

## JWW PROPOSAL TO AMEND RECREATIONAL FISHING PERMIT REGULATIONS

*Please note that this whole document is to be read as one with all conditions, wherever reflected, applying to all sections and lists as relevant*

### RECREATIONAL ALLOWABLE CATCH AND LIMIT FOR EACH SPECIE OR FAMILY

**No Recreational Fisher shall be in possession of more than 5 fish in total on any day, and no more in number of any one species than indicated on this list.  
Only to be caught with rod & reel, handline, or freediving with a speargun**

<b>ANNEXURE "RF" NON-SALEABLE RECREATIONAL LINE-FISH</b>			
COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME		NO
Baardman, Bellman, Tasselfish	<i>Family Umbrina</i>		2
Bank Steenbras	<i>Chirodactylus grandis</i>		2
Barracuda	<i>Sphyræna barracuda</i>		2
Billfishes (Marlin & Sailfish)	<i>Family Istiophoridae</i>		1
Blacktail, Dassie	<i>Diplodus sargus capensis</i>		2
Bonefish	<i>Albula vulpes</i>		2
Bonito, Skipjack	<i>Katsowonus pelamis</i>		5
Bronze Bream, Bluefish	<i>Pachymetopon grande</i>		2
Cape Gurnard	<i>Trigla capensis</i>		5
Cape Stumpnose	<i>Rhabdosargus holubi</i>		2
Captain Fine, White Faced Rockcod	<i>Epinephelus albonmarginatus</i>		2
Carpenter, Silverfish, Gelopene	<i>Argyrazona argyrazona</i>		5
Catface Rockcod	<i>Epinephelus andersoni</i>		2
Cobia, Prodigalson	<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>		2
Dageraad	<i>Chrysoblephus cristiceps</i>		2
Dane	<i>Porcostoma dentata</i>		2
Dorado, Dolphinfish	<i>Coryphalena hipporus</i>		5
Elf, Shad	<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>		3
Englishman	<i>Chrysoblephus anglicus</i>		2
Fransmadame, Karelgrootoog	<i>Boopsoides inornata</i>		5
Galjoen	<i>Dichistius capensis</i>		2
Banded Galjoen	<i>Dichistius multifasiatus</i>		2
Garrick, Leervis	<i>Lichia amia</i>		2
Geelbek, Cape Salmon	<i>Atractoscion aequidens</i>		2
Grunter, Spotted, Javelin, Grey, Cock	<i>Family Pomadasys</i>		2
Hake, Stockfish	<i>Family Merluccius</i>		5
Harder, Mullet	<i>Family Mugilidae</i>		5
Hottentot	<i>Pachymetopon blochii</i>		5
John Brown	<i>Gymnocrotaphus curvidens</i>		2
Kawakawa, Little Tuna	<i>Euthynnus affinis</i>		5
Kingfishes, Trevally, Giant, Bludger	<i>Caranx and Carangoides spp.</i>		2
Kingklip, Ling	<i>Genypterus capensis</i>		2

