

NOTICE OF STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION PROCESS

RE-ZONING OF THE BETTY'S BAY AND ROBBERG MARINE PROTECTED AREAS AND RE-ZONING AND REALIGNMENT OF THE GOUKAMMA MARINE PROTECTED AREA, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

In line with the National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES, 2008), the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) intends re-zoning the Betty's Bay and Robberg Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and re-zoning and re-aligning the Goukamma Marine Protected Area in the Western Cape Province. This will affect where recreational fishing and diving are allowed in the Betty's Bay and Robberg MPAs and where all forms of fishing are allowed in the Goukamma MPA. A stakeholder participation process is being run in accordance with requirements published in terms of the Marine Living Resources Act (Act 18 of 1998) and the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (Act 57 of 2003) to enable Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to provide comment on this process. I&APs are encouraged to register as stakeholders in this process and to attend public meetings to be held at the localities and dates indicated below:

MPA	Venue	Date	Time
Goukamma MPA	Royal Hotel conference venue, Knysna	20 March 2014	17h30-19h30
Robberg MPA	N.G. Kerk Plettenberg Bay	21 March 2014	10h00-12h00
Betty's Bay MPA	Crassula Community Hall, Betty's Bay	27 March 2014	18h00-20h00

To register as a stakeholder, please send an email or fax with your Name, Affiliation, and Contact details (telephone, email, fax, postal address) to:

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Further information including concept documents outlining the rationale for re-zoning and re-alignment of the above mentioned MPAs are also available from the website www.anchorenvironmental.co.za or on request at any of the above contact numbers. Written comments pertaining to this initiative can also be submitted to Anchor Environmental Consultants. The closing date for receipt of comments is 25 April 2014.