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### MEDIA RELEASE

#### **HARVESTING FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES**

Regulations related to the exploitation of Marine Resources, made in terms of section 61(1) of the new Marine Resources Act, (Act No. 27 of 2000), came into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2001 and amended on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2001. A large numbers of visitors enjoy recreational fishing along the coast. It is than important that the general public takes note of some relevant aspects of the new Marine Resources Regulations, Conservation measures include inter alia the following:

Permit required for harvesting for recreational purposes in terms of section 5 of Regulations.

#### **Regulation 5.**

A person who, for recreational purposes harvests in Namibian waters, must -

- (a) be in possession of a fishing permit ; and
- (b) carry out such harvesting, subject to the conditions prescribed by these regulations.

(2) A person referred to in subregulation (1), who is found without a fishing permit -

- (a) is guilty of an offence; and
- (b) must produce that permit within a period of 21 days from the day on which the person pays the fine prescribed in regulation 39 (h) (iii) in respect of a failure to comply with sub regulation(1) (a)

(3) A person, who fails to produce a fishing permit within the period of time prescribed by sub regulation (2), is guilty of an offence

Means of harvest for recreational purposes

#### **Regulation 6**

A person may not for recreational purposes harvest marine resources by any means other than -

- (a) a hook and line, whether operated by a rod and reel or otherwise, and using a scoop net to lift rock lobsters from the water once they have been reeled to the surface;
- (b) a ring net; or
- (c) diving.

### **Regulation 7**

- (1) A fishing permit for recreational purposes referred to in regulation 5 (a) must be issued by the Minister or by any person or authority authorized thereto by the Minister, if that person authority agreed to do so.
- (2) A fishing permit –
  - (a) Must be issued in the form set out in the Annexure L; and
  - (b) May be issued for a period of either one month or one year and may be obtained upon payment of a fee determined by the Minister as illustrated below.

One month against payment                      of N\$ 14.00

One year against payment of                      N\$ 168.00

Fishing permit for recreational purposes is now available at the below listed places:

**1. Ministry of fisheries Marine Resources**

Brendan Simbwaye Square, Block C,

C/O Uhland & Goethe Street

P/Bag 13355, **WINDHOEK**

Telephone: 061 2053911

Facsimile: 061 240412

**2. Ministry of Fisheries & Marine Resources**

Inspectorate Office, 1<sup>ST</sup> Street

P.O. Box 1594

**Walvis Bay**

Telephone: 064-2016111

Facsimile: 064 205008

**3. Ministry of Fisheries & Marine Resources**

NATMIRC/Aquarium, Strand street

P.O. Box 912

**Swakopmund**

Telephone: 064 4101000

Facsimile: 064 404385

**4. Ministry of Fisheries & Marine Resources**

Inspectorate office

P.O. Box 394

**Luderitz**

Telephone: 063 202905

Facsimile: 063 203337

**5. Ministry of Fisheries & Marine Resources**

Inspectorate Office, at Hanganeni Fishing Project building

Telephone: 064 500320

Facsimile:

**Henties Bay**

However, we have notice that some anglers are not bringing the required documentation when purchasing the permits. We urge the public to produce Identity Cards (ID) or Passport for intended permit holders. Anglers under the age of 18, are required to produce birth certificates and passport photos in order for them to be issued with fishing permit.

#### Daily bag limit

**Regulation 8 (1)** A person may not, for recreational purposes in one-day harvest more than –

- (a) 30 fish of the species barbel;
  - (b) 20 fish of the species snoek
  - (c) one (1) shark
- (2) Subject to sub-regulation (3) and 11 (1) a person may for recreational purposes harvest any of the following species of fish:
- (a) Blacktail;
  - (b) Galjoen;
  - (c) Kob;
  - (d) West Coast steenbras:

Provided that the total of fish harvested does not exceed 10 in one day.

- (3) A person may not harvest any species of fish referred to in subregulation (2), which is smaller or larger, as the case may be, than the size specified in Annexure J.

For the purpose of subregulation 8 (3), the species referred to in regulation 8 (2) may not, including head and tail, be shorter than –

- (a) 25cm in the case of blacktail;
- (b) 30cm in the case of galjoen;
- (c) Subject to 2 (a), 40cm in the case of kob; and
- (d) Subject to paragraph (b) 40cm in the case of West coast steenbras;

Notwithstanding paragraph 1 (c) and (d), a person harvesting for recreational purposes may not in one-day harvest-

- (a) more than 2 individuals of kob that are each longer than 70 cm including head and tail;
  - (b) more than 2 individuals of West coast steenbras that are each longer than 65cm including the head and tail.
- (4) A person may not –
- (a) harvest more than 7 rock lobsters in one day; or
  - (b) accumulate or have in his or her possession more than 7 rock lobsters.

#### Possession and Transport of marine resources: Regulation 11

A person may not have in his or her possession or transport in a vehicle or vessel any quantity of marine resources caught for recreational purposes-

- (a) which exceeds the accumulated bag of more than three days in respect of the fish referred to in sub-regulation 8 (1) and (2): Provided that, in respect of regulation 8 (2), the accumulated bag of 30 fish does not contain more than 10 fish of one particular species of fish and;
  - (b) without being in possession of fishing permit.
- (2) A person may have in his or her possession or transport in a vehicle or vessel fish referred to in regulation 8 (1) and (2), or rock-lobsters referred to in regulation 8 (4), on behalf of other person, on whose behalf the fish or rock-lobsters are being transported, is present and is in possession of a fishing permit.
- (3) A person may not have in his her possession or transport in a vehicle or vessel fish, which is not in a whole state, if that fish is subjected to the size limits referred to in regulation 8 (3).

## Rock lobster

The fishing season and the minimum size remain unchanged, i.e. from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 30<sup>th</sup> April, both days included and 65mm carapace length respectively. The maximum number, a person may catch and retain, is to seven (7) rock lobster per day per permit holder. No more than seven- (7) rock lobster per permit holder shall be transported at any time in or on the vehicle and such lobster shall be in a whole state. A person may not harvest any rock lobster between sunset and sunrise.

Quantity or Mass of Marine Resources that may be harvested for own use without a fishing permit.

- (a) 1kg of aquatic plants, other than brown seaweed;
- (b) 50 black mussels;
- (c) 2,5kg dry weight or 10kg wet weight of brown seaweed;
- (d) 15 limpets
- (e) 5 molluscs, other than black mussel, limpet, periwinkle or white mussel;
- (f) 25 periwinkles;
- (g) 10kg of sea shells ; and
- (h) 25 white mussels.

A person referred to in subregulation (5) may not in any one day harvest or have in his or her possession –

- (a) more than the quantity specified in Annexure K in respect of the marine resources referred to in that Annexure; or
- (b) white mussel that is able to pass through a ring with an inner diameter of 38 mm, when it is in a whole state.

## Fishing Areas for Recreational purposes

Fishing for recreational purpose is now allowed in only the following areas.

- Terrace Bay and Torra Bay
- From the Ugab river to Walvis Bay
- Pelican Point to Sandwich Harbour  
From Southern limits of Diaz Point to Grosse Bucht; and
- From Pamona Island to the Orange River

## Prohibited species

**Regulation 9** A person may not use –

- (a) Use as bait or have in his or her possession any annelid worms; (worms are prohibited).
- (a) Collect any red bait by cutting or in any other way dislodging the red bait from the substract, except red bait which has been washed up on the seashore.

## Inspection

Fishing permit for recreational purposes must be presented to Fisheries Inspectors during inspections or on request.

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