gear loss (as per section 4.4).

### 18.2 Interactions with Marine Mammals and Release Procedures

- 18.2.1 All interactions with marine mammals that result in mortalities must be reported. The vessel shall notify the DFFE Branch: Oceans and Coasts (Steven McCue 083 4625 345) and CapMarine (Melanie Smith 072 7729 876) with the following information at hand:
  - a) the name and contact number of the person reporting;
  - b) the time and position of the catch that resulted in a mortality;
  - the species name of the mammal (or a picture) (refer to publically available species Identification

    Guides listed in Annexure A) on the following hyperlink:

    https://www.vliz.be/imisdocs/publications/255680.pdf;
  - d) whether the animal was killed during shooting or hauling of the trawl; and
  - e) type of trawl gear the animal was caught with and the identification code of the gear.

### 18.2.2 In the event a cetacean/pinniped becomes entrapped, the vessel must:

- 18.2.2.1 If an animal becomes entrapped in the net, the net must be recovered and the appropriate action taken to free the animal from the net unharmed;
- 18.2.2.2 Vessels' crew shall safely release the animal as soon as possible if it is uninjured, taking care to avoid further injury to the animal or themselves: animals such as seals must be directed off the deck, while cetaceans may need to be maneuvered using tarpaulins/sheeting to lift or slide the animal;
- 18.2.2.3 Unmanageable size animals should only be hoist/pulled by its tail under extreme circumstance where there is no other way to maneuver the animals safely from the deck, nor should they be left exposed for significant periods on the deck;



18.2.2.4 All fatalities or serious injuries must be recorded in the vessels' logbooks; and

18.2.2.5 If there is an observer on board, all relevant information regarding the marine mammal must be recorded and reported by CapMarine.

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NB: If the vessel has not fished for a particular month, then Zero/NIL catches should be indicated on the "Summary of Landings

DECLARATION: I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the information submitted in this landing summary sheet is true, correct and reflect all by-catch landed by the vessel during th

1	Right Holder or Authorised Representative
(	(Please attach the authorisation letter)

Full Name:

Signature:

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