



SECTION C

Sector Specific
Exemption Permit Conditions:

Hake Handline Fishery

These Exemption Permit Conditions must be read with the Fishing Permit Conditions
For: Hake; Sole, Horse Mackerel and Demersal Shark Sectors ("SECTION B") for 2024.

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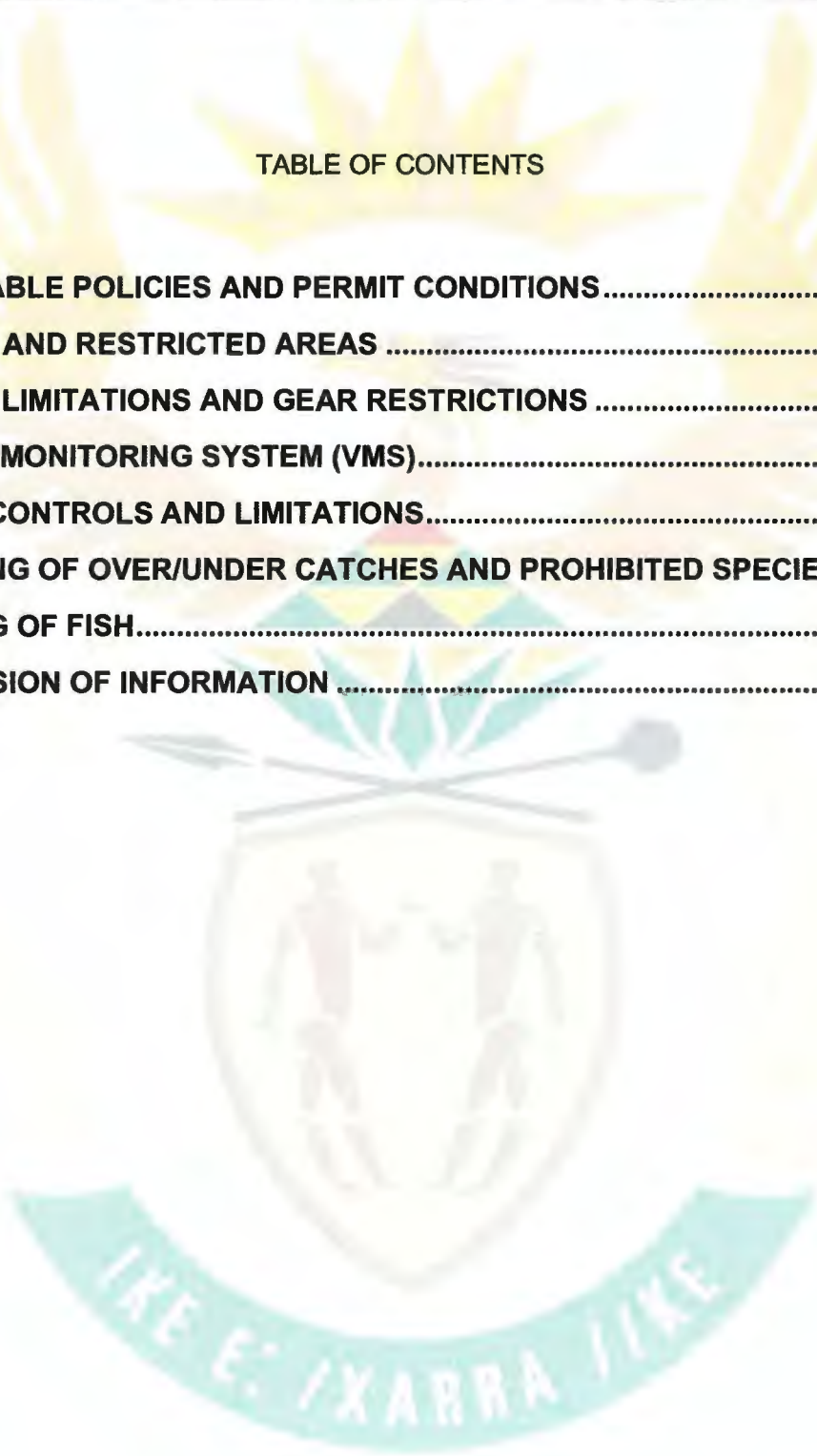
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1. APPLICABLE POLICIES AND PERMIT CONDITIONS

- 1.1. This Exemption permit is issued subject to the further provisions of the Policy for the Allocation and Management of Fishing Rights in the Hake Handline Fishery: 2013 and the General Policy on the Allocation and Management of Fishing Rights: 2021.
- 1.2. These Exemption permit conditions must be read with the applicable Fishing Permit Conditions For: Hake; Sole; Horse Mackerel and Demersal Shark Sectors ("SECTION B") for 2024.