King Mackerel, Natal Couta	<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>		5
Knifejaws, Parrotfish	<i>Oplegnathus conwayi &amp; robinsoni</i>		1
Kob caught from shore or estuary	<i>Argyrosomus</i> spp.		2
Kob caught from a boat at sea	<i>Argyrosomus</i> spp.		5
Maasbanker, Horse Mackerel	<i>Trachurus capensis</i>		5
Mackerel	<i>Scomber japonicus</i>		5
Natal Stumpnose, Yellowfin Bream	<i>Rabdosargus sarba</i>		2
Panga	<i>Iterogymnuslanarius</i>		5
Poenskop, Black Steenbras	<i>Cymatoseps nasutus</i>		1
Pompano, Large Spot, Wave Garrick	Family <i>Trachinotus</i>		2
Queenfish	<i>Scomberoides commersonianus</i>		2
Queen Mackerel	<i>Scomberomorus plurilineatus</i>		5
Rainbow Runner	<i>Elagmatis bipinnulatis</i>		2
<b>RAYS, SKATE, AND SAWFISHES are to be released immediately</b>			
Red Roman	<i>Chrysoblephus laticeps</i>		5
Red Steenbras	<i>Petrus rupestris</i>		1
Red Stumpnose, Miss Lucy	<i>Chrysoblephus gibbiceps</i>		2
River Bream, Perch	<i>Acanthopagrus berda</i>		5
River Snapper Rock Salmon	<i>Lutjanus argentimaculatus</i>		2
Rockcod, Yellowbelly, Capt Fine	<i>Cephalopholis &amp; Epinephelus</i> spp		2
Santer, Soldier	<i>Cheimarius nufar</i>		5
Scotsman	<i>Polysteganus praeorbitalis</i>		1
Seventy Four	<i>Polysteganus umdulosis</i>		1
<b>SHARK: all shark are to be released immediately</b>			
Slinger	<i>Chrysoblephus puniceus</i>		5
Snapper Kob	<i>Otolithes ruber</i>		5
Snoek	<i>Thyrsites atun</i>		5
Springer, Ten Pounder, Ladyfish	<i>Elops machnata</i>		2
Squaretail Kob	<i>Argyrasomus thorpei</i>		5
Steentjie	<i>Spondyliosoma emarginatum</i>		5
Stonebream, Stinkvis	<i>Neoscorpis lithophilus</i>		2
Swordfish	<i>Xiphias gladius</i>		1
Tuna, Longfin, Bigeye, Yellowfin, Blue	<i>Thunnus species</i>		5
Wahoo	<i>Acanthocyblum solandri</i>		2
West Coast Steenbras	<i>Lithognathus aureti</i>		1
White Musselcracker, Brusher	<i>Sparodon durbanensis</i>		1
White Steenbras, Pignose Grunter	<i>Lithognathus lithognathus</i>		1
White Stumpnose	<i>Rabdosargus globiceps</i>		5
Wrasses	Family <i>Bodianus</i>		2
Wreckfish	<i>Polyprion americanus</i>		2
Yellowtail, Geelstert	<i>Seriola lalandi</i>		5
Zebra Wildeperd	<i>Diplodus cervinus hottentotus</i>		2
<b>ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS</b>			
1) 2 of any <b>unlisted</b> Species may be landed within the maximum catch Limit of five fish.			
3) Sharks, rays, skates, & chimaeras, may be caught but immediately released unharmed.			
4) No <b>size limits</b> apply to Recreationally caught fish, and there are no <b>closed seasons</b> .			
5) 20 recognised baitfish, providing they are <20cms in length, may be caught and/or be in the possession of recreational fishers, as long as their permit is endorsed as necessary.			
6) All fish must be retained whole, or only gutted.			
7) <b>10 Aquarium fishes</b> may be caught per day, but all of a size less than 10cm unless the Angler has in his possession a Permit for larger specimens issued by the Department.			
<b>ANNEXURE "PS" PROHIBITED SPECIE LIST</b>			
No person shall intentionally catch, harm, or disturb, nor have in their possession,			

any of the following:

FISH--Basking or Whale Shark, Brindle or Potato Bass, Coelacanth, Pipefish, Sawfish, Seahorse, Sunfishes. MARINE MAMMALS--Penguin, Porpoise, Seal, Sealion, Sea Otter, Turtle, Whale. MARINE OR ESTUARINE BIRDS.

