



# MINUTES OF VANDERKLOOF FISHERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – 18 JANUARY 2018

## MEETING INFORMATION

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**Date:** 18 January 2018  
**Time:** 10:00 AM  
**Location:** Boardroom at DWS Building, Vanderkloof

## AGENDA

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### Welcome by Chairperson (DALRRD)

Welcoming of AG members by Mr Thinus Jonker (DALRRD).

### Attendance & Apologies

- **Attendance** register in Appendix 1.
- **Apologies:**  
Mr. Themba Methebula DENC  
Mr. Andre Swart DALRRD  
Ms. Roberta Burgess DALRRD  
Ms Caroline Badenhorst RPA  
Dr Leon Barkuizen

### Approval and/or corrections of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting (8 June 2017) approved.

### Records of Decisions

1. There was a request to expedite the process of approving minutes of the AG. To achieve this, a decision was made to email the draft minutes after an AG meeting to the participants of the meeting. A two week period would be permitted for comments. Following that the final AG minutes would then be sent out electronically.
2. Rhodes University informed that the Fishery Officer post was advertised through SANCOR (DAFF) and the job was offered to the two qualified applicants (after they were interviewed). Both applicants then declined the offers. The view by Rhodes University is that it is difficult to find a qualified person who is willing to reside in a rural area. Therefore, after consultation with

DALRRD, a decision was made to “break” the Fishery Officer post into various jobs, such as fishing crew, skipper, admin person and data analyst. The fishing crew (2 posts) will be sent to Port Alfred to be trained to qualify for a skippers ticket (and get the 25 hours experience on the water). Apart from the skippers ticket they will be sent to driving school to get a driving license (to drive the bakkie). and to get their driving license. A skipper (small scale fisher) from the West Coast has been identified and will be interviewed to determine if he can become the skipper of the boat. An admin post has been advertised (to run the operations) and the data analysis of the experimental fishery will be done at DIFS / Rhodes University. This approach is still a work in progress and as such the job descriptions will need to be adapted with regards to the qualifications / experience of the crew.

3. Rhodes University has undertaken to guarantee the quality and integrity of the experimental fishery data
4. The procurement of the boat (a purpose built craft) has been undertaken and the boat should be completed in February. The procurement of the other items is still on hold until a storeroom can be secured in VDK (possibly DENC offices).
5. Rhodes University has made an application to DEA for the TOPS permit (for the experimental fishery).
6. At the AG meeting, an inquiry about the fish processing facility. Members were reminded that a decision was made at the AG that the fish processing facility was on hold and that the approach now was that fish would be sold to the fishers and that they would in turn sell the fish through their existing networks.
7. DENC informed the AG that a Traders Permit (from DENC) would be required to sell fish. It was decided that this issue would be put on the Agenda when DALRRD meets with DENC wrt the kraal fishery permit application.
8. Rhodes University informed the AG that an application to DENC was made wrt the kraal fishery. DENC informed the meeting that the permit application was on review, and that there is dialogue with DALRRD on this matter.
9. The decision of the AG was that the status quo at the kraal fishery continues. In effect the kraal fishers can still undertake their activities. This is in reference to the Traders Permit and permits for the kraal fishery from DENC.
10. Mr Clarence Oliphant of MDT provided an oral progress report on activities. See Appendix II for details.
11. The AG was reminded to sign the CoC and ToR.

12. DWS provided feedback that the indemnity form for the kraal fishers to access the security zone was still within their legal services section for vetting. The final release of the indemnity form is dependent though on a permit from DENC.
13. Mr Lorenzo Danster informed the AG that he had a number of issues with Rhodes University, MDT, DWS and DENC. In essence he felt that the concerns the he raises were not addressed. Rhodes university responded that a number of meetings were held with him to try and address the issues he raised. This sentiment was also expressed by MDT and DALRRD.

**Next meeting and closure**

- Next AG meeting will be on the 12 of July 2018.

Appendices  
Appendix I: Attendance register

Vanderkloof Experimental Fishery Advisory Group meeting.  
DWS boardroom, 18 January 2018-01-17

Attendance Register

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## Appendix II: MDT report made by Mr Clarence Oliphant



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### Report to the Advisory Group-18 January 2018

#### *Community Development*

On the AG meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2017, it was agreed that the kraals fishers will proceed with the elections of the new local committee once they developed their own constitution.

The approach used to develop the constitution was workshopping the vision, mission, internal procedure, committee structure, membership and elections with the fishers.

The drafting of the Constitution was completed in Luckhoff and Keurtjieskloof, and elections have been held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November in Luckhoff 2017 and on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2017 in Keurtjieskloof. The newly elected committee members are the following:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Luckhoff</b>	<b>Keurtjieskloof</b>
Chairperson	George Booysen	Flip Swarts
Deputy Chairperson	Johny Ngalo	Thys Pieters
Secretary	Willem Kok	Johnny Damons
Deputy Secretary	Willem Olifant	Elmara Olivier
Treasurer	Dick Swartland	Hermanus Greef
Deputy Treasurer	Johannes Coetzee	Dirk Rooifontein

In Petrusville, we are facing challenges in going through the process of developing the Constitution and hold elections. The leaders of the other 2 towns feel they want to support Petrusville by organising a meeting with the fisher in Petrusville to encourage them to work together and to move forward in completing their constitution.

Fishers even develop their own code of conduct for the kraals, that includes clear disciplinary procedure to be applied internally.

#### *Kraal Management*

As previously agreed in the Advisory Group, pipes have been placed in the kraals by the fishers, who worked as a collective.

A communication for managing the kraals was put in place. Fishers call each other to inform who is going to the kraals at night to avoid fish mortalities. It was agreed that e also if no one have informed Clarence of going to kraals, Clarence will go and open both kraals pipes for the fish not to be trapped in the kraals. The fishers are also making sure they release all the small fish into the river.

The fishers managed the kraals with the code of conduct that they have drafted themselves, the way they must behave at the kraals.

We also had regular engagement in the high season just to make sure the fishers remember that it is their responsibility to make sure our kraals have been managed.