

ANNEXURE B**THE RECOGNITION OF SMALL-SCALE FISHERS AND FISHING COMMUNITIES IN THE WESTERN CAPE**

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The Department undertook an audit to assess the complaints. The audit concluded that there were serious shortcomings in the verification and recognition process, including in the way the appeals were dealt with.

After receiving the Audit Report, the Minister took legal advice on how to address the audit findings. The Minister has also considered how to minimise the impact on small-scale fishing communities.

Based on that legal advice, the Minister has made an application to the Western Cape High Court to review and set aside the process of awarding small-scale fishing rights in the Western Cape. If the court application is successful, it will mean that:

1. All the original decisions, and all appeal decisions, will be set aside.
2. The applications which were lodged for recognition as small-scale fishers will be reconsidered. People who did not originally apply will not be permitted to apply now.
3. Fresh decisions will be made on the applications which were lodged.
4. The court application will not alter any existing entitlement to fish that small-scale fishers currently have. This entitlement to access to fish will remain in force until the

verification and recognition process has been completed and fishing rights have been granted.

If you wish to find out more about the Minister's application to the High Court:

- 1 You may inspect and obtain a copy of the application at the local Fishery Control Offices;
- 2 You may obtain a copy online at the following website: www.environment.gov.za
- 3 You may contact the following share-call number and ask for a copy to be sent to you electronically. The number is 0860003474
- 4 You may obtain a copy by emailing your request to cscenquiries@daff.gov.za.

If you wish to oppose the Minister's application to the High Court, you are required to give notice to the Registrar of the Western Cape High Court and to the State Attorney in Cape Town situated at 5th Floor, 22 Long Street care of Ms Tanya Lombard, who may also be emailed on Tlombard@justice.gov.za; within 30 days.

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ENGLISH

SMS	TEXT
SMS 1	DEFF: Recognition of SSF IN WC: The Minister received complaints about unfair exclusion of fishers in the small-scale fishers identification process in WC
SMS 2	In response, Minister requested the DEFF to conduct a full audit on the process in WC
SMS 3	Based on the audit outcomes and legal advice, Minister has made an application to the High Court to review and set aside the WC process
SMS 4	All the original decisions, and all appeal decisions, will be set aside
SMS 5	The new process will be limited to all those who originally registered
SMS 6	The court application will not alter any existing entitlement to fishing that small scale fishers currently have
SMS 7	For more information & access to the application to the High Court visit FCO offices, DEFF website, email cscenquiries@daff.gov.za or call 0860003474.
SMS 8	If you wish to oppose the application to the High Court, give notice to the Registrar of the WC High Court and to the State Attorney in Cape Town within 30 days

