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UPDATE ON THE FISHING RIGHTS ALLOCATION PROCESS (FRAP2015/16): WEST COAST ROCK LOBSTER (NEARSHORE AND OFFSHORE) AND ABALONE FISHING SECTORS.

The Department has now commenced with the evaluation and assessment of 3423 West Coast Rock Lobster (Nearshore) and 637 West Coast Rock Lobster (Offshore) application forms submitted in terms of section 18 of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998) as amended (“the MLRA”) in the West Coast Rock Lobster fishing sector.

The Deputy Director-General: Fisheries Management in her capacity as the Delegated Authority (“the Delegated Authority”) for the 2015/16 Fishing Rights Allocation Process anticipates to announce her provisional decisions on the allocation of rights and quantum in the West Coast Rock Lobster (Nearshore and Offshore) fishing sectors on/or before 31 March 2017.

Following the announcement of the Delegated Authority’s provisional decisions on the allocation of rights and quantum in the West Coast Rock Lobster (Nearshore and Offshore) fishing sectors, interested and/or affected parties will be provided an opportunity to comment on the provisional decisions. Due to a substantial number of applications received in the West Coast Rock Lobster (Nearshore and Offshore) fishing sectors, the comment period will therefore be open for a period of at least 30 days.

The Delegated Authority anticipates to announce her final decisions on the allocation of rights and quantum in the West Coast Rock Lobster (Nearshore and Offshore) fishing sectors on/or before 31 May 2017.

Parallel to the comment period for the West Coast Rock Lobster (Nearshore and Offshore) fishing sectors, the Department will evaluate and assess 607 application forms submitted in terms of section 18 of the MLRA in the Abalone fishing sector. In this regard, the Delegated Authority anticipates to announce her provisional decisions on the allocation of rights and quantum in the Abalone fishing sector on/or before 31 May 2017. The comment period in the Abalone fishing sector will be open for a period of at least 30 days.

The Delegated Authority anticipates to announce her final decisions on the allocation of rights and quantum in the Abalone fishing sector on/or before 31 July 2017.

The timeframes stipulated herein are subject to change, however, the Delegated Authority is committed to finalise the allocation of fishing rights in the above-mentioned sectors within the specified time-periods.

The Department is please to inform all the affected and/or interested parties that the appointment of the Service Provider to conduct a forensic audit to verify the authenticity and truthfulness of the information submitted by applicants for the 2015/16 Fishing Rights Allocation Process will be appointed shortly. All successful applicants will therefore be subjected to a forensic audit.

For all FRAP Enquiries

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