SECTION B

Permit Conditions: Commercial Traditional Linefish (Zone A: Port Nolloth to Cape Infanta)

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1. APPLICABLE ACTS, POLICIES AND DELEGATIONS

1.1 This Permit is issued in terms of section 13 of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998) (MLRA).

1.2 This Permit does not absolve the Permit Holder from complying with all other applicable laws, including but not limited to the:

1.2.1 National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998);
1.2.2 National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004);
1.2.3 National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003);
1.2.4 National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act, 2008 (Act No.24 of 2008);
1.2.5 National Environmental Management Waste Act (Act No. 59 of 2008);
1.2.6 Sea Birds and Seals Protection Act, 1973 (Act No. 46 of 1973)
1.2.7 Firearms Control Act, 2000 (Act No. 60 of 2000)
1.2.8 International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships Act, 1986 (Act No. 2 of 1986);
1.2.9 South African Maritime Safety Authority Act, 1998 (Act 5 of 1998);
1.2.10 Animals Protection Act, 1962 (Act No. 71 of 1962);
1.2.11 Standards Act, 2008 (Act No. 8 of 2008) (SA);
1.2.12 National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications Act, 2008 (Act No. 5 of 2008);
1.2.13 National Ports Authority Act, 2005 (Act No. 12 of 2005) (NPAA); and
1.2.14 Companies Act, 2008 (Act No. 71 of 2008).

1.3 This Permit is issued subject to the further provisions of the following policies:

1.3.1 General policy on the Allocation of Fishing Rights, 2021;

1.3.2 Policy for the Allocation and Management of Fishing Rights in the Traditional Line Fishery: 2021; and

1.3.3 Policy for the transfer of Commercial Fishing Rights: 2009.

1.4 The Director: Inshore Fisheries Management (D: IFM) shall be entitled to amend these Permit Conditions after consultation with relevant stakeholders. In case of an emergency the D: IFM shall be entitled to amend these conditions without consultation.

1.5 Any reference to the Permit Holder in these Permit Conditions includes the entity or person in whose name the Permit has been issued and includes any employees (whether permanent or temporary), agents/contractors, divers or skippers of the Permit Holder.

2. VALIDITY OF PERMIT

2.1 This Permit shall be valid for the period indicated in Section A of the Permit.

2.2 This Permit shall automatically expire and be invalid should one or more of the following occur:

2.2.1 the right in terms of which this Permit is issued is cancelled or revoked in terms of Section 28 of the MLRA;

2.2.2 the Permit is cancelled or revoked in terms of Section 28 of the MLRA; or

2.2.3 the fishing season is closed, terminated or ends.

3. FISHING AREAS AND RESTRICTED AREAS

3.1 This Permit is valid only in South African waters within the Geographic Management Zone A (excluding tidal lagoons, tidal rivers and estuaries):

3.1.1 Zone A – Port Nolloth to Cape Infanta, being the area bounded by the international border between Namibia and South Africa at the Orange River seaward and westward of an imaginary line running due south (180° True) from the light house at Cape Infanta.

3.1.2 The imaginary border line at Cape Infanta must be understood to have a five nautical mile (5nm) buffer area on each side. In the buffer area permit holders from the adjacent Zone A and Zone B may harvest Traditional Linefish.

3.2 The Permit Holder shall not undertake fishing; take or destroy any fauna or flora; in any way disturb, alter or destroy the natural environment; or carry out any activity which may adversely impact on the ecosystems within Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), except where so permitted by legislation.

3.3 A vessel may not stop or fish in any Marine Protected Area, or any other similar protected or conservation area, except where permitted by legislation.

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3.4 In case of an emergency, the Permit Holder shall notify the Department before the fishing vessel enters, or intends to enter, into a MPA or any other area closed for fishing. The notification shall describe the nature of emergency and the reason required for entering the area. Such request shall be sent via e-mail to: VMSops@dffe.gov.za or faxed to: (021) 425 6497 or phone to: 021 402 3077/76.

