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**SUBMISSION ON STOCK STRATEGIES AS  
“A NEW WAY OF MANAGING OUR FISHERIES”**

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It is time to review the total management structure of our fisheries to give all users of the resource a say in how allocations (quota's) compliance and management of the resource is made.

In the past commercial and customary groups have had the opportunity to be involved in management decisions but the recreational users of the resource have been severely restricted in their ability to participate for numerous reasons eg funding – no truly representative body to speak on their behalf at a national level etc.

The recreational sector is left with the feeling that the concerns that they do raise are not meaningfully considered or alternatively are totally ignored eg the kahawai debate, or on the local (Taranaki) scene where for many years we have lobbied for a reduction in the legal size limit on paua and finally an investigation supported our claims after a scientific study. MOF Policy Division apparently filed the question in the “too hard basket”.

Surely the Taranaki paua debate already meets the objectives of “stock analysis” “goals and objections” and as paua have been fished here since the earliest times the sustainability of the resource is proven, however the only legal take is under the customary right provision (it is well documented that a huge illegal take is made and still the resource is sustainable.

So the time is right for a review that will ensure all sectors have equal opportunity to participate and then when all view points and studies are considered that appropriate action to ensure a fair and equitable decision is implemented.

Signed

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