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FINALISATION OF APPEALS AND PROCESSING OF CATCH PERMITS IN THE HORSE MACKEREL FISHING SECTOR FOR THE 2019 FISHING SEASON.

Cape Town; Thursday, 20 December 2018: On 30 November 2018, the Delegated Authority, Ms Siphokazi Ndudane has in terms of section 14 of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998) as amended (“the MLRA”) determined a portion of 27670 tons of Horse Mackerel Total Allowable Catch (“TAC”) to the directed midwater trawl fishery for the 2019 fishing season.

As the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Mr Senzeni Zokwana (MP) (“the Minister”) is currently evaluating the appeals submitted in the Horse Mackerel fishing sector, the current Right Holders in the Horse Mackerel fishing sector are hereby advised that the Department will issue catch permits, upon application, for the 2019 fishing season at 50 % of the allocated TAC to each current Right Holder.

This decision has been taken in order not to disturb the operations of the current Right Holders whilst ensuring that there will be enough TAC available to accommodate appellants that may be successful in their appeals. The balance of the TAC will

thereafter be distributed amongst the Right Holders after the appeals have been concluded by the Minister. It is anticipated that the Minister will conclude the appeals process in the Horse Mackerel fishing sector on/or before 28 February 2019.

The Department reiterates that an independent forensic company will be appointed to investigate the accuracy of the information submitted by all successful applicants for fishing rights. 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 and/or the Delegated Authority, proceedings in terms of section 28 of the MLRA will be undertaken, which may result in the revocation, suspension, cancellation, alteration or reduction of the right granted.

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