3.5 A vessel is not allowed to target sharks and may not approach shark diving vessels closer than 500 meters in areas where white shark cage diving operations are permitted in terms of the Threatened or Protected Marine Species Regulations published in GNR 477 in Government *Gazette* number 40876 on 30 May 2017 or any subsequent regulations.

3.6 The areas referred to in paragraph 3.5 are currently bounded by the following coordinates: (A) 34,6590 °S, 19,4610 °E; (B) 34,6893 °S, 19,4161 °E; (C) 34,6138 °S, 19,3730 °E; (D) 34,6081°S, 19,4005 °E and (E) 34,6078°S, 19,4095 °E (**see map below**). Targeting is defined as purposefully setting gear aimed at catching sharks, including wire traces, hooks above 12/0 and live bait.

4. NOTIFICATIONS

4.1 In the event where the Permit Holder requires a short-term relief onboard the nominated vessel due to unforeseen circumstances, the Permit Holder shall notify the Local Fishery Control Officer either by fax or SMS indicating the name and the identity of the representative.

4.2 If the Permit Holder submits more than one request for short term relief during a month, or makes such a request in two consecutive months, the local Fishery Control Officer must refer such requests to the Director: Inshore Fisheries Management for consideration and a decision.

4.3 Short term relief granted in terms of conditions 4.1 or 4.2 above, may only be granted for a maximum period of seven consecutive days, should the period exceed seven consecutive days, the Permit Holder must obtain written permission from the Director: Inshore Fisheries Management.

4.4 The Permit Holder shall submit to the Department notification of any change of contact details within 30 days of such change by completing the application form available at CSCenquiries@dffe.gov.za. The completed application form must be submitted to CSCapplications@dffe.gov.za.

5. EFFORT LIMITATIONS AND GEAR RESTRICTIONS

5.1 The Permit Holder shall only utilize the maximum number of crew approved for the vessel as set out in section A of the Permit. For this purpose, "crew" includes the Permit Holder or his/her duly authorised representative and any person on board such a vessel.

5.2 The use of any line or connected lines or fishing gear to which a total of more than ten (10) fishing hooks are attached is prohibited.

5.3 **Multi-sector involvement:** The Permit Holder may not utilize any other permit afforded to him/her whilst operating in terms of the provisions of this Permit. The Permit Holder shall only activate his/her permit on an authorized commercial fishing vessel and no recreational fishing shall be conducted on any commercial Traditional Linefish fishing boat.

6. CATCH CONTROLS AND LIMITATIONS

6.1 "*No person shall, except on the authority of a permit, engage in fishing, collecting, landing or selling of or be in possession of the species set out in Annexure 12*".

TABLE 1. ANNEXURE 12: PROHIBITED DEEPWATER SPECIES FROM REGULATIONS IN TERMS OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (Regulation 54)

Alfonsino [family Berycidae including Beryx splendens (alfonsino) and B. decadactylus (long-finned beryx)]
Cardinal fishes (deep-water cardinals) (subfamily Epigoninae)
Orange Roughy [Hoplostethus spp. including H. atlanbcus and H. mediterraneus (silver roughy)]
Oreo Dories (family Oreosomatidae including Pseudocyttus maculatus, Allocyttus niger, A. verrucosus, A. guineensis, Neocyttus rhomboidalis and Oreosoma atlanbcum)
Patagonian Toothfish (Dissostichus eleginoides and Dissostichus mawsonii)
Wreckfish (Polyprion americanus)

TABLE 2. SPECIES-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO HOLDERS OF A COMMERCIAL TRADITIONAL LINEFISH PERMIT

1. The taxa, i.e., species (denoted by "spp."), family or class mentioned in this Annexure refer to all species in the genus, family or class, as the case may be.
2. 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.
3. All fish that are landed, except sharks, rays, skates, and chimaeras (Class *Chondrichthyes*), must have the head and tail intact such that it can be established whether the fish conforms to the minimum size and / or mass, provided that it may be gutted.
4. Any fish caught in contravention of the provisions of the Act or the permit conditions must immediately be returned to the sea with as little injury as possible.
5. All species in the taxon *Pisces* not listed in this Table (e.g. yellowtail) may be caught and sold in unlimited quantities by the Permit Holder.
6. Special note should be taken of the size, bag and area limitations with regards to kob (*Argyrosomus* spp.)
7. Squid may be caught for own use only and may not be sold.

