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Dear Small Pelagic Right Holder

Please be advised that the DDG: Fisheries has approved the initial small pelagic TAC's and TAB's and associated PUCL's and pools for 2019 as follows:

<b><u>ALLOCATED</u></b>	<b><u>(15 January 2019 to 31 December 2019)</u></b>
<b><u>INITIAL Anchovy TAC:</u></b> <b><u>TARGET SPECIES</u></b>	: 347 860t
Juvenile Sardine by-catch allowance (associated with anchovy directed catches): Not to be targeted	: 1 500t
<b><u>INITIAL Directed Sardine TAC:</u></b> <b><u>TARGET SPECIES</u></b>	: Nil - season delayed and further recommendation to be made by 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2019
* Juvenile Sardine by-catch allowance (associated with sardine directed catches) Not to be targeted	: Nil - season delayed and further recommendation to be made by 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2019
<b><u>Pools and precautionary upper catch limitations (PUCL's)</u></b>	
<b><u>Anchovy</u></b> TAB for sardine-only Right Holders Not to be targeted and applicable when a sardine permit is issued	: 500t
<b><u>Red Eye</u></b> : Target species when in possession of issued anchovy or sardine permits	: 100 000t
**Adult Sardine by-catch allowance (associated with directed Red eye and anchovy fishing): Not to be targeted	: 1 000t
* Juvenile Sardine by-catch allowance (associated with directed Red eye fishing) Not to be targeted	: 100t
<b><u>Horse Mackerel</u></b> Not to be targeted	: 9 572t
<b><u>Lantern and Lightfish</u></b> (Combined) Target species when in possession of issued anchovy or sardine permits	: 50 000t

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

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

Additional:

- 1) The pelagic industry (through the Chief Area Controller Mr. Tony van Boom – 082 5562 135 and [TonyV@luckystar.co.za](mailto:TonyV@luckystar.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/chub mackerel management and the necessary communication procedures via the Chief Area Controller.
- 2) RH's must confirm 2018 catches before final permits will be issued. 2018 TACs exceeding (should there be any) will be deducted as per permit conditions after verification with the Right Holder.
- 3) Note that Bird Island and Robben Island are **closed** for 2019. Kindly refer to permit conditions in this regard (St. Croix, Riy Banks and Dassen Island is **open**).
- 4) Ensure that vessel licences, SARS certificates and all supporting documents are valid when applications are made.
- 5) Ensure that required FPE's on catch permits have been issued with FPE permits to allow DAFF to reflect them on such catch permit.

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Yours sincerely



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