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Mr M N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

What recourse does a group of small-scale fishers from the Gugulethu community in Cape Town have, given their wealth of experience attained with commercial fishing companies, after their recent applications for small-scale fishing permits were rejected without any reasons given other than the standard, wordy rejection letter?

1643. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

Section 80 of the Marine Living Resources Act, 2014 (Act No. 5 of 2014) (MLRA) makes provision for any affected person to appeal to the Minister against a decision taken by any person acting under a power delegated in terms of the MLRA or section 238 of the Constitution.

The Department is currently reviewing the verification process of declaring small-scale fishers in the Western Cape. This process is not yet finalised. Should the applicants still not be satisfied they can take the appeal decision on judicial review.

Regards

MS BD CREECY, MP

MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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