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Dear Stakeholder

## **REVIEW OF SUSTAINABILITY MEASURES AND OTHER MANAGEMENT CONTROLS**

The Ministry of Fisheries (MFish) has undertaken a process to review the management measures for some of New Zealand's fisheries. The Initial Position Paper (IPP) provides you with MFish's initial position on the sustainability measures and other management controls being reviewed. Primarily these issues relate to 1 April fishing year fish stocks. The IPP includes the rationale to support each proposal and a preliminary recommendation.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to participate in this review process.

This annual review of fisheries management measures primarily focuses on commitments already made to review certain fishstocks and on urgent issues that present a high level of risk or opportunity.

The proposals considered in the IPP include:

- **Moremore mataitai bylaw**
- **Determining and recording weights of fish packed and frozen at sea**
- **Landed state code for skate wings**
- **Non-Fish Incidental Catch Reporting Form**
- **Set Net Catch Effort Form**
- **Deemed Values for 1 April Fishstocks**

MFish welcomes written submissions on the proposals contained within the IPP. Written submissions are due by Friday, 17 February 2006 and should be posted to Kristin Philbert, Ministry of Fisheries, PO Box 1020, Wellington. Alternatively, electronic submissions can be emailed to [kristin.philbert@fish.govt.nz](mailto:kristin.philbert@fish.govt.nz).

A copy of the IPP will shortly be available from MFish's website at [www.fish.govt.nz](http://www.fish.govt.nz).

Should you wish to receive further information about any of the proposals contained within the IPP, please contact:

- Leigh Mitchell, Acting Senior Fisheries Management Advisor, (03) 548 1069 - Moremore mataitai bylaw
- Dave Foster, Business Analyst, (04) 819 4209 - Determining and recording weights of fish packed and frozen at sea
- Bob Johnston, Senior Policy Analyst, (04) 819 4270 – Landed state code for skate wings; Non-Fish Incidental Catch Reporting Form; Set Net Catch Effort Form; and Deemed Values for 1 April Fishstocks

Finally, we note that all submissions that are received for the purposes of the sustainability measures process are publicly available under the Official Information Act 1982. Should any person or organisation wish for any information contained in their submission to be withheld under the Act, the grounds for withholding the information must be provided in the submission.

Yours sincerely

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