THE PERMIT HOLDER SHALL NOT CATCH, LAND, BE IN POSSESSION OF, OR SELL SPECIES LISTED IN THE "PROHIBITED SPECIES LIST

PROHIBITED SPECIES LIST	
COMMON NAME	**SCIENTIFIC NAME**
Baardman (bellman, tasselfish)	*Umbrina* spp.
Banded galjoen	*Dichistius multifasciatus*
Basking shark	*Cetorhinus maximus*
Billfishes (marlin, sailfish)	Family Istiophoridae
Blacktail (dassie)	*Diplodus sargus capensis*
Brindle bass	*Promicrops lanceolatus*

PROHIBITED SPECIES LIST	
COMMON NAME	**SCIENTIFIC NAME**
Bronze bream (bluefish)	*Pachymetopon grande*
Cape knifejaw	*Oplegnathus conwayi*
Cape stumpnose	*Rhabdosargus holubi*
Galjoen	*Dichistius capensis*
Garrick (leervis)	*Lichia amia*
Coelacanth	*Latimeria chalumnae*
Great white shark	*Carcharodon carcharias*
John Brown	*Gymnocrotaphus curvidens*
Kingfishes	*Caranx* spp. and *Carangoides* spp.
Large-spot pompano (moony, wave garrick)	*Trachinotus botla*
Leopard cat shark	*Poroderma pantherinum*
Natal knifejaw (cuckoo bass)	*Oplegnathus robinsoni*
Natal stumpnose (yellowfin bream)	*Rhabdosargus sarba*
Natal wrasse	*Anchichoerops natalensis*
Pipefish & seahorses	Family Syngnathidae
Potato bass	*Epinephelus tukula*
Ragged tooth shark	*Carcharias taurus*
Red steenbras (copper steenbras)	*Petrus rupestris*
River bream (perch)	*Acanthopagrus* sp.
River snapper (rock salmon)	*Lutjanus argentimaculatus*
Sawfishes	Family Pristidae
Seventy-four	*Polysteganus undulosus*
Southern pompano	*Trachinotus africanus*
Spotted grunter (tiger)	*Pomadasys commersonnii*
Spotted gulley shark	*Triakis megalopterus*
Springer (ten pounder)	*Elops machnata*
Stonebream	*Neoscorpis lithophilus*
Striped cat shark	*Poroderma africanum*
Swordfish	*Xiphias gladius*
West coast steenbras	*Lithognathus aureti*
Whale shark	*Rhinocodon typus*
White musselcracker (brusher, cracker)	*Sparodon durbanensis*
White steenbras (pignose grunter)	*Lithognathus lithognathus*
Zebra (wildeperd)	*Diplodus cervinus hottentotus*

TABLE 2 continues…

The Permit Holder shall not, on any one day, land or be in possession of more than the species-specific bag limits as indicated in the "species list" below, multiplied by the number of crew onboard the vessel up to the maximum number as stipulated in the allocated right. Furthermore, the Permit Holder may offer for sale the species listed in the "species list" within the restrictions indicated, except for squid (point 7 above).

