



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

As at 12 August 2013

1. What is the function of the FRAP Operation Centre?
Answer: To handle queries on the application process, that is the distribution process as well as the receipting and appeal processes. They will also manage the Help Line, number 021 402 3567 as well as fax number 021 402 3664.
2. When will the applications forms be ready? Media said call for applications will be on 1 July 2013.
Answer: The Department will publish the final policies and application forms in a government gazette together with the invitation to apply for fishing rights in the 8 sectors in question. We cannot say exactly when that will happen. Clients are advised to check the government gazettes on a weekly basis and watch out for information on the departmental website at www.daff.gov.za as well as in the media. Clients may also phone the help-line at 021 402 3576 for information. **Latest: Possible distribution dates to be gazetted: 22 July 2013 – 16 August 2013 from 08:00 – 16:00, including Saturday 27 July 2013 and 3 August 2013 from 08:00 – 12:00, and closed on the 9th of August 2013 as it is a public holiday. The receipting process is scheduled for 2 – 13 Sept 2013 from 08:00 – 16:00**
3. When will final Sector specific policies be available?
Answer: The Department is in the process of finalising sector-specific policies as well as the general policy. The sector-specific policies will not be published in isolation as they must be read together with the general policy. Clients may phone the help-line at 021 402 3576 for information.
4. Will distribution and receipting only be done from the FRAP centre or will clients be able to collect and drop off at places nearer to where they stay as with previous process?
Answer: It has been proposed that distribution and receipting takes place from different local centres in the coastal communities. Places and dates and times will be published in a government gazette when we invite clients to apply for fishing rights. Clients may also phone the help-line at 021 402 3576 for information. **Latest: We have a list of possible venues that we will publish soon. (Refer to list of venues)**
5. Where will distribution and receipting be done? (Names of towns/venues).
Answer: Names of places and dates will be published in a government gazette as well as on the departmental website at www.daff.gov.za. Clients may also phone the help-line at 021 402 3576 for information. **Latest: We have a list of possible venues that we will publish soon. (Refer to list of venues)**
6. If the process is not completed by end Dec 2013, will current Rights Holders get exemption to fish with current permits until the process is finalized?
Answer: The Delegated Authority will make a decision in that regard. Unfortunately we do not know at this stage how the process will unfold towards the end of the year.
7. What will the cost of an application be per fishing sector?
Answer: Applicants might not pay for applications. Only successful applicants will pay a grant of right fee upon being awarded a right.
8. Will the money be refundable if the applicant is unsuccessful?
Answer: Applicants might not pay for applications. Only successful applicants will pay a grant of right fee upon being awarded a right.
9. What will the selection criteria be per Fishing sector?
Answer: Selection criteria will be published as per sector policies.
10. Do applicants again need to apply via consultants and pay them a fortune or will the Dept. give staff to assist with applications?
Answer: The Department will assist applicants at the different centres along the coast when the distributions process opens. **Latest: The Department will not help people to complete the forms. We will only help with explaining the forms and policies, but applicants may call the help line for assistance on 021 402 3576.**
11. Can I apply in more than 1 sector? If so do I need to submit more than 1 application forms?
Answer: Yes: you need to apply for each sector you are interested in.
12. Can I apply as an individual and as part of a small-scale community?
Answer: People are allowed to apply freely. However should they be successful in this round of applications then they would not be able to form part of a CBLE (Community Based Legal Entity) in the Small-Scale Fisheries sector. So individuals should decide where they would like to apply here (under FRAP 2013) or when the small-scale community rights will be allocated later in the year. **If successful here, they would have to forfeit this one if they want the small-scale one.**
13. Are small-scale communities parts of the 8 sectors?
Answer: No. The Department will call for small-scale fishing rights separately from FRAP 2013 and only later in the year.
14. Can I apply in Afrikaans/Xhosa /Zulu
Answer: Unfortunately not. However there will be explanatory notes that will accompany the application forms and in which we will explain how to complete the application forms. Explanatory notes will be available in English, Afrikaans, Xhosa and Zulu.
15. Will there be consultation on the application form?
Answer: Unfortunately not. The Department will publish a specimen application form in a government gazette and there will be explanatory notes that will accompany the application forms and in which we will explain how to complete the application forms. Explanatory notes will be available in English, Afrikaans, Xhosa and Zulu.
16. What is the difference between the multi-sector and multi-species approach to fishing and will applicants be allowed to apply between sectors and clusters as it was not allowed in 2005?
Answer: Previously applicants could not move amongst clusters. Now they may. The department does not discourage the multi-sector approach. However, the multi-species approach will be used in the small-scale fishing industry only.

