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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

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**MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998
(ACT NO. 18 OF 1998)****INVITATION TO COMMENT ON AN APPLICATION TO CONDUCT SEA-BASED
ABALONE RANCHING IN THE AREA BETWEEN DORING BAY AND
STRANDFONTEIN BAY, WESTERN CAPE AND TO INVITE OTHER INTERESTED
PARTIES TO EXPRESS AN INTEREST IN APPLYING TO CONDUCT ABALONE
RANCHING IN THIS AREA**

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby invite the public to comment on the suitability of, and interest in, a proposed new area for sea-based abalone ranching.

The Department has received an application for a right in terms of section 18 of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998), to conduct sea-based abalone ranching (of *Haliotis midae*) in a new area along an approximately seven (7) kilometre stretch of coastline between Doring Bay and Strandfontein Bay in the Western Cape. This area has not previously been used for abalone ranching. The location of the proposed ranching area is located between GPS Points A and B and depicted on the map as set out in the Schedule hereto. The Environmental Risk Assessment Report prepared by the applicant is available on the Department's website:

https://www.environment.gov.za/legislations/gazetted_notices/proposedseabased_abaloneranching_doringbay or it can be requested from Ms Zimasa Jika by emailing a request to ZimasaJ@daff.gov.za.

Any person who wishes to submit representations or comments in connection with the proposed new area, is invited to do so within 30 calendar days from the date of publication of this Notice in the *Government Gazette* and by no later than 16h00 on the last day. Comments received after the closing date may not be considered. All representations must be submitted in writing to the Deputy Director-General of the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, Branch: Fisheries Management, to the following addresses:

By post to: Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries
Deputy-Director General: Fisheries Management
Attention: Ms Zimasa Jika
Private Bag X2
VLAEBERG
8018

By hand at: DDG: Fisheries Management, Attention: Ms Zimasa Jika, Foretrust
Building, Martin Hammerschlag Way, Foreshore, Cape Town

By e-mail: ZimasaJ@daff.gov.za

Invitation to interested applicants

If any other person is interested in conducting abalone ranching in this same proposed area, they may express an interest in applying for a right to conduct ranching in that area in terms of section 18 of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act no. 18 of 1998). If the area is determined suitable for abalone ranching and other parties express an interest in applying for a right, a further notice will be published inviting formal applications to be submitted. It should be noted that only one right will be allocated in this area and potential applicants will be expected to comply with the following—

- Criteria for allocating rights for abalone ranching or stock enhancement pilot projects published in Government Notice No. 353 of *Government Gazette* 34241 dated 21 April 2011;
- General Guidelines for Marine Ranching and Stock Enhancement in South Africa published in Government Notice No. 729 of *Government Gazette* 33470 dated 20 August 2010; and
- Guidelines and Potential Areas for Marine Ranching and Stock Enhancement of Abalone (*Haliotis midae*) in South Africa published in Government Notice No. 729 of *Government Gazette* 33470 dated 20 August 2010.

The criteria and both sets of guidelines are available on the Department's website at https://www.environment.gov.za/legislations/gazetted_notices/proposedseabased_abaloneranching_doringbay

An expression of interest should include the following:

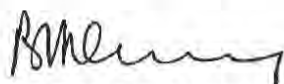
- (a) Full name and ID number of potential applicant;
- (b) Company name and registration
- (c) Email address
- (d) Contact telephone number

The above information must be sent via email to ZimasaJ@daff.gov.za or posted to the Department as follows:

Department of Environment, Forestry & Fisheries
Attention: Ms. Z Jika
Foretrust Building
Martin Hammerschlag Way
CAPE TOWN
8001

An expression of interest must be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this Notice in the *Government Gazette* and by no later than 16h00 on the last day.

Any enquiries in connection with this notice can be directed to Mr Asanda Njobeni 082 924 0101 or Ms Zimasa Jika 082 332 7943.



BARBARA DALLAS CREECY
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

SCHEDULE**Table of coordinates**

Points		
A	31°45'26,34"S	18°13'25,35"E
B	31°49'14,43"S	18°13'54,44"E

Map of proposed locations

