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PROVISIONAL DECISIONS IN THE SEAWEED FISHING SECTOR FOR THE FISHING RIGHTS ALLOCATION PROCESS (FRAP 2015/16)

Cape Town, Wednesday; 16 November 2016: The Delegated Authority for the Fishing Rights Allocation Process (FRAP) of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; Branch: Fisheries Management (“the Department”), Ms Siphokazi Ndudane will, later today, release the provisional lists and the General Published Reasons (GPR) for the Seaweed sector.

The Seaweed sector is a dual-managed sector as it is a Total Allowable Catch (TAC) and Total Applied Effort (TAE) controlled sector. In the GPR, the Delegated Authority has set out in detail the processes and methodology used to allocate fishing rights and resources. A thirty (30) day comment period will be opened from 16 November 2016 until 19 December 2016, whereby applicants can comment on the provisional list of successful applicants. The comments must only be submitted as provided for in the GPR. The comment receipting processes are managed by an independent service provider that manages the anonymous tip-off line.

It is the Delegated Authority’s intention to finalise her decision by no later than 20 January 2017. The provisional lists and the GPR will be made available on the Department’s website (www.daff.gov.za) and published at all the department’s Compliance Offices. The Delegated Authority intends to start processing applications

received for Fish Processing Establishments by Monday, 21 November 2016 and intends to publishing the results during December 2016.

To ensure that the FRAP2015/16 process is open and transparent, the Delegated Authority has decided to make the application forms of applicants available in the manner prescribed below:

1. **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 parties specifically where such information could reasonably be expected to prejudice the future supply of similar information.

The Department will not extend the closing date(s) for the submission of comments in these sectors and no application forms will be made available for viewing on the closing date for submission of comments. Viewing of application forms will commence on **Monday, 21 November 2016**. No applicant will be granted access to any score-sheets during the comment period.

For all FRAP Enquiries

The Call Centre number is 021 402 3727 (FRAP)

An anonymous tip-off line has been set up to deter fraudulent and unethical practices, the tip-off line is 0800 203 785