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Dear Small Pelagic Right Holder

Please be advised that the aDDG: Fisheries has approved the interim initial small pelagic TAC's and TAB's and associated PUCL's and pools for 2020 as follows:

<u>ALLOCATED</u>	<u>(15 January 2020 to 31 December 2020)</u>
<u>INTERIM INITIAL Anchovy TAC:</u> <u>TARGET SPECIES</u>	: 50 000t
Juvenile Sardine by-catch allowance (associated with anchovy directed catches): Not to be targeted	: 1 500t
<u>Directed Sardine TAC:</u> <u>TARGET SPECIES</u>	: Nil - season delayed and further recommendation to be made by 1 st May 2020
* 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 st May 2020
<u>Pools and precautionary upper catch limitations (PUCL's)</u>	
<u>Anchovy</u> TAB for sardine-only Right Holders Not to be targeted and applicable when a sardine permit is issued	: 500t
<u>Red Eye</u> : 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
<u>Horse Mackerel</u> Not to be targeted	: 9 989t
<u>Lantern and Lightfish</u> (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) 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 2019 catches before final permits will be issued. 2019 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 Dassen Island are **closed** for 2020. Kindly refer to permit conditions regarding all closed areas.
- 4) Ensure that vessel licences, SARS certificates and all supporting documents are valid when applications are made. Please do not apply for sardine permits until informed.
- 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.

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

Yours sincerely



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