

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING-SIBERIAN STURGEON FARMING**

**KRANSKOP JAMMERDAAL FARM**

**VENUE: KWASIZABANTU MISSION**

**TIME: 12PM**

**AGENDA**

- 1. INTRODUCTION**
- 2. APOLOGIES**
- 3. REASON FOR MEETING**
- 4. PURPOSE FOR PUBLIC MEETING**
- 5. CONCERNS & SUPPORT**
- 6. GENERAL**
- 7. CLOSING**

Ms Lidia Dube opened the meeting by introducing everyone present for the meeting the register provided by Ms Nomvelo Dlamini was passed around and signed.

Ms Lidia Dube explained how the proposed Siberian Sturgeon Farming project begin, when she was in Russia for a holiday and had the chance taste the fish served in one of the restaurant she was in. She had an idea that if this fish can be sold in Russia why people in South Africa can't have it too. The idea was also brewed by the lack of employment rates in the area that the project is proposed to be located within.

Mr Bongani Nxumalo added that the project is a necessity as it will create job for the local people and it will also educate children and encourage them to take up aquaculture studies in Universities rather than taking the typical career routes such as teaching, nursing, etc. Mr Sbonelo Madlala also discussed how the government divides the budget for KZN to fund all agricultural and fishery projects but the budget always goes back because there is not many projects that deal with such.

The Induna of the area was also present and he expressed how proud he is of the proposed project as this means that the employment rate will increase in the area and he also made suggestion that it would be good for local schools to start implementing subjects that deal with fishery in order for the passion to grow widely in the area.

Ms Nomvelo Dlamini introduced herself and explained why the public meeting was necessary as part of the EIA process, she explained that the leaders of the community are the ones whom are invited to the meeting because they best know the community and all their needs. She carried on explaining that to obtain the environmental authorisation is important as the project triggers activities listed on the National Environmental Management Act.

Ms L. Dube added that the area in which the development will be located is leased out by the owner of the land which has agreed on leasing the area for the development. The proposed development is also supported by the Umvoti Local Municipality which is set to submit a letter stating their support for the project.

Images of the Siberian fish were shown around to those who did not know how they Siberian fish look like and how big they can grow up to. The meeting was closed at 15:30

