
NOTICE 419 OF 2001

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND TOURISM

NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF SUITABLE PERSONS AS MEMBERS OF THE CONSULTATIVE ADVISORY FORUM FOR MARINE LIVING RESOURCES

Vacancies exist on the Consultative Advisory Forum for Marine Living Resources (the Forum). In terms of section 7 of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998), interested parties are invited to nominate suitable persons for consideration for appointment as members of the Forum. Preference will be given to candidates that promote representivity on the Forum.

Each nomination must contain a motivation, curriculum vitae and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two persons who support the nomination. Nominations must be sent to Ms J. F. de Coning, Deputy Director: Office of the Director-General, Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, Private Bag X447, Pretoria, 0001, fax (012) 322-9231.

The closing date for nominations is **30 March 2001**.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Forum advises the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism on any matter referred to it by him or her, in particular on the management and development of the fishing industry. This includes issues relating to the total allowable catch, marine living resources management and related legislation, the establishment and amendment of operational management procedures (including management plans), recommendations and directives on areas of research (including multi-disciplinary research), and the allocation of money from the Marine Living Resources Fund.

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Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism

NOTICE 420 OF 2001**INVITATION TO APPLY FOR EXPERIMENTAL FISHING PERMITS FOR THE CATCHING OF PATAGONIAN TOOTHFISH (*DISSOSTICHUS* SPP.) IN TERMS OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATIES ACT, 1996 (ACT No. 60 OF 1996)**

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism hereby announces for general information that it is the intention of the Honourable Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism to issue 3 experimental longline fishing permits for the catching of Patagonian Toothfish (*Dissostichus* spp.) in two Statistical Subareas (Subareas 48.6 and 58.6) and one Statistical Division (58.4.4) within the area managed by the international Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) outside South Africa's Exclusive Economic Zone from 1 March to 31 August 2001 north of 60 °S and from 15 February to 15 October 2001 south of 60 °S in respect of Subarea 48.6 and 1 May to 31 August 2001 in respect of Subarea 58.6 and Division 58.4.4. In accordance with CCAMLR Conservation Measures, only one vessel will be allowed to fish in any one area at any one time.

Interested persons are herewith invited to apply. Applicants are advised that in assessing applications the Minister will require information on—

- (i) name and flag of vessel to be used, including any record of past involvement in fishing for Patagonian Toothfish, a history of the vessel's flag designation and a valid marine safety certificate;
- (ii) whether or not the applicant exhibits the necessary experience and technical ability to carry out the experimental fishery in an efficient and safe manner under extreme weather conditions remote from port;
- (iii) the extent of sea-borne and shore-based facilities to support fishing operations;
- (iv) the willingness to work according to a fishing plan and to supply the necessary fishery data in the manner required by the Chief Director: Marine and Coastal Management;
- (v) the ability and willingness to abide by the relevant CCAMLR Conservation Measures in force and by any subsequent provisions subsumed by the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998) or by the Regulations (Regulation No. R. 980 of 18 July 1997) under the Antarctic Treaties Act, 1996 (Act No. 60 of 1996); and
- (vi) the extent of participation by South Africans subject to a permit being granted.

Information on (ii) and (vi) above will also be required with respect to the processing and marketing of the catches. Full information on the applicant's history, if any, in the Patagonian Toothfish fishery must be furnished.

It must be noted that—

- (i) the granting of an experimental permit will be subject to the mandatory use of South African flagged vessels to catch the fish;
- (ii) subject to the provisions of the relevant CCAMLR Conservation Measures in force, the Chief Director: Marine and Coastal Management will have sole discretion in allocating the allowable catch and fishing area allocated to each successful applicant;
- (iii) all vessels will be required to carry at least one scientific observer appointed in accordance with the CCAMLR System of Scientific Observation and satellite vessel monitoring systems approved by the Chief Director: Marine and Coastal Management;
- (iv) permits (depending on area) will only be granted from 1 March to 31 August 2001 north of 60 °S and 15 February to 15 October 2001 south of 60 °S, in respect of Subarea 48.6 and 1 May to 31 August 2001 in Subarea 58.6 and Division 58.4.4, and
- (v) The catch limit in Subarea 48.6 will be limited to 455 tonnes north of 60 °S, and 455 tonnes south of 60 °S (Conservation Measure 202/XIX); the limit in Subarea 58.6 will be 450 tonnes (Conservation Measure 209/XIX) and in Division 58.4.4 the limit will be 370 tonnes north of 60 °S (Conservation Measure 208/XIX). In the event that these limits are reached for all nationals, the fishery will be closed.