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TRADITIONAL LINEFISH APPEAL'S DECISION: FRAP 2013.

On 11 May 2016 the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (Department) published decisions on the Traditional Linefish appeals. In terms of the court order issued on 24 April 2014 in respect of Case No.: 2569/2014 in the High Court of South Africa, Western Cape Division, Cape Town the exemptions granted shall lapse once a decision on the appeals submitted had been made.

In light of the decision having been made all exemptions issued to members of the South African Commercial Linefish Association (SACLA) had expired and is therefore now invalid. The Deputy Director General decided to **exempt** all appellants who previously held exemptions and were **successful** in their appeals as per decisions published on 11 May 2016 from the provisions of section 13 of the MLRA in order to give time for successful appellants to apply for catch permits and licenses.

The exemption shall mean that all successful appellants who previously held exemptions to undertake commercial fishing in the Traditional Linefish sector shall continue fishing until **20 June 2016**. During this transitional period the successful appellants shall prepare for and make application for catch permits and vessel licenses. Unsuccessful appellants shall therefore cease all fishing operations indefinitely.

It shall be noted that **after 20 June 2016** any person(s) who continue fishing without a valid permit and valid vessel license will be contravening the MLRA and that legal proceedings will be initiated against such person(s).

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