



forestry, fisheries & the environment

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A CATCH-ALL WEEK FOR WESTERN CAPE SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES VERIFICATION AND REGISTRATION PROCESS

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment distributed verification forms from 26 September 2022 to 07 October 2022 in 68 venues covering 109 fishing communities targeting over 8000 individuals in the Western Cape. The process, as guided by the Court Order of the 31 August 2022, was only open to those community members that participated in the initial Small-Scale Fisheries process in 2016.

The department received an exceptional response during the two weeks of distribution of verification forms as those who were eligible to receive verification forms went out in numbers. The department further noted that there were a number of individuals who could not attend the distribution process due to compelling reasons, and made plans, through proxies, for the forms to be received by their proxies as was advised by the department.

Based on the analysis, there are areas where the department managed to get up to 96% of people who collected their forms. However, there are also areas where the department reached out to as little as 42%. For week one, the department managed to reach a total of 59.88% participants and in week two, the department managed to reach a total of 75.9% participants. In total, 67% of verification forms were issued to previous participants during the two weeks of distribution.

In order to show fairness and provide further access to the process, the department is planning to have a catch-all week from 17 October 2022 to 21 October 2022. The department will set up in central venues in each region, as displayed below. This is where those who might have not collected their forms can be able to collect their forms between 9h00 and 16h00, on the specified dates.

If an eligible community member is unable to collect his/her verification form as per the below schedule for valid reasons (e.g., medical emergency, death of an immediate family member), they are to complete a proxy letter that is obtainable at their nearest departmental Fisheries Compliance Offices, or via email at SSFMPProxy@dffe.gov.za, in order for an authorised person to receive a verification form on behalf of an eligible person.

Please note: "fishing" or "attending to other business" will not be regarded as valid reasons for not making it to the meetings to receive a verification form.

Notes on Verification Process

- Verification forms are not for sale,
- Each verification form will have a unique sequence number and the form should not be photocopied,
- Eligible community members will be required to visit the distribution centres to collect their verification forms. If a community member knows that they participated in 2016, but does not appear on the lists, they will be required to provide proof that shows they participated in the initial process in 2016.

The Catch-All Process Timeline will be as follows:

REGION (AREA)	CATCH ALL VENUE/CENTRE	COMMUNITIES COVERED	DATE
West Coast	Eilandsbaai: Eilandsbaai Community Hall	Graafwater	19-Oct-22
		Leipoltville	
		Lamberts Bay	
		Eilands Bay	
	Doringbaai: Community Hall	Doringbaai	20-Oct-22
		Ebenhaezer	
		Lutzville	
		Papendorp	
	Saldanha: Dial Rock	Veldrift	21-Oct-22
		Vredenberg	
		Sandy Point	
		Stompneus Bay/Duykers Island/Columbine	
		Steenberg Cove	
		Laingville/West Point	
		Paternoster	
Saldanha (white city)			
Saldanha Diaz Ville			
Hopefield			
Langebaan			
Yzerfontein			
Mamre			
Darling			
Cape Metro	Cape Town: Foretrust Building	Gugulethu	17-Oct-22
		Khayelitsha	
		Langa	
		Blouberg	
		Atlantis	
		Crossroads, Philippi, Nyanga	
		Bellville, Brackenfell, Kraaifontein, Belhar, Delft	
		Mitchell's Plain and Strandfontein	
		Hanover Park	
		Retreat	
		Grassy Park	
Vrygrond			

REGION (AREA)	CATCH ALL VENUE/CENTRE	COMMUNITIES COVERED	DATE	
		Hangberg		
		Imizamo Yethu		
		Kalk Bay		
		Ocean View		
		Redhill		
		Botrivier		
		Macassar		
		Sir Lowry's Pass Library		
		Strand		
		Mbekweni		
South Coast	Hermanus: Hermanus New Harbour Multipurpose Centre	Hermanus, Westdene, Zwelile	18-Oct-22	
		Hawston		
		Kleinmond		
		Stanford		
		Eluxolweni		
		Masakhane (gansbaai)		
		Blompark		
Bredarsdorp: Thusong Centre	Bredarsdorp: Thusong Centre	Bredarsdorp	19-Oct-22	
		Struisbaai		
		Buffelsjag		
		Arniston		
		Elim		
Southern Cape	Plettenberg bay: New Horizon Community Hall	Kranshoek	19-Oct-22	
		Kurland		
		Covie		
		Qolweni		
		KwaNokuthula		
		Rhenendal		
		Hornlee		
		Pine Trees		
		New Horizon		
		Greenvelly & Witterdrift		
		White Location		
	Mossel Bay: D'almeida Hall	Mossel Bay: D'almeida Hall	Touwsrante	20-Oct-22
Grootbrak and Green Velly				
Kleinkrantz (Wilderness)				
Sedgefield/Smutsville				

REGION (AREA)	CATCH ALL VENUE/CENTRE	COMMUNITIES COVERED	DATE
		Mossel Bay/Herbertsdale	
		KwaNongaba	
		Asla	
		D'almeidia	
		Tarka/New Sunnyside	
	Stillbaai: Melkhoutfontein Community Hall	Stillbaai	21-Oct-22
		Melkhoutfontein	
		Vermaaklikheid & Slangrivier	
		Gouritzmond	

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