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HAKE HANDLINE AND TRADITIONAL LINEFISH ANNOUNCEMENTS OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

The delegated authorities for hake handline and traditional linefish have today announced their decisions in these sectors.

The closing date for comments on the provisional lists expired on Friday, 24 February 2006. The comments received have been carefully considered by the delegated authorities, but the Rights Verification Unit has not yet investigated the comments made. In the circumstances, the delegated authorities decided to reserve their decisions in respect of affected applications. Decisions will be made on these applications as soon as possible after the investigations have been completed.

Successful applicants should note that the delegated authorities have decided to allocate only one vessel per successful right holder in these sectors. The reasons for this decision on effort and all the decisions on the allocation of rights will be set out in the "*General Reasons for the decisions on the allocation of rights and quantum in the Hake Handline Fishery*" and the "*General Reasons for the decisions on the allocation of rights and quantum in the Traditional Linefish Fishery*", which will be forwarded to each applicant along with a notification letter. Applicants may then appeal to the Minister against the decisions made, if they so wish to do so.