



Project Definition for proposed Saldanha Bay Aquaculture Development Zone (ADZ)

Notes of a Meeting

Held: SRK Consulting, Rondebosch, 24 August 2016

Attendees:	1. Bev le Sueur	South African Sailing (SAS) Western Cape
	2. Colin Whitehead	SAS
	3. JP Naude	Western Cape Provincial Sport Confederation
	4. Phelisile Cengani	Department of Cultural Affairs and Sports
	5. Remo Allies	Department of Cultural Affairs and Sports
	6. Sue Reuther	SRK Consulting
	7. Jessica du Toit	SRK Consulting

1 Welcome and Introductions

- 1.1 Sue Reuther (SR) welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2 Project Background

- 2.1 SR briefly explained the background of the proposed Saldanha Aquaculture Development Zone as a Government-driven project to provide additional jobs in the area, and the stakeholder engagement activities undertaken to date as part of the Project Definition and EIA process conducted by SRK.

3 Purpose of the Meeting

- 3.1 SR explained that the purpose of the meeting is to engage with South African Sailing (SAS) to discuss their concerns regarding the impact of the currently proposed aquaculture areas in Saldanha Bay on sailors using the Bay.

4 SAS's Concerns

- 4.1 Colin Whitehead (CW) and Bev le Sueur (BS) explained the importance of the sailing industry in Saldanha Bay in terms of tourism and associated job and income creation, introduction of previously disadvantaged individuals to the sport and promoting the sport in general, and the effect of existing aquaculture operations on sailors.
- 4.2 CW noted that the proposed ADZ could benefit the Bay and water users as water quality would be monitored and kept to a high standard. CW discussed the areas currently used in Saldanha Bay for sailing, and the potential effect that each ADZ precinct could have on sailors.
- 4.3 SAS' main concerns regarding the proposed ADZ include:
- Limited access to and from Mykonos Harbour;

- Limited access to Langebaan Lagoon from Mykonos Harbour;
- Limited access to sailing areas in Outer Bay South around Jutten Island;
- Forcing sailors to use the main shipping channel to access the Bay, which contravenes instructions of the Port Captain and potentially intimidates and endangers sailors, particularly novices; and
- Lack of proper demarcation and management, as existing aquaculture operations are not well demarcated or regulated, leading to the risk of collisions, especially at night.

4.4 CW also noted that the Langebaan CBD Precinct Strategy Plan (attached) indicates the increasing importance of water-based tourism in the town's planning.

5 Proposed Way Forward

5.1 SR explained the proposed way forward in terms of the EIA process:

- ADZ areas will be re-evaluated in response to stakeholder comments;
- All stakeholders will have an opportunity to comment on the Basic Assessment Report, once released; and
- All comments will be included with the final submission to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), who is the decision making authority.

6 Closure of Meeting

6.1 SR thanked the meeting attendees and closed the meeting at 11h00.

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