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All Provincial Mancom's
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RE: ANGLING UNDER COVID 19 LEVEL 3 REGULATIONS

With the adapted Level 3 Regulations, the specific reference to “hot spots areas” came to be implemented. Based on this, there were a few weeks now where the SAPS in Western Cape for example who confronted anglers on the beaches and issued fines. Then in the inland, the SAPS has “stormed” all the resorts within the “hot spot areas” and forced the closure of the places. No one is allowed and thus no angling is allowed as well.

The fact is that the SAPS members’ interpretation of the regulations is creating contradiction and uncertainties.

SALTBAA herewith suggest that **all competitions** be placed on hold until the 15th of February 2021. Should your Provinces and Clubs want to host events in “non-hotspot” Dams/Rivers, they should approach the local SAPS office to obtain their interpretation of the legislation and make sure that there will be no issues on the day of the event. All COVID rules remain applicable and any member contravening COVID-19 rules including transportation of Liquor will place the sport in disrepute.

We are well aware of the fact that the following clauses are contained in the Gazette:

“regulation 84(9)(b) provides that: “The closure of beaches does not apply to fishermen for fishing purposes, who are in possession of a permit or exemption granted in terms of the Marine Living Resources Act...”

*- regulation 84(16) provides that “Sporting activities, including both professional and non-professional matches, by recognized sporting bodies are allowed, subject to strict adherence to the times of operation as provided for in regulation 82(3) and the following:
(a) Directions for sports matches issued by the Cabinet member responsible for sport after consultation with the Cabinet member responsible for health...”*

The notice of not allowing participation is to try and prevent our members from being confronted and possibly fined or arrested.

We respectfully request that you inform SATLBAA Mancom if you still want to continue with competitions in this period.

We will issue a next statement if there are any changes to the regulations, or if the President address the nation again.

Please advise all your members of this mail.

Please stay safe under these challenging conditions.

Thank you and Kind Regards

Yours in angling,

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Ronnie Groenewald
SALTBAA President

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Len Jacobs
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