

New Cut-Off Date. Transfer of Fishing Right, Changes

By

[FINSA reporter](#)

-

28 September 2020 The date for Section 21 applications for the transfer of a South African commercial fishing right has been extended. This also applies to notifications of changes in shareholding and / or members' interests during the 2020/21 Fishing Right Allocation Process (FRAP).

This is according to a notice last week in which the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, says the reason for this extension is the COVID-19 pandemic.

The deadline is now 31 December 2020 at 16:00.

“The Department is aware that there are a number of right holders who have experienced challenges in preparation and submission of their applications for the transfer of commercial fishing rights because of the restrictions posed by the lockdown.

“A number of fishing industry associations have also expressed similar challenges experienced by some of their members.”

Not south coast rock lobster

The extension is granted except for rights held in the South Coast Rock lobster sector which expires on 30 September 2020.

“In terms of the section 18(6) of the MLRA, all fishing rights shall be valid for a period as determined by the Minister, whereafter it shall automatically terminate and revert back to the state for reallocation.

“Therefore, since commercial fishing right holders will be issued with an exemption in terms of section 81 of the MLRA to continue operating, no commercial fishing rights that expire on 31 December 2020, may be transferred after 31 December 2020.

Commercial fishing right holders intending to transfer their commercial fishing rights may apply online and applications should be submitted electronically to: cscapplications@daff.gov.za

.....