



# agriculture, forestry & fisheries

Department:  
Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**Moratorium on submission of section 21 (Transfer of Commercial Fishing Right) applications and notifications of changes in shareholding and/or members' interests during the 2020 Fishing Rights Allocation Process ("FRAP2020").**

On 20 July 2018, the Deputy Director-General: Fisheries Management, through a Government Gazette Notice No.: 718, informed interested and/or affected parties of the commencement of the 2020 Fishing Rights Allocation Process ("FRAP2020") for granting of commercial fishing rights in terms of section 18 of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998) ("the MLRA") for the following fishing sectors: Hake Deep-Sea Trawl, Small Pelagics, South Coast Rock Lobster, Hake Longline, Squid, Demersal Shark, Tuna Pole-Line, KwaZulu-Natal Prawn Trawl, Hake Handline, Traditional Linefish, Oysters and White Mussels.

In order to facilitate the orderly allocation of fishing rights for FRAP2020, the Deputy Director-General: Fisheries Management, as delegated in terms of section 79 of the MLRA, is imposing a Moratorium on the submission of applications for the Transfer of Commercial Fishing Rights including notifications of changes in shareholding and/or

members' interest in all fishing sectors that are due for allocation, i.e. the Hake Deep-Sea Trawl, Small Pelagics, South Coast Rock Lobster, Hake Longline, Squid, Demersal Shark, Tuna Pole-Line, KwaZulu-Natal Prawn Trawl, Hake Handline, Traditional Linefish, Oysters and White Mussels fishing sectors. All current right holders in the above-mentioned fishing sectors who intend to transfer their fishing rights in whole and/or in part should submit their applications by no later than **Monday, 30 September 2019.**

The Department will not accept and process any applications for the Transfer of Commercial Fishing Rights including notifications of changes in shareholding and/or members' interest received after **Monday, 30 September 2019** unless in exceptional circumstances where the Right Holder and/or shareholder and/or member has passed away.

For all FRAP Enquiries contact the Call Centre number on 021 402 3727 (FRAP)  
or via E-mail: [FRAPenq\\_2020@daff.gov.za](mailto:FRAPenq_2020@daff.gov.za)

For anonymous tip-offs for fraudulent and unethical practices, a tip-off line will be provided in due course.

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