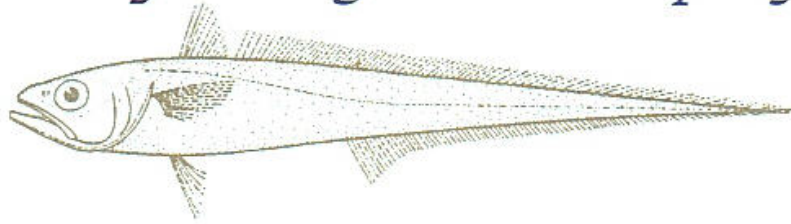


# *Hoki Fishery Management Company Ltd*



Submission on the  
**2005/08 STATEMENT OF INTENT  
INCLUDING OUTPUT PLAN FOR 2005/06**

(dated 25 February 2005)

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## **Introduction**

1. This submission is made by the Hoki Fishery Management Company Ltd (HFMC) on behalf of the quota owners in the Southern Blue Whiting Fishery (SBW). The submission focuses on Statement of Intent and its implications for the quota owners as a whole as well as addressing some proposals in more detail.
2. The submission has been prepared in consultation Hoki and Squid quota owners affected by the proposals, and supplements submissions made by SeaFIC and individual companies directly.
3. HFMC and SFMC support the submission made by SeaFIC that is summarized below:

### **Improving transparency and accountability in Ministry Services**

4. HFMC and SFMC considers that a key focus of the Ministry for 2005/06 should be to improve transparency (in terms of objectives, activities and costs) and accountability (for service performance standards and costs) in the delivery of fisheries services. The Stock Strategies consultation document contains many proposals that support increased transparency and accountability.

### **Partnership approach in the development of fisheries plans**

5. HFMC and SFMC support the commitment of Ministry fisheries management resources towards ensuring a collaborative partnership approach between the Ministry and those stakeholder groups who wish to initiate, develop and implement fisheries plans.

### **Increased contestable and devolved services**

6. Opportunities exist for increased contestability in the provision of some fisheries services (observer services are an obvious example). HFMC and SFMC considers that the identification and implementation of these opportunities should be a priority work area.

### **Completing the rights-based framework**

7. So long as the rights-based framework for fisheries management remains incomplete (with respect to recreational fishing), it will not be possible to maximise the value obtained from New Zealand's fisheries resources, particularly through the development of fisheries plans. Completion of the rights-based framework is an urgent priority.

**Economic development**

8. HFMC and SFMC support the proposed new sector economic development role for the Ministry, provided the role of the Crown as regulator is not compromised or confused with industry responsibilities. Our comments on the SOI recommend some appropriate roles for the Ministry to assist in economic development of the sector.

**Relevance to Management of New Zealand Fisheries**

9. Finally in addition to support the submission made by SeaFIC, both HFMC and SFMC believe that it is the duty of the Ministry of Fisheries to provide relevant and cost effective management of New Zealand's fisheries for all stakeholders. This should in fact be the primary test for all the work carried out by the Ministry.

Yours faithfully

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