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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)

DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ALIWAL SHOAL MARINE PROTECTED AREA

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby publish for public comment, a draft amendment to the Regulations for the Management of the Aliwal Shoal Marine Protected Area, published in GN R. 781 in *Government Gazette* 42479 of 23 May 2019, in terms of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003) as set out in the Schedule hereto.

The primary purpose of the proposed amendment is the deletion of regulation 10(3) of the current Aliwal Shoal Marine Protected Area (MPA) Regulations. Aliwal Shoal MPA was re-declared as part of the Phakisa network of MPAs in 2019. Regulation 10(3) was inserted after the public participation process, but affected stakeholders were not afforded an opportunity to comment on the new regulation. The proposal is therefore to withdraw that regulation.

Any person who wishes to submit representations or comments in connection with the draft amendment is invited to do so within 60 calendar days of the publication of this notice. Comments received after this time may not be considered. All representations and comments must be submitted in writing to the Deputy Director-General of the national Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, Branch: Oceans and Coasts:

By hand: The Deputy Director-General
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GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:

[] Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from existing regulations.

_____ Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions in existing regulations.

SCHEDULE**Amendment of regulation 10 in Government Notice R. 781 in *Government Gazette* 42479 of 23 May 2019**

1. Regulation 10 of the Regulations for the Management of the Aliwal Shoal Marine Protected Area is hereby amended by the deletion of sub-regulation (3):

“[(3) The volume, quantity or constituents of an existing discharge as contemplated in sub-regulation (1), may not increase by more than 5%, from what is authorised in terms of section 69 of the Integrated Coastal Management Act, at the time of commencement of these regulations.]”.

Commencement

2. This notice take effect on the date of its publication in the *Gazette*.