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AVCRT WORKING GROUPS

There is a huge financial challenge which has stopped the implementation of the proposed projects within the AVCRT Working Groups. All Working Groups are expected to attach budgets to their Action Plans so that all the financial challenges can be addressed with the DAFF DG during the up-coming meeting with the Co-Chairpersons of the AVCRT.

AQUACULTURE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

DAFF EXCO had approved the drafting of the new aquaculture legislation. Therefore there is a need for a task team to assist with the drafting of the bill. Two members from the aquaculture industry should form part of the task team. The Aquaculture Association of Southern Africa (AASA) will elect the two members and inform the DAFF.

AIS REGULATIONS

The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) had incorporated the inputs received from affected stakeholders and the AIS regulations are currently going through the internal processes to get the revised AIS regulations to be approved by the Minister. The DEA will distribute the revised regulations to the stakeholders before promulgation.

ADEP APPLICATIONS UPDATE

To date the Department of Trade and Industry approved 23 applications. A total of 644 jobs will be created and the expected additional production is approximately 5 000 tons per annum. The projected investment amounted to R457 890 181 and the projected incentive is R106 008 422. The challenge for implementing ADEP is that projects do not have the environmental certifications and licensing and they therefore fail to claim the approved funding.

NORMS AND STANDARDS FOR ABALONE AND TROUT

DAFF is developing the norms and standards for abalone and trout. The draft document will be published for comments and as soon as the norms and standards are approved, farmers will not have to do the EIAs but to comply with norms and standards.

RECORDS OF DECISIONS

The following decisions were agreed upon during the meeting on the 14th May 2014:

- All AVCRT Working Groups need to submit the budgets related to their Action Plans so that the financial challenges faced by the AVCRT can be presented to the DAFF DG.
- AASA should elect two members to form part of the task team for the drafting of the Aquaculture Bill.
- DEA will consult with the stakeholders about the revised AIS regulations before approval.
- DAFF, DEA and the dti should meet to discuss the solution to the EIAs challenge faced by ADEP projects.
- Attendance of the AVCRT meetings will be per invitation from the next meeting.
- The next meeting date will be announced by the secretariat.

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