



IMPORTANT NOTICE

**18 AUGUST 2020
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

TO: ALL HOLDERS OF LICENCES, PERMIT AND AUTHORISATIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 18 OF 1998) IN THE FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE SECTOR.

EXEMPTION IN TERMS OF SECTION 81 OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 18 OF 1998) TO ALL HOLDERS OF LICENCES, PERMIT AND AUTHORISATIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 18 OF 1998) TO OPERATE WITHOUT VALID PERMITS UNTIL THE 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020.

THE DIRECTIONS REGARDING MEASURES TO ADDRESS, PREVENT AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATING TO THE FRESHWATER AND MARINE FISHING SECTOR published on the 5th June 2020 in Government Notice No. 648, Government Gazette 43410 (the "Directions"), stipulates the extension of the timeframes of various right, permit, exemption or licence listed in the two Public Notices issued by the Department on the 24th and 26th March 2020 respectively for the duration of Disaster Management Act: Regulations: Alert level 3 during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown.

On the 15th of August 2020, the President announced the Cabinet's decision to place the entire country on Alert Level 2, with effect from midnight on Monday, the 17th of August 2020. This decision in essence, terminated the validity of the right, permit, exemption or licence referred to in the Directions.

In light of the above, the Deputy Director-General: Fisheries Management as delegated by the Minister in terms of 79 of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998) (MLRA) has decided to grant a further exemption in terms of section 81 of the MLRA to right, permit, authorisations, exemption or licence holders as stipulated in the Public Notices issued by the Department on the 24th and 26th March 2020 respectively.

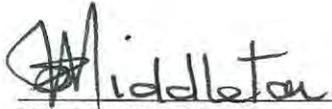
The exemption will come in to effect from midnight on Monday, the 17th of August 2020 until midnight on Wednesday, the 30th of September 2020. The above exemption is granted on the same terms and condition as stipulated therein. During the validity of the exemption, all fisheries operators are urged to apply, be issued and be in possession of valid relevant permits prior to the expiration thereof. Right, permit, authorisation, exemption or licence holder will be liable for prosecution if he/she fails to adhere to the terms and the conditions of this exemption. This exemption may at any time be cancelled or amended by the Minister or Delegated Authority.

Fisheries Operators must apply for permits, licences and other related applications online. Applications must be submitted to cscapplications@daff.gov.za. Please note that applications submitted electronically

must still comply with all the set requirements for that particular application. The approved documents will be emailed to the applicant. For enquiries, please email cscenquiries@daff.gov.za.

The Department will continue to implement various health and safety measures as recommended to minimize the spread of the virus.

For all enquiries contact the Department's Call Centre on telephone number 08600 3474 or at the e-mail address cscenquiries@daff.gov.za



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