
NISW Regional Recreational Forum – MFish Role

(Agreed at Meeting of 20 October 2005)

MFish Role

- 1. To build good relationships, MFish’s role is to:**
 - (a) Work with forum members to create a meeting environment that encourages and allows everyone to participate
 - (b) Ensure all discussions are properly recorded [and in the format agreed by members*](#)
 - (c) Ensure requests for information are dealt with in a consistent and timely way.
 - 2. To ensure effective statutory consultation, MFish’s role is to:**
 - (a) Keep forum members informed about what fisheries issues are being looked at
 - (b) Make sure forum members have access to information on issues relevant to their region
 - (c) Ensure consultation timeframes are adequate and allow forum members to talk with their organisations.
 - (d) [Deliver feedback on issues from forums to relevant parties](#)
 - (e) [Make greater use of member’s fishing networks and media to communicate.](#)
 - 3. To ensure members are able to participate, MFish’s role is to:**
 - (a) Provide forum members with information about MFish and Government decision-making processes
 - (b) Keep forum members informed about process timelines and how to feed into those processes
 - (c) Make sure forum members are informed about and have access to information on fisheries issues relevant to their region
 - (d) Build “participation skills” in forum members, such as submission writing and information collection skills.
 - 4. To help to identify local issues, MFish’s role is to:**
 - (a) Create opportunities at each meeting for members to talk about local issues [and solution options](#)
 - (b) Ensure local issues identified by forum members are responded to consistently and in a timely way.
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* Members agreed on formal minutes that capture the main points of discussion, and decisions and actions, but did not identify individuals unless a member specifically requested their name be recorded with a comment/position.

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5. To educate, MFish's role is to:

- (a) In conjunction with forum members, identify areas where education is needed
- (b) Provide targeted education sessions at forum meetings
- (c) Provide forum members with tools and resources to take away and use in their organisations
- (d) Make greater use of fishing media to communicate and educate.

6. To include Maori, MFish's role is to:

- (e) Facilitate links between the forum and any iwi forum established.
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