FOSAF EC Chapter Chairman's Report for the FOSAF EC Chapter AGM Scheduled for 14th November 2026 at 09H00 via a WhatsApp Group call.

1) General
The outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease has had a significant negative impact on fishing in the Eastern Cape and continues to do so in some farming areas where Club waters are situated. This is especially true for Clubs such as Maclear / Barkley East / Queenstown / Bankberg / Thrift Sportfishing. The necessary protocols required by farmers to access these waters have prevented or discouraged a lot of anglers from visiting them. Some of these protocols have now been lifted. Another problem was the widespread and heavy rains experienced in the East Cape during August, making road access to many Club waters a challenge and also resulting in the loss of a lot of fish downstream of Club waters.
2) Festivals
Bankberg Club in Somerset East recently held their Annual Festival hosted by Alan and Annabelle Hobson at the Angler and Antelope, despite some Foot & Mouth restrictions. It was well attended and some good fish were caught.
Queenstown Club held their annual Festival on their waters in July and Reg Morgan reports that it was again well attended and enjoyed by all. Booking has already started for next year.
Amatola Club held their Trout Classic competitive event at Gubu over the last week end and was also well attended by 40 competitors and their families. According to Devin Isomonger, the fishing was tough – hot and no wind, but some nice Browns were caught.
3) Hatcheries Report
Martin Davies Grahamstown Hare St Hatchery has unfortunately had a high mortality rate of the +_ 150 000 Eyed ova harvested from Thrift eggs at the end of July. This was mainly due to the ongoing water and electricity supply problems in Grahamstown, resulting in high water temperatures during the critical period prior to hatching. So a limited amount of Fry or Fingerling Trout will be available from Martin this year.from Martin this year.
Kurt Andersen's Hogsback Hatchery has been upgraded and is currently doing well with its supply of eyed ova, mostly sourced as eggs from Highland Lodge, which have now hatched and are doing well. Kurt may be able to make up the loss of Martins fish and has also offered to supply Martin with Fry to grow out, should he request this. (this has already happened).
So all is not lost for Trout supply in the Eastern Cape this year.
4) Feedback from FOSAF National.
There have been a number of requests from the Clubs for information re the current status of NEMBA and the Inland Fisheries draft legislation.
FOSAF National Chairman Ilan Lax will be on the WhatsApp Group call and will give us feedback on this and other Trout related issues.

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