

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003
(ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS FOR THE
MANAGEMENT OF THE ALIWAAL SHOAL MARINE PROTECTED AREA

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby publish for public comment, draft amendments to the Regulations for the Management of the Aliwal Shoal Marine Protected Area, published in Government Notice R. 781 in *Government Gazette* 42479 of 23 May 2019, and amended by Government Notice R. 1347 in *Government Gazette* 43999 of 15 December 2020 in terms of sections 48A(2)(a) and 86(1)(d)(i) and (ii) of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003), as set out in the schedule to this notice.

The public's attention is drawn to the proposed amendment of the northern and southern boundaries of the Green Point Inshore Restricted Zone (GPIRZ). The proposed new location of GPS Point S (the northern boundary) and Point T (the southern boundary) is set out in the schedule.

The proposal is to move the current northern boundary of the GPIRZ 360 meters south and to move the southern boundary 50 meters north of the current GPS Point T. The proposal is therefore to slightly decrease the size of the GPIRZ and increase the zone for shore-angling and bait-collection within the Scottburgh Inshore Controlled Zone.

The public is invited to submit written representations on the draft amendments within 60 (sixty) days from the date of the publication of this notice in the *Gazette* or in newspapers, whichever is published last. Written representations received after this time may be disregarded. All representations and comments must be submitted in writing to the Deputy Director-General Branch: Oceans and Coasts of the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

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SCHEDULE

GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:

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

_____ Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions

Amendment of Annexure 1 in Government Notice R. 781 in *Government Gazette* 42479 of 23 May 2019

1. Annexure 1 in Government Notice R. 781 in *Government Gazette* 42479 of 23 May 2019, is hereby amended:

(a) by the substitution for paragraph 1 of the following paragraph:

“(1) Umkomaas Inshore Controlled Zone (UICZ) comprises the northern inshore portion of the Aliwal Shoal Marine Protected Area located north of the Green Point Inshore Restricted Zone and is defined as the area stretching 200 m seawards from the high-water mark and along the high-water mark, between point A, which lies on the northern boundary of the Aliwal Shoal Marine Protected Area, near the south bank of the Lovu Estuary to point S, which lies at the **[southern]**northern end of the **[rocky point just north of]**portion of the railway bridge which crosses over the Mahlongwana Estuary **[and includes the Mgababa and Umkomaas beach areas]**.”;

(b) by the substitution for paragraph 2 of the following paragraph:

“(2) Green Point Inshore Restricted Zone (GPIRZ) comprises an inshore portion of the Aliwal Shoal Marine Protected Area between Greenpoint and the northern bank of the Mahlongwana Estuary (including Clansthal Beach and Hayes Rock) and is defined as the section 200 m seawards from the high water mark and along the high-water mark, between point S, which lies at the **[southern]**northern end of the **[rocky point just north]**portion of the railway

bridge which crosses over [of] the Mahlongwana Estuary and point[s] T, which lies at the white beacon on [the] Green Point Rocks.”; and

(c) by the substitution of paragraph 3 for the following paragraph:

“(3) Scottburgh Inshore Controlled Zone (SICZ) comprises the southern inshore portion of the Aliwal Shoal Marine Protected Area located between the two Inshore Restricted Zones, and stretching 200 m seawards from the high-water mark and along the high-water mark, between point T, which lies at the white beacon on [the] Green Point Rocks, and point U, which lies at the start of the rocky point at the southern end of the Rocky Bay Caravan Park.”.

