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Dear Stakeholder

In line with President Cyril Ramaphosa's speech held on 28 December 2020, CapeNature published its adjusted restrictions and rules that took immediate effect at all the CapeNature Reserves as of 29 December 2020.

Since then, we have received numerous queries for clarity on issues specifically pertaining to fishing regulations. Please find a more detailed summary of the fishing regulations below.

Permitted and non-permitted activities

Recreational activities on beaches, dams, rivers and lakes are CLOSED to the public, except for fishermen who are in possession of a valid permit or exemption granted in terms of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act no. 18 of 1998):

- Fishermen with the relevant valid permits will be allowed to fish on beaches and in the estuary mouth as included in the Act no.19 of 1998.
- Anyone over the age of 12 must be in possession of a valid angling permit and rod.
- No fishing will be allowed up river (only the mouth section). Note that for Keurbooms River, only the demarcated 7 km inside the reserve will be accessible to fishermen as this forms part of the functional estuary.
- The hiring out of vessels (boats, canoes etc.) by businesses, for the purpose of fishing, where each person is in possession of a valid permit and a fishing rod, will be allowed. In such an instance, legal carrying capacities must be adhered to and all COVID-19 protocols such as social distancing, the wearing of face masks and sanitising, must be observed. The core function of the business hiring out the vessel must be fishing.
- The hiring out of vessels (boats, canoes etc.) by a business for any other activity will NOT be allowed.
- This includes businesses where the core function of the business is not fishing.

Opening and closing times

- Opening & closing times of reserves for day visitors are 09h00 and 18h00 respectively.
- Where access points at CapeNature reserves are used by fishermen, the times stipulated above will need to be adhered to at all times.

The full list of regulations can be found [here](#).



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