

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**NO. 364****27 MARCH 2020****MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998
(ACT NO. 18 OF 1998)****NOTICE IN RESPECT OF APPLICATIONS FOR NEW (EXPERIMENTAL AND EXPLORATORY)
FISHERIES**

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, hereby give notice that no new permit applications for new fisheries (experimental and exploratory), in terms of section 83 of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998), will be accepted by the Branch: Fisheries Management of the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries until further notice. This arrangement is implemented pending a policy review for the establishment and management of new fisheries in South Africa.

This arrangement will allow the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries to commence with a public consultation process to review the current draft policy and determine which process would be best suited for the establishment of a new fisheries model. This will also allow the Department to evaluate the historical process and determine what has and has not worked, and consider various options for the new policy. Details of the public consultation process will be published in due course, and interested and affected stakeholders will be approached and advised of the review process.



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