2. FISHING AND RESTRICTED AREAS

- 2.1 This exemption permit is valid only in South African waters (excluding tidal lagoons, tidal rivers and estuaries).
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 No fishing shall take place in the Marine Protected Areas as proclaimed in the Government Gazette No. 42478 dated 23 May 2019.
- 2.4 The Exemption Permit Holder may target snoek in the area bounded by Port Nolloth and an imaginary line due south from Cape Recife.
- 2.5 The Exemption 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 Exemption 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@dffe.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 exemption permit") of the exemption 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.
- 3.5. No other gear except handlines may be on board and be used for fishing.

4. VESSEL MONITORING SYSTEM (VMS)

- 4.1. In cases where VMS units are non-functional due to "technical" problems, and such Exemption Permit Holders/Right Holders, Vessel Owners/Skippers wish to proceed to

sea without functional VMS unit, the Exemption Permit Holders/Right Holders, Vessel Owners/Skippers shall obtain written permission from the Department.

- 4.2. 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.

5. CATCH CONTROLS AND LIMITATIONS

- 5.1. In addition to limiting the catching of hake within the area Cape Infanta to Port Alfred, the Exemption Permit Holder shall not retain any other species as listed in Table 1 and 2 when targeting snoek.
- 5.2. No other Exemption Rights and/or exemption permits may therefore be activated simultaneously on the vessel.
- 5.3. The Exemption 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.
- 5.4. The Exemption Permit Holder shall only undertake fishing of the species set out in Tables 1 and 2 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 exemption permit holder may catch				
COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	MINIMUM SIZE/ MASS	BAG LIMITS	CLOSED SEASON
Carpenter (silverfish)	<i>Argyrozona argyrozona</i>	35 cm	4	
Hake (stockfish)	<i>Merluccius capensis</i> & <i>M. paradoxus</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	
Snoek (Cape snoek)	<i>Thyrsites atun</i>	60 cm	Unlimited	

TABLE 2: Species caught for the provisions of bait and may not be sold				
Sardines (pilchard & red eye)	<i>Family clupeidae</i>	None	Unlimited	
Chub mackerel	<i>Scomber japonicus</i>	None	Unlimited	
Garfishes	Family Belonidae	None	Unlimited	
Halfbeaks	Family Hemiramphidae	None	Unlimited	
Horse mackerel / maasbanker	<i>Trachurus trachurus capensis</i>	None	Unlimited	
Mullets / harders	Family Mugilidae	None	50	
Sauries	Family Scomberesocidae	None	Unlimited	
Scads	<i>Decapterus</i> spp.	None	Unlimited	
Squid (Chokka)	<i>Loligo vulgaris reynaudii</i>	None	20	From 12h00 on 1 April 2024 to 12h00 noon on 1 July 2024 and From 12 noon on 19 October to 12 noon on 23 November in any year

- 5.5. No other species of fish shall be retained by the Exemption Permit Holder. In the event of the Exemption 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.
- 5.6. Whilst operating in terms of the provisions of this exemption permit, the Exemption 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.
- 5.7. The Exemption 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.

6. HANDLING OF OVER/UNDER CATCHES AND PROHIBITED SPECIES

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

7. LANDING OF FISH

- 7.1 The Exemption Permit Holder must inform the local Fishery Control Officer (Table 3) 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.
- 7.2 There shall be no transshipment of catches without the written authorisation of the Department.
- 7.3 Any transshipment without written authorisation may result in initiation of legal proceedings (which may include Section 28 proceedings and or criminal proceedings).

TABLE 3: Hake Handline Landing Sites

<u>LANDING SITES: COMMERCIAL HAKE HANDLINE EXEMPTION 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 EXEMPTION PERMIT HOLDERS</u>		
<u>EAST COAST COMPLIANCE DIVISION</u>		
AREA	ADDRESS	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
Gqeberha	Gqeberha Harbour	Mr D. Mostert
Swartkops River	Tiger Bay and Amsterdamhoek	Cell: 0664711593
Noordhoek Ski Club	Marine Drive, Gqeberha	Tel: 041 585 4051
Jeffreys Bay	Jeffreys Bay, Main Beach	Mr. M Maziko
Port St Francis	St Francis Bay Harbour	Cell: 083 280 3313 Tel: 042 293 1757
Port Alfred	Kowie River and Port Small Boat Harbour, Halyard Hotel	Mr. A. Maki
Kenton-on-sea	Middle Beach	Cell: 071 383 2005
Boknes	The public slipway at Boknes and Hamburg	Tel: 046 624 5496
Plettenberg Bay	Plettenberg Bay central beach	Ms. H. October
Knysna	Knysna Angling Club, waterfront Drive, Knysna	Cell: 066 471 1400
Kaaimans	Wildernis	
Mossel Bay	Mossel Bay Harbour 82 Marsh Street, Old Shoprite Building, Mossel Bay, 6500 (Next to Department of Labour)	Ms. H. October Cell: 066 471 1400 Tel: 044 691 0096

