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## Minutes of the Northern Cape Provincial Coastal Committee (NC PCC) meeting conducted on 26 August 2021 (Virtual Meeting)

Chairperson- MEC G. M. Manopole

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<b>PROCEDURAL MATTERS</b>				
<b>1. <u>Opening Remarks</u></b>  The HOM, Mr. K. Mohibidu, welcomed all members to the virtual Provincial Coastal Committee meeting.				
<b>2. <u>Silent Prayer/Meditation</u></b> All				
<b>3. <u>Confirmation of Attendance and Apologies</u></b> See annexure 1 for a list of attendees.  <u>Apologies from PCC members</u> <i>Apologies from PCC Members were noted as follows:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. J. Coraizin-SAMSA</li> <li>• Ms. V. Cloete- DFFE Local Government Support</li> <li>• Ms. K. Nkosi-DEDaT</li> <li>• Mr. R. Pillay-DFFE Oceans and Coasts.</li> <li>• Ms. D. Karsten-DMR</li> <li>• Ms. Alexia Hlengani/Ms. Mashudu Kgaphola DWS</li> </ul>				

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Shaun Abrahams-NDM</li> <li>• Dr Steven Weerts/Dr. Lara van Niekerk-CSIR</li> <li>• Mr Cobus Theron- EWT</li> <li>• Mr. K. Sankar-DFFE</li> </ul>				
<p><b>4. <u>Opening Address</u></b></p> <p>The MEC welcomed PCC members and introduced the acting HoD of DAERL, Mr. L. Wa Modise, to the meeting.</p> <p>The MEC informed PCC members about the merger, effective from 1 April 2021, between the Department of Environment and Nature Conservation and the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development. The new Department is named Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform.</p>				
<p><b>5. <u>Presentation and Adoption of the Agenda</u></b></p> <p>Mr. O. Gaoraelwe moved for adoption of the Agenda which were seconded by Mr. L. Wa Modise.</p>				
<p><b>6. <u>Declaration of Interest</u></b></p> <p>No declarations noted.</p>				
<p><b>7. <u>Presentation and Adoption of Minutes of Previous meeting: 11 December 2020</u></b></p> <p>Mr. A. Abrahams moved for adoption of the minutes which were seconded by Mr. S. Mampe.</p>				

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<b>8. <u>Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></b> <b>8.1 Progress Against Action Items from Previous Meeting Mr. A. Abrahams: DAERL</b> <i>Refer to Action list</i>  <b>8.2 Feedback on Matters Escalated/Discussed at Working Group 7</b> <b>Mr. B. Cornelissen: DAERL</b> There were no items escalated to WG 7 from the previous PCC meeting. DFFE anticipates conducting a Marine Protected Area forum from 25-28 of October 2021, in Springbok. The DFFE is willing to provide transport and accommodation for relevant role-players from the coastal towns. The DFFE would however need an indication of the amount of interested parties-as this will determine whether the physical event will take place.	Ms. L. Swartbooi sent an update on the mine's Social and Labour Plans Alexkor RMC JV during the meeting.	Send an official email to gauge interest of relevant stakeholders.	Mr. B. Cornelissen	ASAP
<b>9. Items for Discussion</b>				
<b>9.1 Facilitation of Coastal Access</b>				
<b>9.1.1 Orange River Mouth Tourism Concept</b> <b>Mr. F. Chauke EDGE Tourism Solutions</b> Ms. H. van der Watt could not attend the meeting; Mr. Chauke presented on her behalf. <i>Refer to presentation</i>	A question raised was whether all the connection linkages were considered in the concept. The response was that all minor and major linkages were considered including the Ernest Oppenheimer Bridge which gives access to Namibia via a border post.	Circulate the final draft report to PCC members for inputs.	Ms. H. van de Watt/ Mr. F. Chauke	As soon as available.

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<b>9.1.2 Public Launch Sites</b>  <i>Refer to presentation</i>	The MEC notes and appreciates the progress made.			
<b>9.2 Coastal Development and Planning</b>				
<b>9.2.1. Progress report on Implementation of Operation Phakisa</b> <i>No feedback provided</i>  <b>9.2.1.1 Request for consultation: Boegoebaai Harbour Development- Ms. T. Mbambo DFFE Oceans &amp; Coasts</b> The presentation could not be completed due to connection challenges.		Organize a meeting with relevant stakeholders to discuss the requests for consultation, and associated concerns, with the project managers of the Boegoebaai Harbour Development.	Ms. T. Mbambo DFFE Oceans & Coasts	ASAP
<b>2.2. Feedback on Coastal Development Applications:</b> <b>9.2.2.1 Ms. D. Karsten-DMR (Apology)</b> Ms. Karsten could not attend the meeting an update was provided on the mining concessions and prospecting rights along the Northern Cape coast. The document will be circulated to PCC members.  <b>9.2.2.2. Mr. B. Fisher DAERL</b> The DAERL received no coastal development application for the last quarter				

