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## MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 18 OF 1998)

EXTENSION FOR SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT POLICY ON THE ALLOCATION AND MANAGEMENT OF RIGHTS TO OPERATE FISH PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENTS AND THE DRAFT POLICY FOR THE TRANSFER OF COMMERCIAL FISHING RIGHTS

I, Dion Travers George, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, published the draft Policy on the Allocation and Management of Rights to operate Fish Processing Establishments and the draft Policy for the Transfer of Commercial Fishing Rights (collectively the draft Policies), for public comment in Government Notice No. 5504, Government Gazette No. 51499 of 1 November 2024. The due date for comments, as indicated in the said Government Notice, is within 30 calendar days of the publication of such Government Notice in the Government Gazette or the publication of the related newspaper notice, whichever occurs last. I, however, based on a request received and the upcoming festive period, hereby extend the commenting period for the submission of written comments on the draft Policies to 31 January 2025.

The socio-economic impact assessment study for the Draft Policy on the Transfer of Commercial Fishing Rights and the exemption certificate for the Draft Policy on Allocation and Management of Rights to Operate a Fish Processing Establishment are available for download from the Department's website at <a href="http://www.environment.gov.za/index.php/FisheriesManagementFRAP2020-21SEIAS">http://www.environment.gov.za/index.php/FisheriesManagementFRAP2020-21SEIAS</a> and may also be requested by sending an email to FRAPSEIAS\_2020@dffe.gov.za.

Any person who wishes to comment on the draft policies may submit written comments to the Department in the following manner:

By post: Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

Attention: Deputy Director: Fisheries Policy and Rights Administration

Private Bag X2, VLAEBERG

8018

By hand: 4th Floor Foretrust Building, Martin Hammerschlag Way, Foreshore, Cape Town

By email: FRAPpolicycomments@environment.gov.za

Telephone queries – Mr Msimelelo Mdledle – 066 471 1473/ 084 304 0170

Comments received after the extended commenting period may be disregarded

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