



agriculture, forestry & fisheries

Department:
Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Enquiries: J. De Goede
el: (022) 71 41880
Fax: (022) 71 41880
E-mail: JohannesDG@daff.gov.za
Ref: 1/12/01/2015

Dear Small Pelagic Right Holder

SMALL PELAGIC INITIAL TAC – 2015

Please be advised that the DDG:Fisheries has approved the initial small pelagic TAC's, TAB's and associated PUCL's and pools for 2015 as follows:

| | |
|---|--|
| <u>ALLOCATED</u> | <u>(15 January 2015 to 31 December 2015)</u> |
| <u>INITIAL Anchovy TAC</u> | 305 060t |
| Juvenile Sardine by-catch allowance (associated with anchovy directed catches) | 31 118t |
| <u>INITIAL Directed Sardine</u> | 75 443t |
| * Juvenile Sardine by-catch allowance (associated with sardine directed catches) | 5 281t |
| <u>FINAL - UNALLOCATED</u> | <u>Other pools and precautionary upper catch limitations (PUCL's) - (15 January 2015 to 31 December 2015)</u> |
| <u>Anchovy</u> TAB for SARDINE-ONLY Right Holders | 500t |
| <u>Red Eye</u> | 100 000t |
| ** Adult <u>Sardine by-catch</u> allowance (associated with directed Red eye and anchovy fishing) | 7 000t |
| * Juvenile <u>Sardine by-catch</u> allowance (associated with directed Red eye) | 1 000t |
| <u>Horse Mackerel</u> | 12 233t |
| Combined total for <u>Lantern and Lightfish</u> | 50 000t |

* Juvenile – smaller and equal (≤) than 14cm total length

** Adult – bigger (>) than 14cm total length

Additional:

- 1) As per the 2014 arrangement, industry associations are again requested that Right Holders should spread their combined catching effort of the proportion of the directed >14 cm sardine TAC taken to the West of Cape Agulhas (west of 20° E) should lie between 50-70%.
- 2) Note that an INITIAL directed sardine TAC has now been introduced. Final TAC recommendations will follow the recruitment survey results later in the year (around June) in the same manner as in the past being done for anchovy. "Top –Ups" (pending survey results) is thus expected in June.

- 3) 2014 RH TAC exceeding (should there be any) will be deducted after the FINAL allocations in June has been made.
- 4) The pelagic industry (through the Chief Area Controller Mr. Derlé Chambers – 073 5544 288 and derle@oranjevis.co.za) should take appropriate steps to attempt to keep the sardine by-catch as low as possible by avoiding areas where a relatively high proportion of sardine is found mixed with anchovy schools. Also refer to permit conditions related to horse mackerel management and the necessary communication procedures via the Chief Area Controller.
- 5) Note that St. Croix Island, Riy Banks and Dassen Island are closed for 2015. Kindly refer to permit conditions in this regard.

Kindly email: JohannesDG@daff.gov.za for further enquiries.

Yours sincerely



JOHAN DE GOEDE

Designation: Assistant Director: Pelagic and High Seas Fisheries Management

Date: 7 January 2015