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<b>9.2.3 Marine and Coastal Tourism Master Plan Implementation: Mr. S. Mampe DEDaT</b> Coega was appointed to develop a Coastal and Marine Strategy for the Northern Cape Province. The areas focused on includes Hondeklip Bay, the Orange River Mouth and Kleinsee. The plans includes coastal access considerations and linkages with aviation. After completion of the studies the National Department of Tourism was approached to possibly fund the identified projects. Coega have not yet handed over the projects to the NDT-they are making some adjustments to the plans-it is anticipated that the hand-over will take place during September of 2021.		Provide continuous feedback on progress; particularly as it pertains to implementation of the identified projects.	Mr. S. Mampe	Continuous
<b>9.2.4 Establishment of Coastal Development Lines Mr. B. Cornelissen DAERL</b> <i>Refer to presentation</i>	The MEC notes and appreciates the progress.			
<b>9.2.5 Status of Coastal Permit Applications (e.g.coastal water discharge, ORV, etc.) Mr. R. Molale DFFE Oceans &amp; Coasts</b> <i>Refer to item nr. 7 on the DFFE progress report</i>	<u>Correction on the DFFE progress report-item 11.</u> The DAERL did identify hotspot areas for ORV driving-this information was communicated to the DFFE as requested.			
<b>9.2.6 Boegoebaai harbour development Mr. H. Nel NCEDA</b> <i>Refer to presentation</i>	There was a query related to the extent in which climate change have been considered during project planning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project team should interact with the DAERL in parallel with the different EIA phases.</li> </ul>	Mr. H. Nel and team	Continuous

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	Mr. Nel responded that there were only a few identified issues during the scoping phase including the impact on the seals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In accordance with the "request for consultation" mentioned in item 9.2.1.1. above-there are additional issues of concern. Please ensure that the relevant person from the Boegoegai projects attend the consultation meeting.</li> </ul>		Meeting date to be confirmed
<b>9.2.7 Northern Cape Green Hydrogen Potential:</b> <b>Mr. H. Louw NCEDA</b> <i>Refer to presentation</i>	<u>Comments on the presentation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A concern was raised w.r.t the amount of water required during the processing of green hydrogen and the related costs associated with desalination plants.</li> <li>Effective ways of dealing with effluent of the desalination plants</li> <li>Food security- for example the impact of the project on aquaculture projects along the coast.</li> <li>Involve the SAEON node that focusses on coastal and marine environment</li> <li>Town and regional infrastructure planning considerations/bulk infrastructure needs</li> </ul>	There should be pro-active and continuous consultation between the DAERL; DEDaT and NCEDA to ensure all issues are considered and to ensure success of the project.	Mr. H. Louw	Continuous

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alignment of the project with the Department of Energy's plans for the province.</li> <li>• Job opportunities for locals</li> </ul> <p><u>Summary of Mr. Louw's response</u></p> <p>The cost of desalination will be passed on to the investors. The intention is to use the effluent from desalination plants for industrial processes (nitrogen and salt etc.). The project aims to reduce the footprint by pro-actively identifying and avoiding environmentally sensitive areas as far as possible and also develop associated standard operating procedures. There will be a training session for Northern Cape EXCO 1 September 2021.</p>			

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### 9.3. Co-operative Governance and Local Government Support

<b>9.3.1. Establishment of Municipal Coastal Committees</b> <b>Namakwa District Municipality – Progress/Future Planning</b> <b>Mr. S. Abrahams NDM</b> <i>Apology</i>				
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### 9.4. Natural and Cultural Resources Management

