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MINISTER TINA JOEMAT- PETERSSON EXTENDS FISHING RIGHTS APPLICATION DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Ms Tina-Joemat-Pettersson has extended the process for the distribution of fishing rights application forms for additional fourteen days from Monday 26 August 2013 to Friday 06 September 2013. The forms are for eight fishing sectors which are KZN Prawn Trawl, Demersal Shark, Squid, Tuna Pole, Hake Handline, White Mussel, Oyster and Traditional Linefish.

The extended process is aimed to ensure that applicants are assisted in understanding how to complete the application forms. Additional distribution centers will also be operational across the country during this extended period to ensure forms are nationally available.

“It is absolutely imperative that we assist applicants in understanding how to complete the forms as we move to make these processes more simple and accessible yet keep it effective and legal. In this current process we have focused our attention on ensuring that the application form is easier to fill out, our officials were on hand to assist with any kinds of explanations. During the consultations, the officials visited town halls, churches and community gatherings, addressed thousands of people, and communicated through media, to make sure that our process is as far reaching as possible. We have boldly taken a step towards changing people’s lives, and we are well on our way of achieving that”, explains Minister Joemat- Pettersson.

Prospective applicants may collect application forms and policies for the applicable fishing sectors from any of twenty venues nationally from Monday 26 August 2013 to Friday 6 September 2013 from 8:00 till 16:00.

The invitation to apply for fishing rights in the stipulated eight fisheries sectors as well as the general policy, sector-specific policies on the allocations and management of fishing rights, the specimen application forms as well as explanatory notes have been published in Government Gazette Number 36675 dated 17 July 2013 (Notice 750 and Notice 751).

Persons wishing to apply for rights to undertake commercial fishing in the abovementioned sectors must take the following to one of the twenty distribution centres. See table).

- (i) the identity document of the individual collecting the form and a copy of the first page of this person's identity document;
- (ii) if the application form is collected by someone else on behalf of an applicant then a letter authorizing the individual collecting the application form to do so on behalf of the applicant and a copy of the collectors' and applicant's identity or registration documents.

Applicants will be required to provide the applicant's postal address, telephone, fax and cellular numbers and e-mail address. Applicants who have applied already need not to re-apply.

A public notice will be issued regarding dates for the receipting process in due course.

SCHEDULE OF FRAP DISTRIBUTION CENTRES

NO.	VENUE	ADDRESS	DATES AND TIMES FOR DISTRIBUTION
1	PORT NOLLOTH	Fishery Compliance Office, Court Building, Beach Road, Port Nolloth	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, 26 August 2013 to Friday, 06 September 2013 from 08:00 to 16:00 (2 weeks)</p>
2	HONDEKLIP BAAI	Eric Baker Community Hall, Dolpin Str, Hondeklip Bay	
3	LAMBERTS BAY	Fishery Compliance Office, Lamberts Bay Harbour	
4	ELANDS BAY	Fishery Compliance Office, Jetty Road, Elands Bay	
5	PATERNOSTER	Paternoster Community Hall, St Augustine Str, Paternoster	
6	SALDANHA	Fisheries Compliance Office, Pepper Bay Harbour, Saldanha	
7	CAPE TOWN	DAFF offices, Customer Service Centre, Foretrust Building, Martin Hammerschalg Way, Foreshore, Cape Town	
8	HERMANUS	Fishery Compliance Office, 248 Still Street, Hermanus	
9	MOSSEL BAY	Fishery Compliance Office, 64 Bland Street, Searlor Manor, Mossel Bay	
10	JEFFREY'S BAY	Fishery Compliance Office, No 16 Woltemader Street, Jeffrey's Bay	
11	PORT ELIZABETH	Fishery Compliance Office, 21 Stanley Street, Central Port Elizabeth	
12	EAST LONDON	Fishery Compliance Office, Latimer's Landing, East London Harbour, East London	
13	PORT ST JOHNS	Fishery Compliance Office, 433 Bridge Street, Port St Johns	

14	DURBAN	KZN Wildlife offices, 25 Stellawood Road, Umbilo
15	RICHARD'S BAY	KZN Wildlife offices, Corner of Krewingkin & Anglers Road, PnP Centre, Richard's Bay (next to Shell Garage)
16	NELSPRUIT	Mbombela Library Hall, White River, Nelspruit
17	POLOKWANE	Polokwane City Library Hall, 71 Hans Van Rensburg Street, Polokwane.
18	BLOEMFONTEIN	Lori Park Library Hall, Corners of Doringklaat & Nanbessie Streets, Lori Park, Bloemfontein
19	MAFIKENG	Mafikeng Museum, Corners of Karrington & Martin Streets, Mafikeng
20	PRETORIA	DAFF offices, Agriculture Place, Reception Area, 20 Steve Biko Street, Pretoria

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