Cape Town	Oceana Power Boat Club Beach Road Granger Bay	Ms B Mamaila Tel : 021 402 3430 / 3361 Cell: 072 756 5804
Hout Bay	Hout Bay Harbour, Harbour Road, Quay 1. Also known as Snoek Jetty	Mr M. Sylvester Cell: 082 829 3918
Kommetjie	The slipway situated at the Kommetjie Boat Club Beach Road Kommetjie The slipway at Witsands situated adjacent to the Lighthouse rock lobster factory	Mr G. Dakalo Cell: 072 195 4957 Fax: 021 783 5853
Kalk Bay	The fish landing quay, main break water quay and the new jetty at Kalk Bay Harbour Main Road Kalk Bay The Cape Boat and Ski Boat Club slipway Main Road, Millers Point	Ms A. Nortier Cell: 082 771 8890 Fax: 021 788 1038
Gordon's Bay	The slipway at Gordon's Bay Harbour Beach Road Gordon's Bay The municipality slipway situated in Beach Road, Strand The slipway at Gordon's Bay Harbour Island, Gordon's Bay	Mrs N. Jozi Cell: 073 264 5953
Hermanus	The Fisher Jetty at Hermanus Harbour	Mr M. Grootboom Cell: 079 787 5681 Fax: 021 313 0502
Gansbaai	The slipway at Gansbaai Harbour and slipway situated between Swart and Geelbek Roads	Mr L. Erasmus Cell: 067 843 8175 Tel: 028 313 2703
Struisbaai	The slipway Struisbaai Harbour Harbour Road, Struisbaai	Mr T. Kekana Cell: 083 538 6953 Fax: 028 435 6383

Arniston	The slipway at Arniston Harbour, Arniston	Ms Z Mvelakubi Cell: 083 346 0524
Saldanha	Pepper Bay Harbour, President Street	Mr W Theron Cell: 082 771 8910 Tel: 022 714 1710 Fax: 022 714 3997

- 7.3 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 3).
- 7.4 The Exemption 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.
- 7.5 Only the by-catch species i.e., Carpenter (*Argyrozona argyrozona*), Kob (*Argyrosomus* spp.) and Snoek (*Thyrsites atun*) must be landed 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.
- 7.6 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.
- 8. SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION**
- 8.1 The Exemption Permit Holder shall submit catch returns shall be recorded in the Commercial Linefish Catch Return ("**the Blue Book**") issued for such purpose.
- 8.2 A **Landing Declaration Sheet** must be completed when the catch is landed. The Landing Declaration Sheet must be signed by the Exemption Right Holder.
- 8.3 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.

- 8.4 The Exemption 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 Exemption 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 Exemption 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 Support and Permitting, Ground Floor, Foretrust Building** or posted by registered mail (**Hake Handline Catch Statistics, Private Bag X2, Vlaeberg, 8018, Foreshore, Cape Town, Attention: Fisheries Research & Development (Linefish Section)**).
- 8.5 The Exemption Permit Holder shall retain the duplicate copies of the above sheets for a minimum of 24 (twenty-four) months.
- 8.6 Should the Exemption 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.
- 8.7 The Exemption 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:



ANNEXURE 1
SPECIES SPECIFIC REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO HAKE HANDLINE EXEMPTION
PERMIT HOLDERS

1. The taxa, i.e., genus (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. Only the by-catch species i.e. Carpenter (*Argyrozona argyrozona*), Kob (*Argyrosomus* spp.) and Snoek (*Thyrsites atun*) must be landed 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.
4. Any fish caught in contravention of the provisions of the Marine Living Resources Act No. 18 of 1998 ("the MLRA") or the exemption permit conditions must immediately be returned to the sea with a little injury as possible.
5. The exemption permit holder may not catch, be in possession of or sell species not listed below.
6. Squid may be caught for own use only and may not be sold.
7. There is a closed season for squid (*Loligo reynaudii*) from 12h00 on 1 April 2024 to 12h00 noon on 1 July 2024 and from 12 noon on 19 October to 12 noon on 23 November in any year.
8. Anchovies, chub mackerel, garfish, halfbeaks, horse mackerel, mullet, sauries, scads, sardines, and squid are included here for the provision of bait and may also not be sold.

The exemption 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" multiplied by the number of crew onboard the vessel up to the maximum number as stipulated in the allocated right.

