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Maritime Centre of Excellence

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The KZNSB's Operational management team has been monitoring the development of a cut-off low pressure system that is due off KZN this evening, Wednesday 16th August 2017. The numerous weather and swell forecasting models that the Board monitors are all predicting unsettled seas and a strong groundswell of up to 3m.

These unsettled seas and large swells could result in the movement or damage to shark safety gear should it remain in the water. In order to minimise damage or losses the Sharks Board, in consultation with the affected Municipalities, has this morning removed shark safety gear at the majority of protected bathing beaches. Shark safety gear will be replaced as soon as the seas have settled and we are confident that the gear will remain stable.

The following protected beaches will remain open for bathing however this is dependent on the lifeguards who will make appropriate decisions in this regard depending on the prevailing surf conditions.

Salt Rock, Durban – Sun Coast, Bay of Plenty to Ushaka inclusive and Margate Main Beach.

Bathers are advised to consult with the lifeguards prior to entering the water.

ENDS

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