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Dear Small Pelagic Right Holder

Please be advised that the aDDG: Fisheries has approved the **final** Sardine TAC / TAB and adjusted the Anchovy **TAB** as follows:

ALLOCATED

INITIAL Anchovy TAC: : 347 860t
TARGET SPECIES

*FINAL juvenile Sardine by-catch allowance
(associated with anchovy directed catches): : 9 400t
Not to be targeted

ALLOCATED

****FINAL Directed Sardine TAC:** : 12 250t
TARGET SPECIES

*Juvenile Sardine by-catch allowance (associated
with sardine directed catches) : 250t
Not to be targeted

UNALLOCATED POOLS / PUCL's

Anchovy TAB for sardine-only Right Holders : 500t
Not to be targeted and applicable when a sardine
permit is issued

Red Eye : : 100 000t
Target species when in possession of issued
anchovy or sardine permits

**Adult Sardine by-catch allowance (associated with
directed Red eye and anchovy fishing): : 1 000t
Not to be targeted

*Juvenile Sardine by-catch allowance (associated
with directed Red eye fishing) : 100t
Not to be targeted

Horse Mackerel - : 9 572t
Not to be targeted

Lantern and Lightfish (Combined) : 50 000t
Target species when in possession of issued
anchovy or sardine permits

* 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) 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) The maximum proportion of the final directed sardine TAC to be caught in the area to the West of Cape Agulhas is 42.86%. This will be indicated on sardine permits.
- 3) RH's must confirm 2018 catches before final sardine permits will be issued. 2018 TACs exceeding (should there be any) will be deducted as per permit conditions after verification with the Right Holder.
- 4) Note that Bird Island and Robben Island are **closed** for 2019. Kindly refer to permit conditions in this regard (St. Croix, Ruyter Banks and Dassen Island is **open**).
- 5) Ensure that vessel licences, SARS certificates and all supporting documents are valid when applications are made.
- 6) Ensure that required FPE's on catch permits have been issued with FPE permits to allow DAFF to reflect them on such catch permit.
- 7) Individual RH's sardine TAC's allocated is proportionally quite small on the current approved sardine TAC. Industry is advised to apply for various RH's permits on the smallest vessels for sardine directed trips to ensure minimum vessel effort is maintained. Catch could then be split accordingly per RH to ensure no TAC's exceeds per RH.
- 8) The Department requests industry to optimise the placement of industry-funded observers.
- 9) Currently issued anchovy and sardine permits will require TOP-UPS for the directed sardine and adjusted anchovy TAB. Please indicate on the returned permits – "TOP-UP". No cost.

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

Yours sincerely



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