Amendment of the coordinates for Points S and T in Table 1 of Annexure 1 in Government Notice R. 781 in *Government Gazette* 42479 of 23 May 2019

2. Points S and T in Table 1 of Annexure 1 in Government Notice R. 781 in *Government Gazette* 42479 of 23 May 2019 is hereby amended by the substitution of the coordinates for points S and T of the following coordinates:

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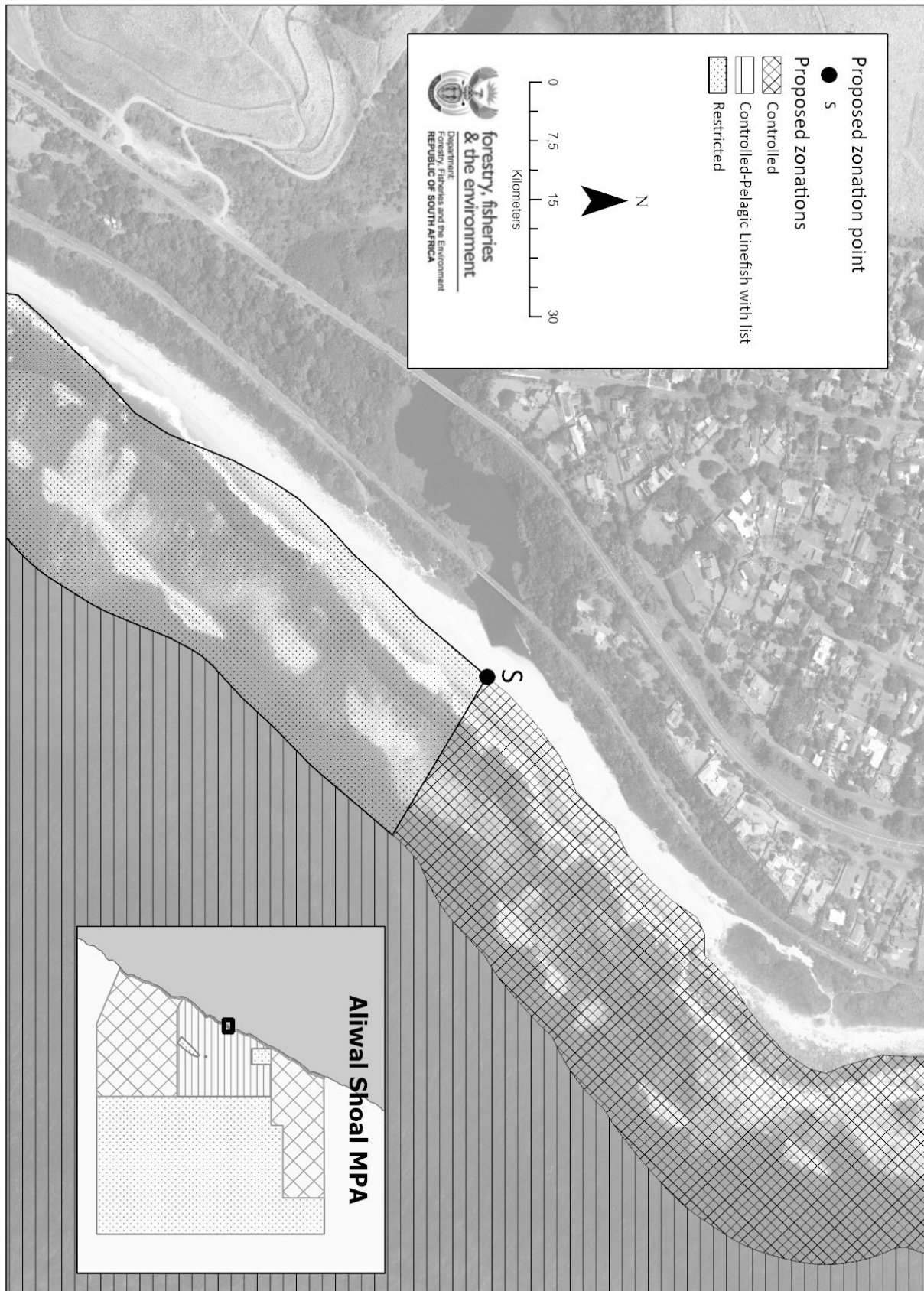
Aliwal Shoal MPA	S	[30.797104] <u>30.79435162</u>	[-30.222544] <u>-30.22484837</u>
Aliwal Shoal MPA	T	[30.781543] <u>30.78190617</u>	[-30.250856] <u>-30.25055644</u>

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Commencement

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

Proposed new location of Point S



Proposed new location of Point T