



## RECORD OF DECISIONS FOR THE VANDERKLOOF FISHERY ADVISORY GROUP – 23 APRIL 2019

### MEETING INFORMATION

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**Date:** 23 April 2019

**Time:** 10:00

**Location:** Boardroom at DWS Building, Vanderkloof

### AGENDA

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#### **Welcome by Chairperson (DALRRD)**

Welcoming of AG members by Mrs Ntombi Mokgalagadi (DALRRD)

**Apologies:** Abrie Coetzee, Joxo Wongalethu, Thinus Jonker and Nathasha Fourie

**Attendance Register** (Appendix I)

**Presentations** made by Rhodes University (Appendix II)

The **addendum I** to the Experimental Fishery Management Plan (EFMP)  
(Addendum I)

#### **Background**

The AG meeting was called by Rhodes University to provide:

- A report back on progress with regards to the experimental fishery- with regards to fish catches and sales (Appendix II)
- To discuss any changes required to the Experiential Fisheries Management Plan (EFMP)

#### **Decisions made**

1. After broad discussion, the AG recommended that all of the current methods as proposed in the Experimental Fisheries Management Plan should be continued for the duration of the experiment. This would allow the required time to test the markets for all fish sizes.

2. The AG recommended that if there was need to increase the use of long lines, a gear that is selective to catfish, that this motivation could be made to DENC (to also include in the exemption). The use of an extra longline should be added as an addendum to the EFMP and circulated to all members of the AG for noting. The current permit should then be amended to reflect this.
3. It was accepted that the wording on the current exemption should include the words – not applicable to gill nets – as originally set out in the EFMP. It was noted that minimum sizes are not applicable to the use of gill nets, and are not used in this regard, but this should be stated clearly on the permit. The legal representative agreed to have this changed and a new permit finalised as soon as possible, reflecting all changes suggested by the AG
4. Fishing on the dam is only to commence once the new permit/exemptions are received and approved by Rhodes legal team, and the ethics approval for the revised experimental process is finalised
5. Rhodes University indicated that there was an interest from a fish buyer in Pretoria to buy a ton (or more) of fish – with a possibility to establish a long-term relationship. Rhodes University would follow this up, in close consultation with the local fishers
6. The kraal fishers on the AG expressed that there was a market for carp, however the experimental fishery was not catching this species. The reasons for this were discussed. Mr Lorenzo Damster indicated that he knew of an area where carp could be targeted, and Mr Damster and the RU Fishery Officer (Mr Nomvela) would go out on the dam / or meet to determine the exact area. If this area was within the allowable zone, then the RU fishing crew would test this area for carp (using gear listed in the EFMP, such as the gill nets, fyke nets and trek / seine nets). If this area was found to be outside the allowable zone, the AG would then consult, and if agreed, a recommendation would then be made to DENC, and the EFMP amended accordingly.

The meeting was concluded, the chairman thanked everyone for their time and for some members who travelled very far to attend the meeting.

No date was scheduled for the next AG meeting