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Dear Small Pelagic Right Holder

Please be advised that the aDDG: Fisheries has approved the final anchovy TAC. Current approvals this season to date is now as follows:

ALLOCATED

INITIAL Anchovy TAC: : 350 000t

Juvenile Sardine by-catch allowance (associated
with anchovy directed catches): : 8 000t
Not to be targeted

ALLOCATED

Directed Sardine TAC: : 22 000t (9 000t maximum west of Cape
(Catch west of Cape Agulhas is not to exceed Agulhas)
40.909% per Right Holder

* Juvenile Sardine by-catch allowance (associated : 200t
with sardine directed catches)
Not to be targeted

Pools and precautionary upper catch limitations (PUCL's)

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

Red Eye :

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

**Adult Sardine by-catch allowance (associated with
directed Red eye and anchovy fishing): : 2 650t
Not to be targeted

* Juvenile Sardine by-catch allowance (associated
with directed Red eye fishing) : 200t
Not to be targeted

Horse Mackerel : 9 989t
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 (\leq) 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) Exemptions as per COVID-19 are applicable as per relevant Departmental communique and media statements.

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

Yours sincerely



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