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MEDIA STATEMENT

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UPDATE ON THE FISHING RIGHTS ALLOCATION PROCESS (FRAP2015/16) FOR THE ABALONE FISHING SECTOR.

Cape Town: Monday; 31 July 2017: On 30 March 2017, the Delegated Authority indicated her intentions to finalise and publish provisional decisions on the allocation of rights and quantum in the Abalone fishing sector on 31 July 2017. There were 729 comments received in respect of the West Coast Rock Lobster (Nearshore) fishing sector. Due to the high volume of comments received in the West Coast Rock Lobster (Nearshore) fishing sector, which had to be considered and processed, the Delegated Authority was unable to finalise her provisional decisions.

In light of the above, the provisional decisions on the allocation of rights and quantum in the Abalone fishing sector will now be finalised and published on Monday, 7 August 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.

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