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TUNA POLE-LINE EXEMPTION HOLDERS
SOUTH AFRICAN TUNA ASSOCIATION
LARGE PELAGICS SMALL MEDIUM AND MICRO ENTERPRISES ASSOCIATION
EASTERN AND SOUTHERN CAPE PELAGIC ASSOCIATION

Dear Tuna Pole-line Stakeholders

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON DRAFT SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT
SYSTEM (SEIAS) INITIAL PHASE – FRAP2020/21: TUNA POLE-LINE**

As part of the 2020/21 Fishing Rights Allocation Process (FRAP2020/21) and in line with the Public Notice issued on 5 October 2020, the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment is currently conducting the initial phase of the Socio-Economic Impact Assessment System (SEIAS). This phase, is a preliminary and mandatory requirement set out by the Presidency that must be conducted by the regulating authority as part of the Policy Review process for the undertaking of FRAP2020/21.

SEIAS completion is a consultative process, which objectives are, amongst others, is to enable the regulating authority to conduct broader analysis of socio-economic challenges, associated potential losses and benefits, risks and mitigation measures, whilst ensuring alignment with the National Development Plan (2030) by taking into consideration how policy proposals impact on and relate to the transformation and inclusive growth of the economy.

It is against this background that the Department is courteously reaching out to the Commercial Fishing Industry stakeholders and the public as part of the consultation process, with a goal of soliciting input that will not only enable successful completion of SEIAS process, but will also ensure that the Department has robust, properly aligned and up to date

policies to efficiently deliver a fair, legally-defensible and transparent FRAP2020/21. Attached herein to this letter, is a Draft SEIAS Initial Phase Report for the Hake Deep-sea Trawl Sector compiled by the Department. You are kindly requested to go through the Draft and provide comments that the Department will consider prior to the submission of the Phase 1 SEIAS to the Policy and Research Services (PRS) Branch in the Presidency. SEIAS is an evidence-based assessment process, therefore, in providing your input as a stakeholder, please do also include a reference list as an annexure to support your inputs. Furthermore, the Department will soon issue a Public Notice on the same subject matter for the general public and or any other interested parties that never had fishing rights before but may have interest in the sector. To facilitate distribution of the Draft SEIAS Initial Phase documents, the provision of comments as well as submission thereof, Fisheries Compliance Offices of the Department along the coast will be used. Stakeholders and interested parties are therefore encouraged to visit their nearest Fisheries Compliance Offices to collect SEIAS documents and submit their comments back to the same offices before the deadline date specified below.

The Department will appreciate getting your written comments, which should be sent into the following email address, i.e. **FRAPSEIAS_2020@environment.gov.za**, on or before 16h00, Thursday, 27 May 2021. Comments received after the set deadline date and time will not be considered by the Department.

Yours sincerely,



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