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### NATIONAL AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (NADI)

- National Aquaculture Development initiative (NADI) document was developed by the Western Cape Aquaculture Development Initiative (WCADI) during the past five months. NADI is a proposal by DAFF to drive the aquaculture sector within the country. Its mission is to address the aquaculture sector development requirements of government and stakeholders by supporting the implementation of National Aquaculture Strategic Framework (NASF) and Aquaculture Value Chain Round Table (AVCRT) and to address the short and medium term aquaculture opportunities and challenges of the sub-sectors within the provinces.
- NADI did not receive financial support for the implementation yet but AVCRT recommended that it be launched during June 2014 and DAFF will make a request for funding for the next MTEF cycle.

### AWARENESS AND PROMOTION WORKING GROUP

- Awareness and Promotion Working Group emanated from the Public Understanding of Aquaculture (PUA) project funded by Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). The Working Group is meant to facilitate aquaculture awareness and promote the marketing of aquaculture products.
- The WG is currently running awareness workshops in Limpopo, Free State, Gauteng and KwaZulu Natal provinces.

- The WG will run parallel and in conjunction with PUA due to financial constraints.

## **THE DRAFT SMME DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**

The draft SMME strategy was presented to the AVCRT members for inputs. The strategy has five (5) pillars, *i.e.* to:

1. Develop new funding system;
2. Design appropriate agro-processing and marketing system;
3. Design effective capacity building programmes;
4. Align government SMME policy instruments; and
5. Facilitate public-private partnership

## **AQUACULTURE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT**

The final report for the Aquaculture Legislative report which was aimed to look at the challenges within the sector is submitted DAFF. The report will be finalised soon which might lead to the development of a task team to deal with the implementation of legislation report.

## **NEMBA REGULATIONS - AIS**

NEMBA-Environmental Impact Assessment for Aquaculture in Africa has been gazetted and still awaiting the effective date from the Minister of Environmental Affairs. The Alien & Invasive species has been published for public comments but members of the AVCRT are unhappy about some of the listed exotic species like Trout. This led to the agreement that there should be an urgent workshop whereby the Department of Environmental Affairs will explain the list to the alien species farmers.

## **ADEP APPLICATIONS UPDATE**

To date the department of trade and industry received 16 applications; 7 are approved; 2 will be approved soon; 1 sent back for more information and 6 still on process.

## RECORDS OF DECISIONS

The following decisions were agreed upon during the meeting of the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2013:

- It was agreed that all chairpersons of the Working Groups should draft the ToRs for the WGs.
- AVCRT recommended that NADI be launched in June 2014 and source funding for its implementation for the next MTEF cycle.
- The draft SMME strategy document will be sent to all members for their inputs.
- DAFF will finalise the inputs to the Aquaculture Audit report and the report will be distributed to the members.
- An urgent workshop should be held whereby the Department of Environmental Affairs will explain the list of alien invasive species (AIS) to the AIS farmers.
- The next sitting will be on the 04<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

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