

Port Owen Marina Authority (NPC)

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POMA Newsletter: November 2019

1) GOVERNANCE

- 1.1) Berg Estuarine Management Plan
 - We have not had any response to our requests for a meeting and have escalated the matter to the Office of the Premier of the Western Cape, Mr Alan Winde.
 - We shall communicate developments in this regard, regularly.
- 1.2) Clients are reminded that CapeNature is the Responsible Management Authority in terms of the Berg Estuarine Management Plan and has to report performance against set objectives to the Berg River Advisory Forum. You are represented on the Forum by POMA and any complaints regarding the management of the Estuary must be reported to the POMA Office.

The Forum meets quarterly and the next meeting is scheduled for 20 February 2020.

1.3) We welcome Mr Bob Fordyce as the new Alternate Director for POPOA. Mr Fordyce is taking over from Mr Herman Lambrechts, who has resigned due to too many other responsibilities.

Mr Fordyce brings a wealth of experience and we are looking forward to his valuable contribution.

2) DREDGING

2.1) We were served with a Pre-Compliance Notice by the DEA: O&C Law Enforcement Directorate on 22 November 2019.

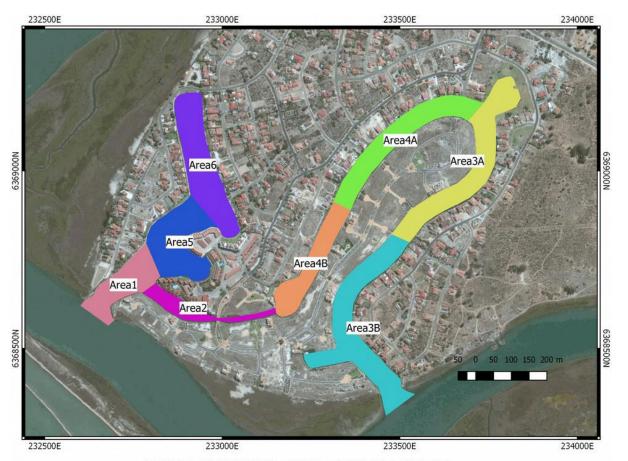
This notice contends that POMA needs a dumping permit for "dumping dredged material into the sea", and gives POMA 14 days to submit representations to the Department as to why we should not be issued with a final notice, ordering POMA to stop dredging operations.

DIRECTORS

The above is disputed and POMA is in the process of preparing representations, confirming that we do not need the permit, as alleged.

Interestingly, the Notice concedes (by omission) that no coastal discharge permit or water use licence is required as contended by the DEADP and DEA:O&C previously.

2.2) Dredging operations are progressing at the Western Entrance and will continue until we have cleared the Area 1 as shown on the diagram below.



PORT OWEN MARINA SURVEY AREAS

As soon as this is completed the dredger will move to Area 3(b).

2.3) A "Dredging News" will be published mid-December, giving technical and cost detail.

3) MAINTENANCE

3.1) We have had an inspection done on the electrical reticulation in the yacht basin, by a Professional Engineer. The outcome of this inspection will dictate the work to be done.

3.2) The outsourcing of the maintenance of the public open spaces is in its final stages. A successful candidate has been identified and we are finalising an agreement for commencement in January 2020.

4) SECURITY IN THE MARINA

- 4.1) Crime is on the increase and clients are reminded to securely lock down boats and equipment at all times.
- 4.2) The Marina Manager can only act on illegal nocturnal behaviour if he is phoned at the time. A call the next morning does not help.
- 4.3) Boat trailers may not be parked long-term in the trailer parking bays. A maximum of 7 days is allowed. Trailers left in the bays for longer will be impounded by the Municipality.

5) GENERAL

The holiday and festive season has arrived and it is time to enjoy the company of loved ones and friends. Please enjoy and be safe on the water!

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