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## GENERAL NOTICE

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### NOTICE 4580 OF 2000

#### **INVITATION TO APPLY FOR EXPERIMENTAL FISHING PERMITS FOR THE CATCHING OF PATAGONIAN TOOTHFISH (*DISSOSTICHUS MAWSONI*) IN TERMS OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATIES ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 60 OF 1996)**

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism hereby announces for general information that it is the intention of the Honourable Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism to issue 2 experimental fishing permits for the catching of Patagonian Toothfish (*Dissostichus mawsoni*) in two Statistical Subareas (Subareas 88.1 and 88.2) within the area managed by the International Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) outside South Africa's Exclusive Economic Zone from 1 December 2000 to 31 August 2001 in respect of Subarea 88.1 and 15 December 2000 to 31 August 2001 in respect of Subarea 88.2.

Interested persons are herewith invited to apply. Applicants are advised that in assessing applications the Minister will require information on:

- (i) Name and flag of vessel to be used, including any record of past involvement in fishing for Toothfish, a history of the vessel's flag designation and a valid marine safety certificate;
- (ii) Whether or not the applicant exhibits the necessary experience and technical ability to carry out the experimental fishery in an efficient and safe manner under extreme weather conditions remote from port;
- (iii) The extent of sea-borne and shore-based facilities to support fishing operations;
- (iv) The willingness to work according to a fishing plan and to supply the necessary fishery data in the manner required by the Chief Director: Marine and Coastal Management;
- (v) The ability and willingness to abide by the relevant CCAMLR Conservation Measures in force and by any subsequent provisions subsumed by the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998) or by the Regulations (Regulation No. R. 980 of 18 July 1997) under the Antarctic Treaties Act, 1996 (Act No. 60 of 1996), and
- (vi) The extent of participation by South Africans subject to a permit being granted.

Information on (ii) and (vi) above will also be required with respect to the processing and marketing of the catches. Full information on the applicant's history, if any, in the Patagonian Toothfish fishery must be furnished.

It must be noted that:

- (i) It is a requirement of CCAMLR that any vessel intending to operate in Subareas 88.1 and 88.2 must have been registered with the Secretariat of CCAMLR 3 months prior to commencing fishing operations.
- (ii) The granting of an experimental permit will be subject to the mandatory use of South African flagged vessels to catch the fish;
- (iii) Subject to the provisions of the relevant CCAMLR Conservation Measures in force, the Chief Director: Marine and Coastal Management will have sole discretion in allocating the allowable catch and fishing area allocated to each successful applicant;
- (iv) All vessels will be required to undertake longline-weighting trials according to the provisions of CCAMLR 210/XIX and meet the stringent requirements attached thereto, and particularly, the number of Depth Recorders (TDP's) required, prior to commencing fishing;
- (v) All vessels will be required to carry two scientific observers (at least one appointed in accordance with the CCAMLR System of Scientific Observation) and satellite vessel monitoring systems approved by the Chief Director: Marine and Coastal Management, and
- (vi) Permits (depending on area) will only be granted from 1 December 2000 to 31 August 2001 in respect of Subarea 88.1 and 15 December 2000 to 31 August 2001 in of Subarea 88.2.

The closing date for applications will be **7 DECEMBER 2000**. Applicants must ensure that their applications reach the offices of the Chief Directorate: Marine and Coastal Management, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Foretrust Building, Martin Hammerschlag Way, Foreshore, Cape Town, 8001 / Private Bag X2, Roggebaai, 8012 (Attention: Ms. R Zeelie) before or on the due date (7/12/00) stipulated above. No application will be accepted after 16:00 on the abovementioned due date. As previous applications will not be taken into consideration, interested persons who submitted such applications are advised to re-apply.

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