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Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Reference: West Coast Rock Lobster (Nearshore) Zone C Appeals

THE MINISTER

REPORT IN TERMS OF REGULATION 5(3) OF THE REGULATIONS PROMULGATED UNDER THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT No. 18 OF 1998) ("THE MLRA"): APPEAL IN TERMS OF SECTION 80 OF THE MLRA: WEST COAST ROCK LOBSTER (NEARSHORE) FISHERY: ZONE C APPELLANTS.

GERHARD SHANE CORDOM	WCNC16794
MICHAEL MBALA	WCNC15188
SOPHIA SAMSON	WCNC15363
ARTHUR SEAN CHOOLAN	WCNC15545

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To submit a report as provided for in terms of Regulation 5(3) of the Regulations promulgated under the MLRA, with regard to an appeal by 4 Appellants in the West Coast Rock Lobster (Nearshore) Fishery: Zone C ("the Appellants").

2. GROUNDS OF APPEAL

- 2.1 The grounds of appeals by four (4) Appellants relate to their exclusion for failing to sign their 2015/16 Application Form for Fishing Rights ("Application Form") and the failure of one (1) Appellant to both sign and commission his Application Form.

3. DELIBERATIONS

- 3.1 The applications of 4 Appellants were screened to determine whether they were materially defective. In terms of Section 6.1.1(b) of the General Policy on the Allocation and Management of Fishing Rights: 2013, "*an application is materially*

defective if the declaration is not signed by the applicant, or if the applicant's declaration was not attested to by a Commissioner of Oaths, or if more than one application was received from the same applicant for a fishing right in the same sector, or if the applicant provided false information for false documents, or failed to disclose material information, or attempted to influence the Minister or delegated authority other than in the manner provided for in the 2013 General Policy during the application period".

- 3.2 All applicants in the West Coast Rock Lobster (Nearshore) fishery were required to sign the declarations and have declarations attested to by a Commissioner of Oaths on their 2015/16 Application Forms. The applications of the 4 Appellants were excluded in the West Coast Rock Lobster (Nearshore) fishery for failure to sign their application forms as follows:
 - 3.2.1 Gerhard Shane Cordon (WCNC16794)
 - 3.2.2 Michael Mbala (WCNC15188)
 - 3.2.3 Sophia Samson (WCNC15363)
- 3.3 The application of one (1) Appellant was excluded in the West Coast Rock Lobster (Nearshore) fishery for failure to both sign and commission his application form as follows:
 - 3.3.1 Arthur Sean Choolan (WCNC15545).
- 3.4 In terms of Section 5.9.1(e)(i) of the General Policy, applicants are required to attest to a declaration before a commissioner of oaths stating, amongst other things, that they have not submitted false information or false documents and that they have not failed to disclose material information.
- 3.5 In terms of Section 6.1.1(b) of the General Policy, the applications submitted by the 4 Appellants were materially defective as the declarations were not signed by the Appellants and/or declarations were not attested by a Commissioner of Oaths.
- 3.6 Clause 14 of the Application Form under "Important Information Instructions" indicates that if any applicant fails to comply with the requirements of the General

Policy, the Sector-Specific Policy and/or the instructions and the requirements of the application, such application will be declined.

- 3.7 The Delegated Authority has no discretion to condone non-compliance with regards to requirements relating to materially defective applications.



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