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**CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED NEW INITIATIVES FOR 2004/05**

Dear Peter Boon

Full support is given to the initiatives of Attachment 1 under Improved information on Marine Recreational Fishing , Serious Offences Unit and Corporate Infrastructure Project.

The first part of Attachment 1 Implementation of MFISH Treaty Strategy takes a separatist approach contrary to the Statement of Intent of Strategy 3 working together. Maori fishing interests are now protected by the 1992 Fisheries Deed of Settlement and Customary Fishing Regulations 1998. Future consultation should be directed to all New Zealanders to achieve the Ministry's single goal to maximise the value New Zealanders obtain from the sustainable use of fisheries resources and protection of the aquatic environment.

Article 2 of the Treaty of Waitangi agrees to protect the Chiefs And Subtribes and all the men of New Zealand and the Crowns Settlement of Treaty of Waitangi claims states in relation to natural resources -Article 1 of the Treaty of Waitangi gave the Crown the authority to govern in the interests of all New Zealanders and this includes controlling the use of natural resources for the common good.

Yours sincerely

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