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Dear Small Pelagic Right Holder

## SMALL PELAGIC 2<sup>nd</sup> INITIAL SARDINE TAC and TAB – 2017

Please be advised that the DDG: Fisheries Management has approved a sardine **2<sup>nd</sup> INITIAL SARDINE TAC and TAB** as follows (“Top-Up” on INITIAL):

<u>ALLOCATED</u>	<u>Validity (15 January 2017 to 31 DECEMBER 2017)</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup> INITIAL Directed Sardine	29 955t
* Juvenile Sardine by-catch allowance (associated with sardine directed catches)	2 097t

\* Juvenile – smaller and equal ( $\leq$ ) than 14cm total length

Additional:

- 1) Industry associations are 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) and which should not exceed **21 400t**.
- 2) The pelagic industry (through the Chief Area Controller Mr. Tony van Boom – 082 5562 135 and [tvanboom@ob.co.za](mailto:tvanboom@ob.co.za)) should continue to 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.
- 3) Original **SARDINE (PILCHARD)** catch permits should be returned with a note indicating “2<sup>nd</sup> Initial TOP-UP” and with proper contact details / authorization instructions. Ensure vessel licenses and SARS tax certificates are valid at least 7 working days after submission date. These “TOP-UP” permits are free.
- 4) Final small pelagic TAC/TAB recommendations for the sector (Anchovy and Sardine) will be made subsequent to the May/June recruitment survey, likely to be mid-July.

Kindly email: [JohannesDG@daff.gov.za](mailto:JohannesDG@daff.gov.za) for further enquiries.

Yours sincerely

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