



## environment, forestry & fisheries

Department: Environment, Forestry  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

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**TO: ALL HOLDERS OF ACTIVE KZN BEACH SEINE FISHING PERMITS TO SARDINES ISSUED IN TERMS OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 18 OF 1998) AND THE REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER.**

The purpose of this Public Notice is to provide guidance to the 30 individual commercial right holders and the 45 Small-scale Fishing Co-operatives who are authorized to catch sardines as part of their KZN Beach Seine fishing right permits issued in terms of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18) and the Regulations Promulgated thereunder.

In order to minimize the risk of the spread of the Covid-19 virus during the current sardine run taking place in the Kwa-zulu Natal Province, right holders are required to put the following measures in place:

- 1. Risk Assessments:** The right holder is responsible for ensuring that s/he regularly conducts a Risk Assessment and updates operational procedures.
- 2. Prevention Measures:** Temperature screening should be conducted as well as sanitizing of hands of all crew before entering a vessel/vehicle. As Crew Member with a temperature of 38 degrees or more should not be allowed to participate in the fishing trip.
- 3. Personal Protective Clothing (PPE):** The right holder should provide all crew with masks and have sanitizer available during the fishing operations. The right holder should further provide the crew with high-visibility clothing (reflector bibs) while working for ease of identification and to alert other of their presence.
- 4. Fishing Equipment:** The vessel and all fishing equipment must be thoroughly cleaned prior to operations.
- 5. Physical Distancing:** Right holders and crew must adhere to social distancing protocols during fishing operations. Law Enforcement officers should ensure that spectators practice social distancing at viewing sites.
- 6. Site Security:** The right holder must be able to produce their permit upon request.
- 7. Customers:** Buying and selling of fish should only happen at designated areas away from the beach.

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