

Attention All Anglers

The time has come for all anglers to stand together for our sport. You can start by forwarding this message to all your angling contacts!

In the National Gazette No 32898 of 29-Jan-2010, Volume 535 under NOTICE 54 of 2010, Minister Buyelwa Sonjica (minister of Water and Environmental Affairs) Published for comment the proposed amended fees payable in respect of applications and the issuing of rights permits and licences under section 25 of the Marine Living resources Act, 1998 (Act no 18 of 1998).

The proposed changes in annual fees for angling licences are as follows:

Fees payable in respect of the issuing of a permit to undertake recreational fishing of

- i. Scuba diving in MPAs R85
- ii. **West Coast Rock Lobster R500**
- iii. East Coast Rock Lobster R500
- iv. **Molluscs including octopus, Squid, worms, other invertebrates and aquatic plants (bait licence) R300**
- v. Mud Crab R300
- vi. Marine aquarium fish R300
- vii. **Angling R200**
- viii. Spear fishing R300
- ix. **Use of Cast or throw net R300**

Some of these changes will amount to a 300% increase in licence fees. A simple fishing and bait licence will jump from about R140 p.a. to R500 p.a.!!!

Interested and Affected parties should address written comments and concerns by 1 March 2010 by letters, email, fax or registered mail to:

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