

JULY 2016 KBSTJ SRA NEWSLETTER

To follow on from last week's News Update regarding the West Coast Rock Lobster fleet, herewith further information:

The vessels off-loading their catch at Kalk Bay, Gordons Bay and Hout Bay are part of the commercial West Coast Rock Lobster fleet engaged in this sector, which is one of the 21 commercial long term fishing rights awarded to successful applicants in 2005. Other sectors include Pilchards, Long Line Hake, Trawl Hake, Traditional Handline, Squid, Trek Net Fishing etc.

The vessels operating at Kalk Bay include some of our local vessels, others are factory owned vessels namely, Lusitania, Oceana, Premier Fishing and many privately owned companies. Some of the boats and crew are from Lamberts Bay, Elands Bay, Saldanha, Cape Town and Hout Bay.

When the weather is fine the fleet will operate between Kalk Bay and Hout Bay. However, due to cramped conditions at Kalk Bay, most of the fleet will move to Hout Bay during stormy conditions to avoid damages.

The commercial West Coast Rock Lobster season is from the 15 November to the 30 September. The coastal area for harvesting lobster/crayfish is made up of 13 zones, with some areas open and others closed during the season.

If anyone is interested to know more about the fishing industry in general, they can contact Tony Trimmel at the harbour for much more info, which includes various catching methods, times of operating and the other sectors making up the fishing industry, including the recreational sector.

SRA Rates Increase

The City of Cape Town recently advertised its approved amendments to the 2012-2017 Integrated Development Plan and 2016/17 Budget. This is available for inspection at <http://www.capetown.gov.za/en/Budget/Pages/Budget-2016-17.aspx> . The approved budget includes approval of

- the SRA's 2016/2017 budget of R1,383,009, an increase of 7.63% on the 2015/2016 budget of R1,285,000 and
- additional rate (Rand in the Rand) of R0.000475 in respect of residential property and R0.001496 in respect of non-residential property.

The additional SRA rates for our SRA remain among the lowest of the 35 SRAs approved thus far.

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