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Update on Moratorium for submission of section 21 (Transfer of Commercial Fishing Right) applications and notifications of changes in shareholding and/or members' interests during the 2020 Fishing Rights Allocation Process ("FRAP2020").

On 2 August 2019, the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries ("the Minister"), through Government Notice No. 1019 published in *Government Gazette* No.: 42608, withdrew a Government Notice containing information regarding the commencement date of the next fishing rights allocation process, the proposal to review the application forms for the allocation of fishing rights, as well as the proposed review of the General Policy for the Allocation and Management of Commercial Fishing Rights: 2013, the Policy on the Transfer of Commercial Fishing Rights: 2009, the Policy on the Allocation and Management of Rights to operate Fish Processing Establishments: 2015 and the Policy for the Allocation and Management of Commercial Fishing Rights in the following fishing sectors: Hake Deep-Sea Trawl, Small Pelagics, South Coast Rock Lobster, Hake Longline, Squid, Demersal Shark, Tuna Pole-Line, KwaZulu-Natal Prawn Trawl, Hake Handline, Traditional Linefish, Oysters and White Mussels.

Subsequent the withdrawal, Cabinet took a decision on Wednesday, 4 September 2019, to extend the timeframes for dealing with the fishing rights in twelve commercial fishing sectors, which will expire on 31 December 2020. Consequently, FRAP2020 timelines were therefore extended until 31 December 2021.

In line with Cabinet's decision of 4 September 2019, the acting Deputy Director-General: Fisheries Management, as delegated in terms of section 79 of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 as amended has decided that a Moratorium imposed on the submission of applications for the Transfer of Commercial Fishing Rights in all fishing sectors that are due for allocation, i.e. Hake Deep-Sea Trawl, Small Pelagics, South Coast Rock Lobster, Hake Longline, Squid, Demersal Shark, Tuna Pole-Line, KwaZulu-Natal Prawn Trawl, Hake Handline, Traditional Linefish, Oysters and White Mussels fishing sectors be extended. This includes notifications of change in shareholding and/or members' interests. All current right holders in the above-mentioned fishing sectors who intend to transfer their fishing rights in whole and/or in part or who intend to change their shareholding and/or members' interests must submit their applications and/or notifications by no later than **Wednesday, 30 September 2020.**

The Department will not accept and process any applications for the Transfer of Commercial Fishing Rights and/or notifications of change in shareholding and/or members' interests received after Wednesday, 30 September 2020 unless in exceptional circumstances where the Right Holder and/or shareholder and/or member has passed away.

For all FRAP Enquiries contact the Call Centre number on 021 402 3727 (FRAP)

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