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Dear Small Pelagic Right Holder

SMALL PELAGIC INITIAL TAC – 2017

Please be advised that the DDG:Fisheries has approved the INITIAL small pelagic TAC's, TAB's and associated PUCL's and pools for 2017 as follows:

<u>ALLOCATED</u>	<u>(15 January 2017 to 31 DECEMBER 2017)</u>
<u>INITIAL Anchovy TAC</u>	247 500t
Juvenile Sardine by-catch allowance (associated with anchovy directed catches)	25 064t
<u>ALLOCATED</u>	<u>(15 January 2017 to 31 JULY 2017)</u>
<u>INITIAL Directed Sardine</u>	23 964t
* Juvenile Sardine by-catch allowance (associated with sardine directed catches)	1 677t
<u>FINAL - UNALLOCATED</u>	<u>Other pools and precautionary upper catch limitations (PUCL's) - (15 January 2017 to 31 December 2017)</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>	8 372t
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) 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) 2016 RH TACs exceeding (should there be any) will be deducted as per permit conditions after verification by the Right Holder with the Department and after a FINAL TAC allocation for 2017 is made.
- 3) The pelagic industry (through the Chief Area Controller Mr. Derlé Chambers – 073 5544 288 and derle@oranjevis.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.
- 4) Note that St. Croix Island, Ruy Banks and Robben Island are closed for 2017. Kindly refer to permit conditions in this regard.

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

Yours sincerely



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