SPECIES LIST					
COMMON NAME	**SCIENTIFIC NAME**	**MINIMUM SIZE/**	**BAG LIMITS**	**CLOSED SEASON**	**AREA RESTRICTION**
Carpenter (silverfish)	*Argyrozona argyrozona*	35 cm	Unlimited		
Catface (brown spotted) rockcod)	*Epinephelus andersoni*	50 cm	5		

SPECIES LIST					
COMMON NAME	**SCIENTIFIC NAME**	**MINIMUM SIZE/**	**BAG LIMITS**	**CLOSED SEASON**	**AREA RESTRICTION**
Dageraad	*Chrysoblephus cristiceps*	40 cm	1		
Elf (shad)	*Pomatomus saltatrix*	30 cm	Unlimited	1 October to 30 November in any year	No elf to be landed or sold in KZN
Englishman	*Chrysoblephus anglicus*	40 cm	Unlimited		
Geelbek (Cape salmon)	*Atractoscion aequidens*	60 cm	Unlimited		
Hake (stockfish)	*Merluccius capensis & M. paradoxus*		5		
Hottentot	*Pachymetopon blochii*	22 cm	Unlimited		
Kingklip	*Genypterus capensis*		1		
Kob	*Argyrosomus* spp.	50 cm	Unlimited		West of Cape Agulhas only
Kob	*Argyrosomus* spp.	50 cm	Unlimited, but may only land or be in possession of one kob > 110 cm per day		Cape Agulhas to Umtamvuna
Kob	*Argyrosomus* spp.	40 cm			The Province of KwaZulu-Natal
Pinky (piggy)	*Pomadasys olivaceum*	75 mm	Unlimited		
Poenskop (black steenbras or musselcracker)	*Cymatoceps nasutus*	50 cm	1		
Red stumpnose (Miss Lucy)	*Chrysoblephus gibbiceps*	30 cm	Unlimited		
Roman	*Chrysoblephus laticeps*	30 cm	Unlimited		
Santer (soldier)	*Cheimerius nufar*	30 cm	Unlimited		
Scotsman	*Polysteganus praeorbitalis*	40 cm	1		
Sharks	*Elasmobranchii*	70 cm to maximum size of 130 cm	Unlimited		
Slinger	*Chrysoblephus puniceus*	25 cm	Unlimited		
Snoek (Cape snoek)	*Thyrsites atun*	60 cm	Unlimited		
Strepie (karanteen)	*Sarpa salpa*	15 cm	Unlimited		
Squid (Chokka)	*Loligo vulgaris reynaudii*		20	19 October to 23 November in any year.	

SPECIES LIST					
COMMON NAME	**SCIENTIFIC NAME**	**MINIMUM SIZE/**	**BAG LIMITS**	**CLOSED SEASON**	**AREA RESTRICTION**
Tunas (tunny)	*Thunnus* spp.		10 in total for all *Thunnus* species		
Albacore	*Thunnus alalunga*				
Bigeye tuna	*Thunnus obesus*	3.2 kg			
Bluefin tuna	*Thunnus thynnus*	6.4 kg			
Yellowfin tuna	*Thunnus albacares*	3.2 kg			
White edged (Captain Fine) rockcod	*Epinephelus albomarginatus*	40 cm	Unlimited		
White stumpnose	*Rhabdosargus globiceps*	25 cm	Unlimited		
Yellowbelly rockcod	*Epinephelus marginatus*	60 cm	1		
All sharks not listed in this annexure	Subclass: *Elasmobranchii,* excluding *Rajiformes*	70cm minimum size, 130 cm maximum size			
All species in the superclass *Pisces* not listed in this annexure (e.g. yellowtail)			Unlimited		

6.2 The Permit Holder shall not on any one day exceed, or be in possession of, more than the stipulated Linefish bag limits, therefore daily bag limits may not be accumulated over the duration of a trip, thus for all practical purposes daily bag limits are also trip limits.

7. HANDLING OF OVER/UNDER CATCHES AND PROHIBITED SPECIES

7.1 No upper limit is set on total landings for the Traditional Linefish commercial fishing sector except the species-specific bag limits. No prohibited species may be landed whilst operating in terms of the Permit.

7.2 In the event that the Permit Holder catches any fish which may not be landed or possessed, such fish must be returned to the sea immediately, irrespective if it is dead or alive.