17. May applicants apply for more than one right?
Answer: Previously applicants could not. Now they may hold more than one right and activate permits on the same vessel and harvest on both permits on the same day.
18. What will the duration be of a right?
Answer: Rights will be valid for no more than 15 years. Applicants must read their sector-specific policies. The duration of rights will be determined later.
19. What are the TAC's and TAE's per right?
Answer: The department will not deviate much from what we currently have. The benchmark is set and important when making decisions.
20. How will the department look at new entrants?
Answer: There will be one stream of applications. In other words current right holders and new entrants will apply on the same form and where new entrants may score 0 in some instances current right holders may score negative in cases where they did not perform. However, everybody is allowed to apply for fishing rights whether they are new entrants or current right holders.
21. How can the Department assist new entrants with resources?
Answer: New entrants have it easier to apply. The application fee is zero and in some instances they don't have to demonstrate access to vessels for example. For Small Scale Applications the department will assist with support packages. Members need to be careful with answers. 70% of the 8 sectors will be earmarked for black SMME's
22. How many copies do applicants have to submit to the Department?
Answer: 1 Original + 1 Copy
23. How will current right holders and new entrants know which part of the form applies to them?
Answer: The question will indicate whether it is applicable to new entrants or current right holders. Applicants must read the questions carefully.
24. What is the process going forward?
Answer: After the distribution process (22/07/2013 till 16/08/2013) a receipting process will start from 02/09/2013 to 13/09/2013 (08h00 - 16h00) at the same venues used during the distribution process. After applications are receipted then the verification process will start. We will make use of auditors to verify the information supplied by right holders. After verification is done then an assessment panel will assess and score applications and make recommendations to the department. The department's delegated authority will then make a decision on who should be allocated a right and who not as well as the quantum or how much kilograms or tonnes of fish should be allocated to successful applicants. The department will inform applicants of the decisions and thereafter applicants may submit appeals. We hope to have the allocations done by December 2013.
25. My Son is 17 can he apply for a permit?
Answer: No - the legal age is 18.
26. If I collect a form in Cape Town can I bring it back somewhere else?
Answer: Yes
27. How does a person get a Rights Letter?
Answer: A person needs to request the department for a print out by calling the Helpline at 021 402 3576
28. How can a person get a confirmation of the permit number?
Answer: All the permit numbers will be made available on the website for people to view. People with no access to internet may call the helpline at 021 402 3576 to get their permit number/s.
29. Must the documents submitted to the department be certified?
Answer: Yes
30. When will the right process for Abalone start?
Answer: In 2014
31. Is the application forms available on line and can a person apply on line?
Answer: No. Applications must collect the forms physically at our 18 distribution centres.
32. What is the maximum age for a person to be able apply for a fishing right?
Answer: There is no maximum age limit a person must just be above 18 years of age
33. Where can a person get the RFMO negative list?
Answer: <http://www.stopillegalifishing.com/iuu.php>
34. Can interim relief permit holders apply for a right?
Answer: Yes they can
35. Where does a person get confirmation of levies paid?
Answer: From the Finance Department Ms. Sarah Baartman (021) 402 3016
36. Can a person use a squid boat for other sectors?
Answer: The person must look at the suitability of the vessel, but the department encourages a multi sector approach to fishing.
37. A Person in East London can he/she apply for a right for a sector that is not available in East London?
Answer: Yes
38. A person who has a right must he/she be the one who goes to fish?
Answer: Preferably, but if medically unfit he/she can nominate a person to fish on their behalf.