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Subject: Consultation on Fisheries Services 2007/08

Kia ora Kōrua,

Please accept this as my submission on this *take*. My consultation letter stated that I was to contact you both if I had any comments on the proposed services.

I would like to see MFish provide a dedicated fund for the monitoring and assessment of Area Management Tools (principally mātaimai and taiāpure). I do not believe it is acceptable that Ngāi Tahu and other iwi have to apply to MFish for contestable funds to conduct assessments that are absolutely essential.

Immediately after the establishment of a Marine Reserve, DOC provide funds to monitor and assess the area. Yet MFish provide no reciprocal funding for the assessment of Area Management Tools established under their legislation.

This is, in my view, a serious oversight on the part of MFish - one that should be rectified immediately.

Thanks for the opportunity to submit on this very important *take*.

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