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Department: Environment, Forestry
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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TO: ALL HOLDERS OF COMMERCIAL FISHING RIGHTS AND EXEMPTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 18 OF 1998), INTERESTED OR AFFECTED PARTIES AND FISHING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS.

On 26 June 2020, the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries ("the Department") published a *Gazette Notice* on the Commencement of the 2020/21 Fishing Rights Allocation Process ("FRAP2020/21"). In the *Gazette Notice*, the Department communicated the intension to conduct Socio Economic Impact Assessment Studies (SEIAS) in order to review the General Policy on the Allocation and Management of Commercial Fishing Rights: 2013 (the General Policy), the Policy on the Transfer of Commercial Fishing Rights: 2009 (the Transfer Policy); the Policy on the Allocation and Management of Rights to operate Fish Processing Establishments: 2015 and the various Polices for the Allocation and Management of Commercial Fishing Rights (the Sector-Specific Policies).

The Policy and Research Services (PRS) Branch in The Presidency is responsible to coordinates the implementation of SEIAS, support government Departments and quality assure (QA) SEIAS Reports as developed by Departments. In preparation, the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries has secured the support of the PRS Branch to conduct a Virtual Workshop on SEIAS with the fishing industry stakeholders. The aim of the workshop is to provide guidance and clarity to the Department, holders of Commercial Fishing Rights, Exemptions, Interested or Affected Parties and Fishing Industry Associations on the respective processes and/or phases of the SEAIS.

All holders of Commercial Fishing Rights, Exemptions, Interested or Affected Parties and Fishing Industry Associations are invited to attend the Virtual Workshop on SEAIS that will be held on **Thursday, 8 October 2020 at 10:30 until 13:30**. All attendees are invited to join the SEAIS Virtual Workshop by clicking below:

Join on your computer or mobile app
[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Alternatively, forwarding their details to: FRAPenq_2020@daff.gov.za so that a link can be forwarded to them.

For all enquiries regarding the SEIAS Virtual Workshop, contact the FRAP Call Centre on 021 402 3727 (FRAP).

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