

ABALONE COURT CASE DISMISSED

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The Western Cape High Court has dismissed the application by abalone fishers, Scott Russell and 34 others, that sought to prevent 31 abalone right-holders in Zone C (Hermanus) and Zone D (Betty's Bay) to fish abalone in Zone F (Robben Island) and Zone G (Cape Columbine). The judgment also means that all permit-holders can continue with their activities uninterrupted and that those who agreed to cease fishing operations under a court order issued last week, can now again earn a living from the sea. The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries has welcomed the decision.