
GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND TOURISM

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MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 18 OF 1998)

PROPOSED APPLICATION FEES PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF APPLICATIONS FOR RIGHTS TO UNDERTAKE COMMERCIAL FISHING (INCLUDING THE HARVESTING OF SEAWEED)

1. The Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism: Branch Marine and Coastal Management (the department) will soon call for applications for long term commercial fishing rights. The rights will be allocated to successful applicants for a period of between 8 and 15 years.
2. The department intends revising its current application fees for commercial fishing rights to enable it to recover fully the administration costs of the allocation and verification process from the applicants and ensure greater equity in the fees across the various fisheries. This estimated cost to be recovered is approximately R30 million.
3. All fees collected will, in terms of section 10(2) (b) of the Marine Living Resources Act (Act no 18 of 1998), be paid into the Marine Living Resources Fund and be used to offset the costs incurred in the allocation and verification processes.
4. In setting the fees the department attempted to relate it as far as possible to the monetary value and quantum of the rights applied for and awarded while also having consideration to the limited financial resources of applicants in certain smaller and limited commercial fisheries.
5. The intended application fees consist of two components namely an upfront non refundable payment that must be paid by each applicant and a second payment that will only be paid by the successful applicants (except for the applicants in certain small scale or limited commercial fisheries who will only pay a nominal upfront non refundable amount). The upfront payment is based on the value per fishery and the expected number of applicants per fishery (except for the afore-mentioned applicants in the small fisheries who will pay a nominal amount) while the additional payment payable by successful applicants will be closely related to the value of the right awarded to them and payable on a per ton or per unit of effort basis. For this purpose the unit of effort can be either a crewmember, a vessel or, in the case of seaweed, a concession area.
6. The intended application fees in the schedule are herewith published for public notice and comment.
7. Interested and affected parties are requested to submit written comments on or before 20 April 2005 to:

Mr Horst Kleinschmidt
Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism
Branch: Marine and Coastal Management
Private Bag X2

Roggebaai
8012
(Attention: Ms J Abrahams)

Faxes must be to fax number (021) 402-3364. Comments can also be forwarded to the following e-mail address:

jabrahams@deat.gov.za

Hand delivered comments must be lodged at the Department's Customer Services Centre on the 2nd Floor, Foretrust Building, Martin Hammerschlag Way, Foreshore, Cape Town, attention Mr Horst Kleinschmidt (c/o Ms. J Abrahams).

SCHEDULE

Fisheries	Proposed fee payable on application	Proposed additional fee payable by successful applicants (Rand)			
		Per ton	Per crew-member	Per vessel	Per area
Hake Deep Sea Trawl	32 400	54,0			
Hake Inshore Trawl (hake)*	8 800	54,0			
Hake Inshore Trawl (sole)*	2 000	135,0			
Horse Mackerel	21 900	33,0			
Small Pelagics(pilchard)*	6 400	6,4			
Small Pelagics(Anchovy)*	2 000	3,7			
Patagonian Tooth Fish	21 000	653,0			
South Coast Rock Lobster (whole mass)	8 800	788,0			
KZN Prawn Trawl	7 700			15 400,0	
West Coast Rock Lobster (Off shore)	2 000	540,0			
Hake Long Line	2 500	162,0			
Squid	5 200		703,0		
Tuna Pole	1 300		113,0		
Seaweed	1 900				3 400,0
Longline Demersal Shark	500			375,0	
Linefish Traditional	400		204,0		
Handline Hake	1 300		817,0		
West Coast Rock Lobster (Near shore)	300				
Oysters	100				
White Mussels	100				
Net Fishing (small nets/gill nets/beach seine/trek)	200				

* Please note that the fees for these fisheries are per species and that applicants will have to pay separately per species as applicable

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