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MEDIA STATEMENT

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FINAL DECISIONS OF FISHING RIGHTS ALLOCATION PROCESS 2015/16 FOR THE WEST COAST ROCK LOBSTER (NEARSHORE) FISHING SECTOR.

Cape Town, Monday; 31 July 2017: The Delegated Authority for the Fishing Rights Allocation Process (FRAP) of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; Branch: Fisheries Management (“the Delegated Authority”), Ms Siphokazi Ndudane has concluded the allocation of fishing rights and quantum for the West Coast Rock Lobster (Nearshore) fishing sector. The rights allocated in this fishery are for a period of 15 years.

The addendum to the General Published Reasons for the decisions on the allocation of 2015/16 Fishing Rights and final decision lists in the West Coast Rock Lobster (Nearshore) fishing sector is available on the Department’s website and will be displayed along the coast in all Departmental Compliance Offices.

The appeals period for this fishery will commence on **Tuesday, 1 August 2017**, and will close on **Friday, 15 September 2017 at 16H00**. All appeals must be received by the Department not later than 16H00, Friday, 15 September 2017. Appeals submitted via email must be in a PDF format and emailed to FRAP2015appeals@daff.gov.za. Appeals can also be hand delivered to Ground Floor, Foretrust Building, Martin Hammerschlag Way, Foreshore, Cape Town

All applicants who wish to submit appeals against the decision of the Delegated Authority are advised to download the relevant appeal form(s) on the Departmental website: www.daff.gov.za. NOTE: APPLICANTS are advised that the values printed

on the scoresheet for the Exclusionary Criteria "C" (Essential Requirements) and "D" (Improperly Lodged) are the outcome of the evaluation. If an 'N' is printed, it means the applicant was not excluded on that question. In cases where there is a "Y", the applicant would have been excluded on that criterion.

The Minister may make provision for the hearing of oral submissions where considered necessary and appropriate. The appeal must be marked as follows:

WEST COAST ROCK LOBSTER (NEARSHORE) APPEAL
APPELLANT'S FULL NAME AS IT APPEARS ON THE APPLICATION FORM
APPELLANT'S WEST COAST ROCK LOBSTER (NEARSHORE) APPLICATION
NUMBER

Appellants **SHALL** set out all the relevant facts as well as the grounds of appeal and shall be accompanied by any relevant document. All documentation appended to the appeal must be certified by a Commissioner of Oaths as being **a true copy of the original**. The Department will not extend the closing date for the submission of appeals in this fishery.

The Delegated Authority has decided to make available to all applicants in this fishery the application forms and scoresheets of other applicants in the manner prescribed below:

1. **The scoresheets for all other applicants in this fishery.**
The scoresheets will be made available on www.daff.gov.za and through the Fishery Control Offices along the coast. PDF versions of the scoresheets will be emailed on request from the appellants.
2. **Access to the application forms of applicants for fishing rights.**
Viewing of the FRAP 2015/16 application forms will only be provided at Foretrust Building, Martin Hammerschlag Way, Foreshore, Cape Town during the normal working hours. To view the FRAP 2015/16 applications, applicants are requested to contact Mr Msimelelo Mdledle and/or Ms Natasha Philander at MsimeleloM@daff.gov.za and/or NatashaP@daff.gov.za to book a date and time.

The Department will refuse access to the record of a third party in certain circumstances particularly if the record contains financial, commercial and technical information which if disclosed is likely to cause harm to the commercial or financial interests of the third party and disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the third party in contractual or other negotiations. Furthermore, the Department will refuse access to confidential information of third party specifically where such information could reasonably be expected to prejudice the future supply of similar information.

Viewing of application forms will commence on **Tuesday, 1 August 2017** until **Friday, 8 September 2017**.

An independent forensic company will be appointed to investigate the accuracy of the information submitted by applicants for fishing rights. Such investigations will take place during and after the allocation process. The forensic company will carry out investigations as and when required by the Department. If any applicant is found to have provided false information or false documents or failed to disclose material information, or had sought to influence the Minister of Delegated Authority, proceedings in terms of Section 28 of the MLRA will be undertaken and which may result in the revocation, suspension, cancellation, alteration or reduction of the right granted.

SIPHOKAZI NDUDANE

DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

Designation: Delegated Authority: West Coast Rock Lobster Nearshore Fishery

Date:

For all FRAP Enquiries

The Call Centre number is 021 402 3727 (FRAP)

An anonymous tip-off line telephone number to be provided in due course.