7.3 All incidentally caught fish/animals which may not be landed should be treated according to best practice to increase post-release survival. Sharks that are incidentally hooked during linefishing in proximity to shark cage diving operations as

stipulated in 3.6 should be handled in accordance with the best practice for shark release as set out in paragraph 7.4 of these Permit Conditions.

7.4 The Permit Holder must follow the best practice for shark release as set out below:

(a) for sharks above the slot limit (big sharks): Bring the shark to the side of the vessel as quickly as possible. Avoid taking the shark out of the water while releasing it from the line. Cut the line as close to the hook as possible.

(b) for sharks below the slot limit (small sharks): Bring the shark to the side of the vessel as quickly as possible. Keep the line under tension to avoid entanglement. Handle animal as little as possible, avoid contact with eyes and gills, and preferably handle with wet hands/gloves. Support the weight of the animal if removed from the water, and do not hold by its tail. Cut the line as close to the hook as possible if the barb of hook is not visible, or if handling the hook is unsafe. If correctly hooked, and removal of the hook is safe and the barb is visible, cut the line and remove hook in the direction of the tip.

8. VESSEL SPECIFICATIONS

8.1 The Permit Holder shall only utilize a vessel that is compliant with all requirements as determined by the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA).

8.2 The Permit Holder shall not use the nominated fishing vessel unless it bears the registration letters and numbers assigned thereto by the Director-General. Such letters and numbers shall be painted 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.

8.3 The Permit Holder shall display, on the vessel next to the registration letters and numbers (area number) assigned to the vessel by the Director-General, the letters "**LT**" (Traditional Linefish) followed by the number of crew and the zone of operation reflected in Section A of the Permit (e.g. **CT415 LT 8 ZA**).

8.4 Only the SAMSA approved measurement is regarded as the "vessel length".

9. VESSEL MONITORING SYSTEM

9.1 The Permit Holder shall ensure that the fishing vessel is fitted with a functioning vessel monitoring system (VMS), which is approved by the Department.

9.2 It is the responsibility of the Permit Holder to ensure that the VMS is fully operational and that the VMS continues to transmit to the Department's Operations Room prior to sailing and throughout whilst at sea.

9.3 The Permit Holder shall establish that the VMS unit is functional by contacting the Operations Room during office hours via e-mail at: VMSops@dffe.gov.za or telephone on: 021 402 3077/76, prior to sailing. VMS Operations Room officials may also be contacted on the following cellular phone numbers: **Sonwabo Mjelo** 083 274 0712 / 073 618 8800, **Tobisa Gatyana** 066 471 1336 and **Nqabisa Vumazonke** 083 265 4593.The Permit Holder shall contact the Operations Room after hours (from 15h00 to 23h00), and on weekends (from 10h00 to 18h00) via e-mail only. Should the power supply be interrupted, or the equipment become non-functional (for whatever reason), and the problem persists, the vessel shall proceed to port within twenty-four hours of becoming aware of the problem.

9.4 In cases where VMS units are non-functional due to "technical" problems, and the Permit Holder wishes to proceed to sea without a functional VMS unit, the Permit Holder shall obtain prior written permission from the Department.

9.5 Only when written permission has been received from the Department shall the vessel proceed to sea. The permission to operate without a functional VMS shall be kept onboard the vessel for the duration of each trip undertaken within the period of validity of the permission.

10. LANDING OF FISH

10.1 The Permit holder must inform the Fishery Control Officer either by fax, SMS or phone of the intended time of landing and the port/slipway where the landing will take place.

10.2 The Permit Holder shall ensure that all fish is discharged from the vessel in accordance with the instructions of the Fishery Control Officer; Marine Resource Monitor; or Law Enforcement Officer where applicable.

10.3 Launching activities and landing of catch shall only be undertaken at approved landing points within the zone of operation and the entire catch shall be discharged at one landing point (Table 3).

