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ITEM	COMMENT
1. Update on the ICM Amendments Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICM Amendment Bill is still awaiting approval from the National Assembly.</li> <li>• After approval by National Assembly it will be sent to the President for his Signature.</li> </ul>

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2.ICM Act Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DEA OC is currently in the process of drafting supporting documentation, fee structures and draft text for regulations in terms of the ICM Act pertaining to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Designation of coastal access;</li> <li>○ Criteria for establishing coastal access points;</li> <li>○ Applications for reclamation of land from the sea;</li> <li>○ Coastal Water Discharge permits</li> <li>○ Coastal Use Permits; and</li> <li>○ Norms and standards in relation to coastal setback lines.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The first drafts of regulations for reclamation and coastal access have been submitted to DEA OC legal services for review; Norms and standards in relation to coastal setback lines have now been incorporated into a Branch coastal vulnerability study, of which standards units of measurement and methodologies for coastal management lines will be a component thereof.</li> <li>• Draft Coastal waters discharge Regulations and the draft Dumping at Sea Regulations were presented at WG8, WG4 and WG11 for noting.</li> <li>• They will be presented at MINTECH in August 2014.</li> </ul>
3.National Coastal Management Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCMP public comments were discussed with DEA legal service.</li> <li>• NCMP is being amended to reflect public comments.</li> <li>• To be launched in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of the 2014/2015 financial Year.</li> </ul>

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4.ICM Guidelines	DEA OC is currently in a process of drafting guidelines in terms of ICM Act pertaining to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Roles and Responsibilities for ICM.</li> <li>• Establishment and functioning of Coastal Committees.</li> </ul>
5.Development of the National Coastal Access Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The National Coastal Access Strategy and Guide have been completed and in the process of being printed.</li> <li>• Implementation plan for the NCA strategy will be established in 2014/2015 financial year.</li> <li>• Priority areas for coastal access have been identified in all the 4 provinces.</li> </ul>
6.Mapping of Coastal Zone Boundaries Project	The project is completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The tool has been migrated to the internet with the assistance of EGIM (DEA), SITA and ESRI.</li> </ul>
7.ORVTask Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next National ORV Task Group meeting is scheduled for the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2014 in Upington, Northern Cape province.</li> <li>• <u>NB:</u> The new ORV &amp; PLS regulations developed i.t.o. ICM Act have been published on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2014 and are now effective, repealing the old regs developed in terms of NEMA.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-currently working on fee structure for implementation of the new regs.</li> <li>-reviewing the current guideline &amp; guide for enforcement to align it with the new regulations</li> </ul> </li> <li>• New email address for all ORV related queries and information sharing is <a href="mailto:ORVPermitting@environment.gov.za">ORVPermitting@environment.gov.za</a></li> </ul>

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8.Awareness Education & Training	<p data-bbox="695 253 1318 280">INTEGRATED COASTAL MANAGEMENT TRAINING</p> <ul data-bbox="646 305 1871 557" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="646 305 1734 337">• The Northern Cape and KZN ICM Trainingcourse took place –in May 2014 and July 2014.</li> <li data-bbox="695 362 1003 394"><u>Request to Western Cape:</u></li> <li data-bbox="646 418 1871 508">• If WC have decided on dates for ICM training course –must please inform DEA and forward request if would like DEA to present some of the training sessions.</li> <li data-bbox="646 532 1083 557">• Contact person is Mr Ryan Peter.</li> </ul>
9. National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy	<ul data-bbox="646 638 1871 1011" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="646 638 1818 727">• Head of State approved transfer of MLRA section 43 to NEMPAA on 02 June 2014. All MPAs are under NEMPAA as opposed to MLRA.</li> <li data-bbox="646 751 1871 841">• CapeNature developed Draft MPA declaration notices and the draft regulations for MPA expansion for Robberg, Goukamma and Bettys Bay.</li> <li data-bbox="646 865 1707 898">• CapeNature doing final revision of the draft regs and notices after receiving DEA inputs.</li> <li data-bbox="646 922 1871 954">• The revision of the notices and regulations is aligned to NEMPAA and opposed to MLRA initial version</li> <li data-bbox="646 979 1745 1011">• Mapping and coordinates for aforementioned MPAs has been circulated to the department.</li> </ul>
10.Oil Spills	<ul data-bbox="646 1036 1812 1182" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="646 1036 1524 1068">• Currently updating the Oil Spill Contingency Plan for the Knysna region.</li> <li data-bbox="646 1092 1812 1182">• Making preparations for an exercise and training workshop later in the year for the Saldanha Bay region.</li> </ul>
11.Coastal Discharge Permits	<p data-bbox="600 1206 1178 1239"><b>COASTAL WATERS DISCHARGE PERMITTING</b></p> <p data-bbox="600 1263 957 1295">61 applications received so far</p> <ul data-bbox="741 1320 905 1401" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="741 1320 905 1352">– 13 (2014)</li> <li data-bbox="741 1377 905 1401">– 13 (2013)</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 33 (2012) but two applications were N/A= <b>31</b></li> <li>- 4 (2011)</li> </ul> <p>53 applications screened</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 (2014)</li> <li>- 10 (2013)</li> <li>- 30 (2012)</li> <li>- 4 (2011)</li> <li>- Other applications are still undergoing basic public participation</li> <li>- In certain instances applicants were requested to provide additional information to allow for thorough assessment.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Number of Applications Received in Western Cape</b> 40 in TOTAL</li> <li>• <b>Number of Applications Received West Coast District Municipality</b> 16 in TOTAL</li> </ul> <p><b>Undertaking the following studies this year:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A review of all authorisations issued by the DWA prior to the ICMA,</li> <li>• A status of effluent disposal for the country</li> <li>• An Assessment framework for CWDP</li> <li>• Approach for setting limits for coastal discharges</li> </ul>

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12. Estuaries Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DEA has circulated invitations on the 29th of July 2014 to the WC key stakeholders for the National Estuary Management Protocol Awareness Workshop which will be on the 19th of August 2014 at the Cape Town Lodge. Attendees must R.S.V.P. by the 8th of August 2014.</li><li>• The criteria for the EMP review process was circulated to provincial lead agencies for inputs.</li><li>• The provincial lead agency identified Onrus Estuary as the priority estuary for EMP development.</li><li>• The Department will provide technical, management and support during the process of the EMP development.</li></ul>

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