**RECREATIONAL PERMIT HOLDERS OTHER COLLECTABLE MARINE ORGANISMS**

<b>ANNEXURE "RO" COMMON NAME</b>	<b>METHOD</b>	<b>LIMIT NO</b>
Abalone	Hand and Flat Implement <50mm wide	1
Alikreukel	Hand	5
Other Periwinkles	Hand	50
Bloodworm	Hand, Wire, Suction Pump	5
Other Rock and Sand Worms	Hand or Suction Pump	20
Clams	Hand	10
Crabs General	Hand, Small Scoop Net	10
Crabs Mole	Hand, Triangular Trap	20
Crabs Mud (Scylla Serrata}	Hand, Line, and not In Berry	5
Cuttelfish	Handline, Rod & Reel	5
Octopus	Handline, Small Gaff, Rod & Reel	2
Squid	Handline or Rod and Reel	20
Limpets	Hand with blade <50mm	15
Oysters	Hand and Flat Implement <50mm wide	20
Mud Prawn	Hand or Suction Pump, Pusher	50
Sand Prawn	Hand or Suction Pump	50
Swimming Prawn	Thrownet, Pushnet, Bottle	50
Reef (Black) Mussels	Hand with blade <50mm	30
White (Sand)	Hand with blade <25mm	30
Pencil Bait, Razor Clam	Hand, Wire	20
Red Bait	Hand, Knife, Gaff, Blade <50mm	2kg
Scallop	Hand	10
Sea Cucumbers	Hand	20
Sea Urchins	Hand	20
Unlisted Shellfish	Hand	20
Venus Ear, Siffie	Hand with blade <50mm	5

1) Under no circumstances may a spade be used to collect any of the above.

2) The above may only be collected between Sunrise and Sunset on any one day

**LOCALLY CAUGHT FISH BAIT**

<b>ANNEXURE "RB" SPECIES</b>	<b>SCIENTIFIC NAME</b>	<b>MAXIMUM SIZE</b>
Anchovies	<i>Family Engraulidae</i>	20cm
Mackerel	<i>Scomber japonicus</i>	20cm
Horse mackerel / maasbanker	<i>Trachurus capensis</i>	20cm
Karanteen	<i>Sarpa salpa</i>	20cm
Mulletts / harders	<i>Family Mugilidae</i>	20cm
Pinky /orgy	<i>Pomadasy olivaceum</i>	20cm
Sardines (pilchard & red-eye)	<i>Family Clupeidae</i>	20cm

1) Recreationalists may catch a total of 20 of one or a combination of the above species.

2) When caught as bait, they must not exceed the Maximum size, otherwise they revert to normal Recreational fish limits.

## CLOSED AREAS

No fishing or any other Recreational Marine Activity shall take place in the following Marine Water Locations.

1) In any declared Harbour Area, unless both the controlling Authority and the Department have issued a formal notice allowing same conditionally in the whole or part of such area. The area inside a circular boundary drawn seawards from the centre of the Harbour mouth ending where it intersects with the High water mark (HWM) each side of the mouth shall be considered as part of the harbour.		
2) Langebaan lagoon and estuary mouth.		
3) Table Bay; inside a line drawn from Milnerton lagoon mouth to Mouille Point, continuing 1000 metres past to a point West by south, then a line to a point 500 metres west from HWM on Batchelors Cove Point, and back to that mark		
4) From the north-western end of Boulders Beach 500 metres out from the HWM to a line east by north, back north northwest to the HWM on Long Beach.		
5) The De Hoop area; a strip 500 metres wide starting at the beacon North of Skipskop rocks, along the coastal HWM until the Cape Infanta Lighthouse.		
6) Tsitsikamma area; 500 metre strip from South of the Buffels river mouth to South of the Grootrivier		
7) St Francis Bay; only no boat fishing allowed inside a line drawn South from the HWM at Shelly Bay Point for 3000 metres, then back to Cape St Francis.		
8) From the northern end of Summerstrand: a line drawn from the HWM eastwards then to a point 500 metres east of the Swartkops River mouth, back to the HWM there.		
9) Aliwal Shoal: lying off the coast from the launching facilities at the Mkomazi River mouth at Umkomaas, the area is well known for its Scuba Diving opportunities. Apart from fishing with Rod and Reel from the shore, no other type of fishing or activity is allowed in an area still to be finally identified.		
10) The iSimangaliso Marine Park includes the coastline from St Lucia to the Mozambique Border and various types of fishing restrictions apply along its whole length. Negotiations will hopefully soon commence to allow shore fishing, apart from an area of approximately 20 kl of said coast, as well as unrestricted boat fishing except for the adjacent area to the closed shore area out to one nautical mile seawards.		

