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**GOVERNMENT NOTICES**

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS****No. 804****31 July 2009****POLICY ON WHITE SHARK CAGE DIVING**

I, Buyelwa Patience Sonjica, the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, hereby publish the following amendments to the Policy on White Shark Cage Diving Notice 723 in *Government Gazette* 31210 of 4 July 2008 as follows:

On page 8, paragraph 6.1 substitution of the phrase "whale and dolphin watching" with the phrase "white shark cage diving".

On page 4 of Annexure A, paragraph 3 after the phrase "the following criteria will also be considered during the evaluation of applications", insert the following phrase: "Criteria (a) to (f) are essential requirements as prescribed in regulation 5(4) of the WSCD regulations (GNR 724 of 4 July 2008)."

On page 5 of Annexure A, paragraph 3(c) insert after the words "South African Qualifications Authority." The following:

"Tour Guides who are not in possession of the above qualification shall obtain the equivalent qualification as required by law at the time of application. Either qualification will be accepted by the Department."

In Annexure B, paragraph (vii) insert the following words at the end of the paragraph: "Random verification of information provided may be undertaken."

**BUYELWA SONJICA****MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

No. 805

31 July 2009

**POLICY ON BOAT BASED WHALE WATCHING AND DOLPHIN WATCHING**

I. Buyelwa Patience Sonjica, the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, hereby publish the following amendments to the Policy on Boat Based Whale and Dolphin Watching Notice 722 in *Government Gazette* 31209 of 4 July 2008 as follows:

On page 3, item 15 of the Table of Contents, the following words should be deleted:

“Number of Operational Areas”

and the following words inserted:

“Application Process”

On page 3 in the Table of Contents the whole of item 16 must be deleted.

On page 7, paragraph 5.2 the substitution of the phrase “paragraph 14 below” with the phrase “paragraph 13 below”.

On page 8, paragraphs 8, second bullet delete the following words: “has a functioning vessel monitoring system”

On page 2 of Annexure A, paragraph 2(b) the substitution of the phrase “Efforts made by the permit holder to collect data for the Department” for the phrase “optimal use of current permit/exemption”.

On page 5 of Annexure A, paragraph 3 after the phrase “the following criteria will also be considered during the evaluation of applications”, insert the following phrase:

“Criteria (a) to (e) are essential requirements as prescribed in regulation 5(2) of the BBWW regulations (GNR 725 of 4 July 2008).”

On page 5 of Annexure A, paragraph 3(c) insert after the words “South African Qualifications Authority.” The following:

“Tour Guides who are not in possession of the above qualification shall obtain the equivalent qualification as required by law at the time of application. Either qualification will be accepted by the Department.”

On page 7 of Annexure A, paragraph 3(i) delete the words: “white shark cage diving” in the first line and insert the words “boat based whale and dolphin watching”.

On page 2 of Annexure B, paragraph (ix) delete the words “on request” at the end of the paragraph.



**BUYELWA SONJICA**  
**MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**