<b>9.4.1. Northern Cape Estuaries Task Team (<i>Buffels and Swartlintjies Estuary Management Plans Implementation</i>): Mr. B. Cornelissen DAERL</b> <i>Refer to presentation</i>	<p>Mr. M. Jezile asked whether the aquaculture farms around the area was consulted with regards to the anticipated removal of interruptions to water flow in the Buffels Estuarine Functional Zone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Aquaculture community is welcome to contact the Northern Cape Estuaries Task Team. It should however be noted that all relevant stakeholders will be consulted as part of the EIA phase.</li> </ul>			
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<b>9.4.2. WG 7 Estuaries Task Team (<i>Orange River Mouth Estuary Management Plan Implementation</i>)</b> <b>9.4.3 Marine Protected Areas</b> <b>9.4.4 Marine Spatial Planning</b> <i>Refer to the DFFE progress report.</i>				
<b>9.5. Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation</b>				
<i>Refer to the DFFE progress Report</i>				
<b>9.6. Compliance, Enforcement and Monitoring</b>				
<b>9.6.1. Coastal Compliance and Enforcement Actions</b> <b>Mr. O. T. Gaoraelwe DAERL</b> <i>Refer to presentation</i>	The MEC notes and appreciates the progress and reiterated the importance of environmental education campaigns to raise awareness w.r.t. illegal removal and trade of fauna and flora	.		
<b>9.7 Marine and Land-based Sources of Pollution</b>				
<b>9.7.1. Presidential Employment Stimulus Source to Sea Program- Mr. R. Molale: DFFE</b> <i>Refer to presentation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Similar to the previous PCC meetings the importance of appointing an implementing agent from the Northern Cape was reiterated.</li> <li>• Appointing local suppliers for procurement of goods and services was also reiterated.</li> <li>• Instead of saying there were no businesses from the Northern Cape that registered to participate in the bid processes-contact the</li> </ul>			

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	provincial department for assistance in identifying service providers.			
<b>9.7.2 Working for the Coast Progress Report</b> <b>Ms. V. Cloete DFFE Local Government Support</b> <b>(Apology)</b> Ms. Cloete could not attend the meeting; a written update of the project was provided. The document will be circulated to PCC members.				
<b>9.7.3 Water Quality Monitoring Programme</b> <b>Mr. S. Magaqa DFFE</b> Refer to presentation	The MEC queried how the information is shared with the public; especially as it relates to issues that can affect their health. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Magaqa responded that there is a water quality forum which provides guidelines whether water is safe for recreational use. Should there be any concerns the forum will communicate to the public.</li> </ul>			
<b>9.8 Coastal and Marine Education-Ms E. Groeners</b> <b>DAERL</b> Apology				
<b><u>Adoption of the Presentations</u></b> Ms. R. Burgess moved for adoption of the meeting presentations which were seconded by Mr. O. Gaoraelwe				

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<b>10. Matters to be Escalated to Working Group 7</b> None Noted				
<b>11. Date of the Next Meeting</b> To be confirmed				
<b>12. Closure</b> The MEC reiterated the importance of sending PCC presentations, to the secretariat, 7 days prior to a meeting. NCEDA committed to engage the DAERL pro-actively with regards to development projects. The MEC reiterated the importance of the DAERL providing support to development initiatives to ensure a balance between conservation and economic development. The MEC thanked all members for their attendance and contributions to the meeting.				

## **List of Attendees – NC PCC Meeting 26 August 2021**

1. Chairperson: MEC G. M. Manopole
2. Mr. L. Wa Modise: Acting HoD of DAERL
3. Mr. K. Mohibidu: Head of Ministry DAERL
4. Mr. A. Abrahams DAERL: Biodiversity Management Systems
5. Ms. A. Cloete: DAERL Coastal Management
6. Mr. B. Cornelissen: DAERL Coastal Management
7. Ms. R. Burgess: DAERL Research and Technology Development Services
8. Mr. O. T. Gaoraelwe DAERL: Compliance and Enforcement
9. Mr. B. Fisher: DAERL Environmental Quality Management
10. Ms. L. Geldenhuys: DAERL: Research Development and Support
11. Mr. E. Oosthuysen- DAERL Information Management
12. Ms. N. van Wyk- DAERL: Research Development and Support
13. Mr. R. Molale-DFFE Oceans and Coasts
14. Ms. T. Mbambo DFFE Oceans and Coasts
15. Mr. S. Mampe: DEDaT
16. Mr. M. Jezile: DFFE: Aquaculture
17. Ms. L. Swartbooi-Alexkor RMC JV
18. Mr. W. Sonnenberg:DFFE Northern Cape Coastal Monitor
19. Mr. S. Magaqa DFFE Northern Cape Coastal Monitor
20. Ms. P. Chuene: SANParks-Namaqua National Park
21. Ms. S. Cloete: Kamiesberg Municipality
22. Mr. R. Newman: Conservation South Africa
23. Mr. F. Chauke EDGE Tourism Solutions
24. Mr. R. Vorwerk DFFE
25. Dr D. Harebottle Sol Plaatje University
26. Mr. A. Meyer De Beers Group of Companies: Namaqualand Mines
27. Mr. J. Cloete Nama Khoi Municipality
28. Mr. R. Petrus Longtime Hondeklipbaai Fishing Primary Co-operative
29. Ms. J. Meyer: Office of the Premier
30. Mr. K. Moremi: Office of the Premier
31. Mr. R. Adams Worldwide Fund for Nature
32. Mr. D. de Beer Wildlife Foundation Africa
33. Mr. H. Louw-NCEDA
34. Mr. G. van Dyk Department of Water and Sanitation