### GENERAL CONDITIONS APPLYING TO RECREATIONAL ANGLING AND OTHER TYPES OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FROM THE COASTLINE OR ON THE SEA

- (1) A person may obtain a Recreational Fishing Permit from the Post Office, or any office authorised by the Minister, subject to the payment of a predetermined fee for Rock, Surf, & Boat Angling, or Spearfishing, Cast-netting, or the collecting of Marine Aquarium Fish.
- (2) It will be endorsed in a manner that indicates which types of fishing, what other marine organisms, and the limits applicable to each, the holder is entitled to catch or collect.
- (3) A recreational fishing permit entitles the holder to catch or collect fish, bait ect., for own use, and not the purpose of selling or trading.
- (4) The holder of a recreational fishing permit, duly endorsed, is entitled to catch or collect only those species listed on **Annexures "RF," "RO," "RB,"** and West Coast Crayfish or East Coast Rock Lobster, subject to the conditions as indicated.
- (5) The skipper of a fishing boat used for any Recreational fishing:

- a) shall be in possession of a fishing permit endorsed accordingly.
  - b) shall only fish from one hour before sunset to one hour after sunset on any one day.
  - c) shall ensure that all other persons on board shall hold a current Recreational Permit.
  - d) shall limit the the total catch on board to 5 per person, and 20 in total.
- (6) The holder of a recreational fishing permit, shall not use any artificial respiratory equipment, other than a snorkel, except in the case of Marine Aquarium Fishing.
- (7) The holder of a recreational fishing permit endorsed for spearfishing is entitled to catch only the fish referred to on **Annexure RF** with a speargun.
- (8)The holder of a recreational fishing permit, endorsed for cast-netting, is entitled to catch baitfish, referred to under **Annexure "RB" by line**, or with a circular thrownet of six meters or less in diameter.
- (9) The holder of a Recreational Fishing Permit, endorsed for Marine Aquarium Fish:
- a) may catch any fish subject to in **Annexure "RF"** above, but all must be <10cm size.
  - b) must immediately transfer all fish caught in terms of this permit to a saltwater aquarium or holding facility of sufficient capacity to keep them alive.
  - c) keep a log-book of all fish in the tank, their source, and any additions or losses.
  - d) May apply to the Department for a special exemption in respect of size and number.

## **ESTUARIES**

In general principle, Recreational Angling from river banks and boats is permitted in all tidal or saline estuaries. Cast netting and bait collection, as well as the collection or catching of other listed Marine organisms, **Annexure "RO,"** is permitted with the exception of the following: Abalone, Oysters, Reef-White-Sand Mussels, Clams, Alikreukel, Venus Ear, and Shellfish.

The direct management control and compliance is to shortly become, the responsibility of the relevant local Municipality under the control of the regional Government's Environmental Department, back to the National Ministry. In certain instances, with particularly the larger estuaries, a local Conservation Body might be empowered by a municipality to take over certain responsibilities. Either then, may well apply zoning for certain activities to avoid user conflict, or for other reasons, as well as additional Regulations.

All other national and regional legislative regulations and conditions would apply, unless noted otherwise by the local authority.