TABLE 3. DESIGNATED LANDING &/ LAUNCHING SITES FOR THE LANDING OF CATCHES MADE BY THE TRADITIONAL LINEFISH PERMIT HOLDERS

SOUTH WEST COAST COMPLIANCE DIVISION (Cape Peninsula/Overberg Regions)		
AREA	**ADDRESS**	**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER**
Arniston	The slipway at Arniston Harbour Arniston	Mr E Willem Cell: 079 057 1565 Fax: 086 203 4188
Buffelsjag	The slipway at Buffelsjagbaai Buffelsjag	Mr S Dramat Cell: 082 771 8893 Fax: 028 435 6383
Cape Town	Oceana Power Boat Club Beach Road Granger Bay	Ms B Cell: 072 756 5804 Fax: 021 402 3113
Gansbaai	The slipway at Gansbaai Harbour Gansbaai and The slipway at Kleinbaai Harbour,situated between Swart and Geelbek Roads	Mr S Dramat Cell: 082 771 8893 Fax: 028 384 1546
Gordon's Bay	The slipway at Gordons Bay Harbour, Beach road Gordons Bay The municipality slipway situated in Beach Road, Strand The Slipway at Gordonsbay harbour Island, Gordons Bay	Ms N Jozi Cell: 073 264 5953 Fax: 021 856 522
Hermanus	The Finger jetty at Hermanus Harbour	Mr N Grootboom Cell: 060 584 8228 / 079 787 5681 Fax: 021 313 0502
Hout Bay	Hout Bay Harbour, Harbour Road Quay No 1: Also known as the Snoek Jetty	Mr L Sekoboto Cell: 071 977 1575 Fax: 021 783 5853
Kalkbay	The fish landing quay, main break water quay and the new jetty at Kalkbay Harbour Main Road Kalkbay The Cape Boat and Ski Boat Club slipway Main Road, Millers Point	Ms A Nortier Cell: 082 771 8890 Fax: 021 788 1038
Kleinmond	The slipway at Kleinmond situated between Hugo Naude street and 14th street, Kelinmond	Mr TH Mitileni Cell: 079 433 2952 Fax: 028 271 4769
Kommetjie	The slipway situated at the Kommetjie Boat Club Beach Road Kommetjie and The slipway at Witsands situated adjacent to the Lighthouse rock lobster factory	Mr L Sebokoto Cell: 071 977 1575 Fax: 021 783 5853
Struisbaai	The slipway at Struisbaai Harbour, Harbour Road, Struisbaai	Mr T Kekana Cell: 076 731 0250 Fax: 028 435 6383

SOUTH WEST COAST COMPLIANCE DIVISION (Cape Peninsula/Overberg Regions)		
AREA	**ADDRESS**	**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER**
Witsande	Breede River slipway (Kraaltjie)	Mr C Jones Cell: 082 950 4126 Fax: 028 754 1463

TABLE 3 continues…

WEST COAST COMPLIANCE DIVISION		
AREA	**ADDRESS**	**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER**
Doringbaai	Between North Bay Canning Co. & a beacon	Mr. P Horne Cell: 073 671 7797 Fax: 027 215 1211
Elandsbaai	Beach area adjacent to the mouth of Velorevlei	Mr. J Southey Cell: 0826345490 Fax: 022 972 1706
Hondeklipbaai	Beach area adjacent to Namaqua Fishing Co.	Mr T Mthombeni Cell: 078 185 0640 Fax: 027 851 8053
Laaiplek	Community Quay, Adjacent to Port Owen	Mr. W Shilubane Cell: 082 784 6970 Fax: 022 783 0407
Lamberts Bay	Snoekkaai, Lamberts Bay Fishing Harbour Beach area adjacent to Lamberts Bay Fishing Co.	Mr. Wally Cockrill Cell: 082 321 2381 Fax: 027 215 1228
Paternoster	Main Beach, Paternoster	Mr. W Basson Cell: 078 714 7422 Fax: 022 736 1530
Port Nolloth	Ovenstone Quay, Rock Lobster Factory	Mr T Mthombeni Cell: 078 185 0640 Fax: 027 851 8053
Saldanha	Pepper Bay Harbour, President Street	Mr. W Theron Cell: 082 771 8910 Fax: 022 714 3997
St Helena Bay	Snoekkaai, Sandy Point Harbour	Mr. W Basson Cell: 078 714 7422 Fax: 022 736 1530
Yzerfontein	Yzerfontein Harbour, Slipway	Mr. M Mapholi Cell: 083 745 7092 Fax: 022 451 2344

11. SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION

11.1 All information submitted to the Department shall be hand-delivered to the Customer Services Centre, Ground Floor, Foretrust Building, Martin Hammerschlag Way, Foreshore, Cape Town or Pepper Bay Harbor, Saldanha or posted to Private Bag X2, Vlaeberg, 8018.

11.2 Enquiries shall be directed to CSCenquiries@dffe.gov.za.

11.3 Catch Statistics:

11.3.1 The Permit Holder shall record catch returns in the Commercial Linefish Catch Return Book (**the Blue Book**) / sheet issued for such purpose.

11.3.2 The Permit Holder shall render statistics as defined in the Blue Book for commercial Linefish catch returns, before the **15th day of each month** in respect of the previous month as per instructions in the Blue Book.
The Department may refuse to issue fishing permits to Right Holders who have any linefish catch returns outstanding or may suspend the Right Holder's fishing permit until all outstanding linefish catch returns are submitted to the Department.

11.3.3 A nil return must be submitted for the period where no fish has been harvested.

11.3.4 Catch return sheets may be posted by registered mail (Traditional Linefish Catch Statistics, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, Private Bag X2, Vlaeberg, 8018, Foreshore, Cape Town, Attention Linefish Section or emailed to LFcatchreturns@dffe.gov.za. Even though the catch returns are submitted via email, the Right Holder is still responsible for submitting the original catch returns to the department.

12. RECORD KEEPING

12.1 The Permit Holder shall store at its registered place of business or residential address the original permit issued to it over the duration of the right. The Permit Holder shall at all times have available a true certified copy of the Permit onboard the vessel utilised to harvest Traditional linefish.

12.2 The Permit Holder shall retain duplicate copies of the catch return sheets for a minimum of 60 months.

13. LEVIES

13.1 The Permit Holder shall submit a levy declaration form on or before the last working day of December the year in which fish was harvested. Where necessary adjustments (top up) on levies payable will be made in the following year and the Permit Holder will be permitted to pay the adjusted levies on or before 31 January of the following year.

13.2 The Permit Holder shall pay the prescribed levy per category (on whole mass of fish caught) as stipulated in the GN 796 published in Government *Gazette* Notice No. 33518 on 10 September 2010.

13.3 A "Nil" return shall be submitted for every fishing season where no fish has been landed.

13.4 Non-compliance will result in a **10%** penalty being charged on the late submission of the prescribed levy declaration form.

13.5 It is the responsibility of the Permit Holder to ensure that levies are submitted as per Paragraph 13.1 above and that his or her or its account is also fully paid up.

13.6 The Department may refuse to issue fishing permits to Permit Holders who have any levies or fees outstanding for a period in excess of 30 days or may suspend the Permit Holder's fishing permit until all outstanding levies have been paid to the Department.

13.7 All levy declaration returns shall be submitted to the Directorate: Revenue Management via email to revenue@dffe.gov.za. All enquiries related to levy accounts shall be directed to revenue@dffe.gov.za or telephone numbers: (021) 402 3209 or (021) 402 3016.

13.8 Levies are payable to the cashier at the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, Branch: Fisheries Management, Customer Service Centre, 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:	**210554**
Account name:	**Marine Living Resources Fund**
Account number:	**62123256382**
Deposit reference:	**Customer (Party) Number + LEV** (e.g P12345LEV) to be used as a deposit reference where an invoice has not been issued, invoice number to be used as a deposit reference where the Department has issued an invoice.

13.9 Request for statements and/ or receipts and/ or invoices should be directed to RMEnquiries@dffe.gov.za.

14. NON-COMPLIANCE

14.1 A breach of the provisions of the MLRA, its regulations and/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).

14.2 The Permit Holder shall not land, sell, receive or process any fish taken by any means in contravention of the MLRA and applicable laws.

