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Dear Fisheries Stakeholder

IN SEASON INCREASE IN TAC FOR SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA

As an outcome of the October 2009 meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT), New Zealand has an increase in its national allocation for southern bluefin tuna. It is therefore open to the Minister of Fisheries to consider an increase in total allowable catch (TAC) for southern bluefin tuna in the current year. The Initial Position Paper (IPP) proposes an increase in TAC from 420 to 532 tonnes. The IPP also contains a proposal to use the opportunity of an increased national allocation to remove the provision that provides for the carry forward of under fishing of southern bluefin from one year to the next.

The IPP is available on the Ministry of Fisheries website, www.fish.govt.nz.

If you wish to make a submission on this proposal please send your submission to:

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The closing date for submissions is **12 February 2010**. If you have any questions about this proposal please contact Stephanie Hill, Senior Fisheries Analyst, on (09) 820 7785 or Stephanie.hill@fish.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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