## **WEST COAST CRAYFISH**

Jasus Ilandi

- 1) A Recreational fisher for West Coast Rock Lobster (Crayfish) must be in possession of a fishing Permit issued by a relevant authority, (ie. PO), which will allow the catching of maximum of 3 per day, for own use only, between 8h00 and back onshore by 16h00.
- 2) The season for a Recreational fisher to catch Crayfish is from 16th December to the 15th of January plus the Easter weekend.
- 3) No person under the age of 12 shall be issued with such Permit.
- 4) No person shall have in their possession at any given time more than 3 Crayfish, together with their Permit.
- 5) No Crayfish in a person's possession shall be in berry, and all must be in a whole state.
- 6) The minimum size that may be caught is 80mm measured from the anterior spine on the carapace along a straight line to the centre of the posterior carapace edge.
- 7) No person may buy, barter or sell Crayfish caught with a Permit.
- 8) Crayfish caught through a Recreational Fishing Permit may only be landed by using a scoop, ringnet, baited line, snorkeling from the shore, or from a non-commercially licensed boat.

## ROCK LOBSTER EAST OF CAPE AGULHAS

Palinuris Homarus

The regulations for the catching of East Coast Rock Lobster are the same as for West Coast Crayfish except that the daily Bag Limit is 5, and the season is all year round. In addition, no Rock Lobster may be caught from any boat.

## RECREATIONAL SCUBA DIVING PERMIT

1) The Holder of a Recreational Scuba Diving Permit shall be permitted to dive anywhere from the coast or from a boat other than in the **Closed Areas** reflected in the Recreational Fishing documentation, but subject to any Local authority restrictions applicable.

2) The holder of a recreational Scuba Diving Permit shall:

a) Not remove, unduly disturb or harass any marine organism or habitat, Including shells or substrate, marine mammals, seabirds and fish.

b) Not feed fish, practice chumming, or discharge any biological attractants where diving.

c) Only dive between sunrise and sunset on any day.

d) However, be allowed to collect Aquarium Fish, but strictly according to the Regulations and conditions laid down under the Recreational Fishing Permit which the diver must hold.

3) Abide by the Diver Code of Conduct ([www.environment.gov.za](http://www.environment.gov.za)).

## JETSKIS

### and other Personal Water Craft, Surfboards, Windsurfers, Ect.

Personal Water Craft (Jetskis) may only be used from Local Authority authorised Launch Sites, but, other than when authorised to exit the mouth at idle speed, never in an Estuary. Other Personal Waterbourne Equipment can be used in Estuaries and elsewhere subject to Local Authority Regulations.

## PERMIT FEES AND PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

### FEES

Recreational Fisher	R100
Boat Skipper	R50
Jetski	R100
Scuba Diving	R100
Estuarine Windsurfer/Windski	R50
Spearfishing	R50
Cast-netting	R50
Aquarium Fish	R50
Abalone	R150
Octopus and Crabs	R50
Crayfish/Rock Lobster	R100
Oysters	R100

### PENALTIES CUMULATIVE

#### WITH PERMIT

1st NON-COMPLIANCE OF **LIMIT**: FINE UP MAX R500 IF LESS THAN DOUBLE LIMIT. IF MORE THAN DOUBLE: UP TO R10,000 AND LOSS OF PERMIT PERMANENTLY

1st NON-COMPLIANCE WITH **REGULATIONS**: FINE UP MAX R1,000.

1st NON-COMPLIANCE **OTHER**: UP TO R10,000 & LOSS OF PERMIT PERMANENTLY.

2nd NON-COMPLIANCE: FINE UP TO R100,000 & LOSS OF PERMIT PERMANENTLY, AND/OR CONFISCATION OF TACKLE, AND/OR VEHICLE, AND/OR BOAT.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH PROHIBITED LIST: A FINE UP TO R1,000,000.

WITHOUT PERMIT

1st OFFENCE FOR FISHING WITHOUT PERMIT: FINE UP TO R1000.

2nd OFFENCE WITHOUT PERMIT: R10,000 & LOSS OF RIGHT FOR A PERMIT.

3rd OFFENCE WITHOUT PERMIT: LOSS OF RIGHT AND UP TO R1,000,000.

*It should be noted that, if other compliance regulations would have been broken had a permit have been in place, those penalties shall also apply.*















