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1642. Mr M N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

With regard to the most recent Fishing Rights Allocation Process, what (a) percentage of the allocation has gone to (i) established commercial fishing companies and (ii) small scale fishing communities and (b) are the names of the companies that were granted the fishing rights?

1642. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

(a) The most recent Fishing Rights Allocation process for the Commercial Sector took place in 2015/16 while fishing rights in the Small-scale Fishing Sector took place during the course of 2019/2020.

(i) The allocations that were done in 2015/16 were allocated to established commercial fishing companies as indicated in the table below:

Fishing Sector	% Allocated to established commercial fishing companies
Hake Inshore Trawl	77.7% was allocated to commercial companies (Category A & B) and 22.3% to new companies (Category C)

Horse Mackerel	81.18% was allocated to commercial companies (Category A & B) and 18,82 to new companies (Category C)
KwaZulu-Natal Beach Seine	50% was allocated to commercial fishing companies and the remainder was allocated to the small-scale fishing sector
Large Pelagics	80.32% was allocated to commercial companies (Category A & B) and 17,68% to new companies (Category C). There is also some allocated effort in this fishery
Netfish	Netfish is allocated to individuals and not to entities/companies. 67,30% was allocated to Black individuals
Patagonian Toothfish	100% was allocated to commercial companies
Seaweed	33.3%. The rest were reserved for small-scale fishers
West Coast Rocklobster (WCRL)	Rights were allocated to Small-scale fishers and individuals in the nearshore WCRL sector; and 100% to commercial fishing sectors in the Offshore Sector

- (ii) 100% of the Rights allocated in 2019/20 were allocated to the Small-scale Fishing Sector.
- (iii) Attached is a list of:
 - a. Commercial entities that were granted Fishing Rights in 2015/16. Category A and Category B companies are established commercial fishing companies where as Category C are Right holders that have never previously held any fishing rights.

- b. Small-scale Fishing Co-operatives that were issued Small-scale Fishing Rights in 2019/20.

Regards



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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