

MOTION

FISHING ON SONSTRAAL DAM AND OTHER DAMS SITUATED IN THE SUB COUNCIL AREA. ⁵⁴ (WARD 21)

I hereby submit the following motion for consideration by the Subcouncil during its next meeting in OCTOBER 2017.

MOTIVATION:

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During the 1980's fishing was permitted on the Sonstraal Dam. Many parents introduced the children to the pleasures of fresh water fishing. This was permitted by the then Durbanville Municipality. One would be required to obtain an annual fresh water licence from the Cape Nature (or its predecessor) obtain a day fishing permit from the municipal office at a small cost per rod.

Following some issues that allegedly took place fishing was then banned and a moratorium was placed on fishing on all dams in the northern suburbs during the late 1990's the only dam where fishing was and is allowed with strict rules is on Door de Kraal dam in ward 70.

Recently some parents have been introducing their children to fishing on the dam or fishermen seen relaxing catching fish.

A concerned neighbour raised the query as to whether fishing was allowed on the Sonstraal Dam.

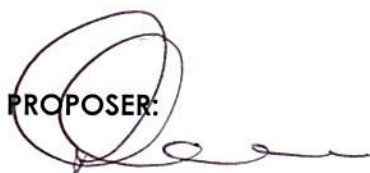
On enquiry from myself the subjoined responses (see annexure) was received from City Parks who have the institutional Knowledge where it is confirmed that a moratorium still exists on the Sonstraal dams. on wat took place

As I believe that fresh water fishing is a healthy outdoor hobby and goes a long way for parents on bonding healthily with their off spring I hereby request:

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I hereby move that the Koeberg Sub Council (7) resolve to request

- (1) That City Parks undertake a survey to consider lifting the moratorium to allow the fishing to continue
- (2) That if results show that the moratorium be lifted to advise how and under what conditions fishing is to be permitted i.e. times of the year, times and days of fishing etc.
- (3) To report back to this sub council within 60 days on their findings and their recommendations.

PROPOSER: 

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Alderman Taki Amira


5/10/2017

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ANNEXURE TO MOTION FROM ALDERMAN TAKI AMIRA RE: FISHING ON SONSTRAAL DAM

RESPONSE FROM GIDEON SLABBERT PER EMAIL

Good day Ald Amira

Your enquiry regarding fishing at Sonstraal Dam refers.

Willem is quite correct in his reply to you. There was at one time a moratorium placed on fishing at Sonstraal specifically. Other dams were in the area (read Northern suburbs) were also included, except for Door de Kraal, for the reasons mentioned by Willem. I remember people were sleeping over at some dams partying till late at night and neighbours complaining. In other words, no fishing at any dams except Door de Kraal.

There is however no policing at our dams in this regards. Vygeboom and Majik Forest are good examples. In my opinion an initiative should be launched (maybe under the auspices of Environmental Resource Management), to investigate the feasibility of fishing at all dams in the City, uniform rules, permit system and tariffs. Another issue should be rules around releasing of caught fish, how to discard of dead fish etc.

I will look through my old records and see what I can find regarding the issue

RESPONSE FROM WILLEM MYBURGH PER EMAIL

Good day Ald. Amira

The moratorium on angling in all City waterbodies in the northern suburbs, remain in place. To allow for limited and controlled fishing, a scheme was introduced at Door de Kraal (Angelier St) dam, where fishermen could fish on certain locations, during certain times with relevant permits (a CapeNature freshwater permit and a CCT angling permit). A private security guard is available at Door de Kraal dam to ensure compliance as requested.

In the past several social and ecological problems were caused by fisherman angling at dams in this area. This included injury and death to fish, subsequent decay and pollution of water, injury to water birds (by line and hooks), littering around dams and antisocial behaviour, particularly after hours and over weekends.

The process is not 100% successful, mainly due to non-compliance by some members of public and the City's inability to enforce the decisions by means of its Law Enforcement section.

The Permit procedure is cumbersome and expensive. Applicants must drive to Cape Nature in Vanguard Drive, pay *R55 pp. and then drive to Durbanville Civic Centre and pay a further *R145pp. (**THIS PERMIT FROM CAPE NATURE IS AN ANNUAL PERMIT – T.AMIRA) COUNCIL PERMIT IS PER DAY**

*Note that these costs may have increased.