14.3 The Permit Holder shall not discard any waste material, garbage or pollutants into the sea; harbour landing or launching site. The Permit Holder shall safely store all waste material, garbage and pollutants on board the vessel. All waste must be placed into dedicated waste bins at port.

14.4 No fishing hooks or lines may be discarded. All fishing hooks shall be removed before the offal is dumped. Fishing hooks must be removed from discards, 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.

14.5 No transhipment of catches is allowed.

14.6 Failure to report any contravention of the provisions of the MLRA by a Permit Holder is a criminal offence. Any contravention shall immediately be reported telephonically to the Customer Service Centre at (021) 402 3180 or faxed to 086 505 8180 and thereafter shall be faxed as well to (021) 425 7324, for attention: The Chief Director: Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS).

14.7 The Department may refuse to issue a subsequent permit should these Permit Conditions not be adhered to.

15. CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

15.1 The Department will prefer to consult and communicate with recognised industrial bodies and interest groups in terms of the MLRA which are representative of Right Holders in the Traditional Linefish fishery

15.2 Communication regarding all permits and licences shall be addressed to CSCenquiries@dffe.gov.za or the Department's Customer Services Centre, Ground Floor, Foretrust Building, Martin Hammerschlag Way, Foreshore, Cape Town or Private Bag X2, Vlaeberg, 8012. The Customer Service Centre may be contacted on 021 402-3443/402-3180.

16. OBSERVER PROGRAMME

16.1 The Permit Holder shall, when requested, allow for land-based sampling of catches for scientific purposes by persons authorised by the Department.

16.2 The Permit Holder shall, when requested by the Department or its agents, allow an Observer unrestricted access to monitor fishing activity and compliance with Permit Conditions and all applicable laws.

17. PROCESSING AND SALE OF FISH

17.1 The Permit Holder shall not sell or deliver any fish caught under the authority of this permit, unless the Permit Holder issues an invoice or receipt in respect of such fish to the person purchasing or acquiring it.

17.2 Should crew wish to remove fish from the vessel for personal use, such crew members must obtain prior written approval from the Permit Holder.

17.3 A copy of the invoice referred to in paragraph 17.1 and/ or written permission received in terms of paragraph 17.2, shall be kept for not less than 60 months by the Permit Holder and shall contain at least the following details:

17.3.1 full particulars including full names, identity numbers and or registration numbers of the parties to the sale/ removal;

17.3.2 the number and date of issue of the permit authorising the sale/ removal of the fish;

17.3.3 the invoice/ written permission must reflect the common name of the fish species, the quantity or mass of each species or any part or product thereof sold as per the species lists set out in Table 1;

17.3.4 the vessel name, registration letters and number as stipulated in the Permit;

17.3.5 the quantity and/or mass of fish or part of product thereof sold/ removed; and

17.3.6 the date of delivery of the fish.

18. TRANSFER OF FISHING RIGHTS

The Right Holder shall only transfer the long-term commercial fishing right allocated to him/her in terms of section 21 of the MLRA, read together with the Policy for the Transfer of Commercial Fishing Rights (Government Gazette No 32449, 31 July 2009).

19. TRANSPORTATION OF FISH

19.1 Right Holders shall be in possession of the Permit at all times when transporting Traditional Linefish and no additional transport permit is required.

19.2 Non-Right Holders shall be in possession of proof of purchase (e.g. receipt) when transporting Traditional Linefish and no additional transport permit is required.

20. FISHING PERFORMANCE MEASURING

20.1 The Permit Holder shall be obliged to provide the Department with information required to carry out a performance measuring exercise. Such information shall include but is not limited to:

20.1.1 Data regarding transformation levels;

20.1.2 sustainable fishing practices;

20.1.3 data regarding investments made in the fishery and jobs created and sustained;

20.1.4 data regarding compliance initiatives.

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