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Mr D W Bryant (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

- (1) Whether her department will construct additional launch areas for local small-scale fishers who are facing serious challenges when launching boats into the ocean due to limited launch areas in Port Nolloth, Northern Cape, and have to travel long distances to find suitable launch sites and that is increasing their costs and impacting their catch; if not, why not; if so, where will the launch areas be located;
- (2) (a) what number of available launch sites currently exist for small-scale fishers in the Northern Cape and (b) where are the sites located;
- (3) whether her department will investigate other options such as using launch sites located in privately managed areas such as the Alexcor site in Alexander Bay; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

2577. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- (1) The construction of and upgrading of harbours in the Northern Cape is a competency of the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI). However, the DFFE has been participating in District Delivery Model (DDM) meetings, during which the matter has been raised for further stakeholder inputs.
- (2)(a) There are a number of landing and launching sites in the Port Nolloth and Kleinsee areas. Most of the landing sites have been provincially declared landing sites. Approved landing sites are listed in the permit conditions and they are reviewed annually.
- (2)(b) The following is a breakdown of the launching sites:
Permit conditions:
(a) Port Nolloth – the jetty of Hickson's Canning Company; and
(b) Hondeklip Bay – the jetty of Namaqua Canning Company.

The official public launch site in the Northern Cape Province, as per General Notice No. 31 of 2021:

1. Voetbaai;
 2. McDougall's Bay North;
 3. Brazil; and
 4. Hondeklip Bay Harbour.
- (3) The DFFE is open to investigating additional and other possible landing and launching sites that are on private property. However, in many instances, the use of private launch sites has implications on law enforcement efforts.

Regards



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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