

Shared Fisheries

Proposals for Managing New Zealand's Shared Fisheries



Ministry of Fisheries
Te Tautiaki i nga tini a Tangaroa

Shared Fisheries

Overall goal

**To increase the value that New Zealanders get
from using shared fisheries**

**“The challenge before us is to manage shared fisheries in a way that
ensures New Zealand and New Zealanders get
as much value as possible from them,
not only today, but into the future”**

— *Hon Jim Anderton Minister of Fisheries*

Shared Fisheries

Non-commercial values need better recognition

**The commercial fishing sector needs more
certainty around allocation**

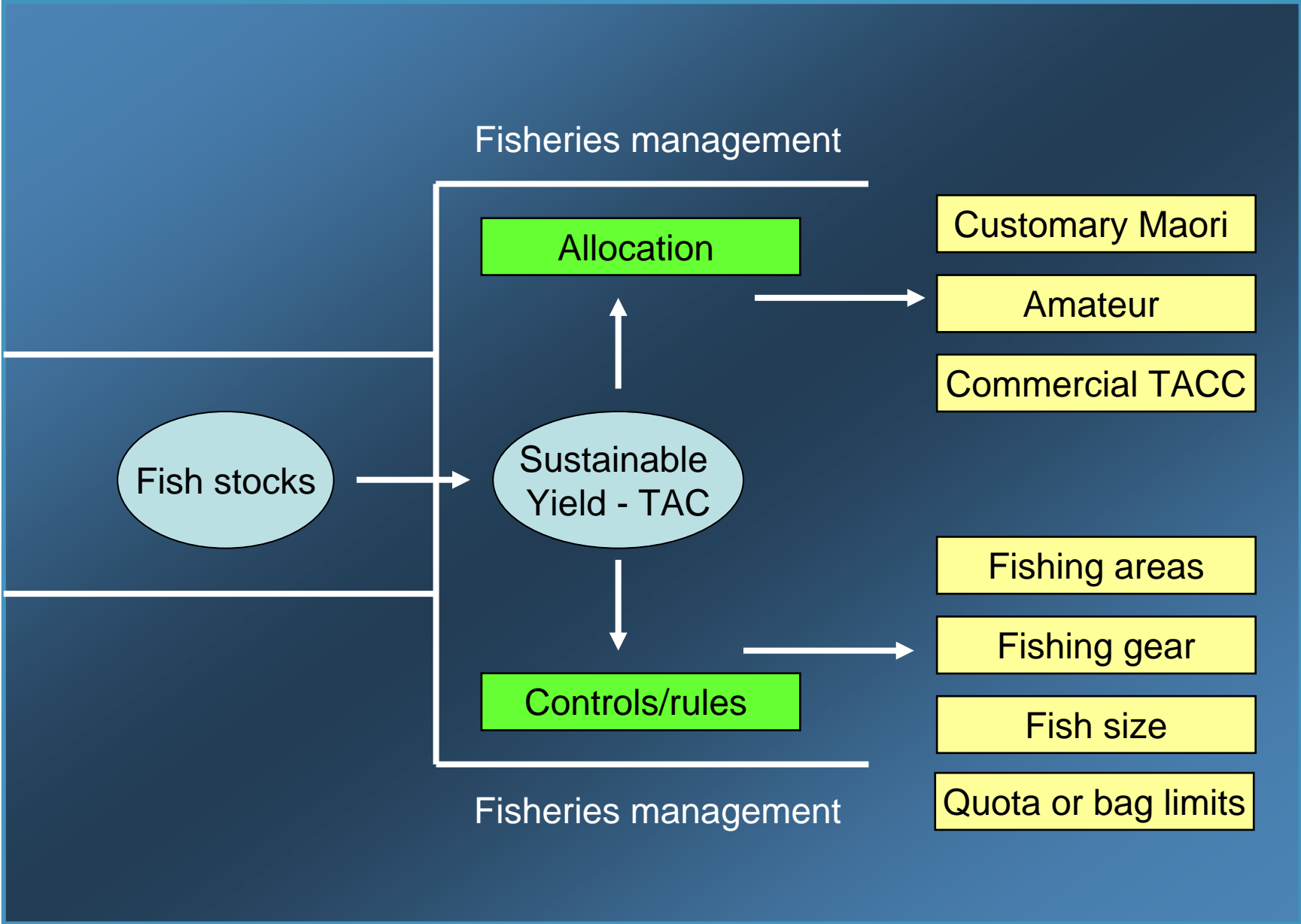
Policy introduction



For example:
kahawai
snapper
kingfish
rock-lobster
paua
eels

Customary fishers
Commercial fishers
Amateur fishers

Food
Traditional values
Sport
Enjoyment
Relationships
Dollars
Employment



The proposals are about sharing fisheries resources between customary, amateur and commercial fishers

The proposals do not address:

- **Aquaculture**
- **International fisheries**
- **Allocation between fishers and other users of ocean resources**
- **Non-extractive uses of fisheries**
- **Illegal fishing**
- **Measures to ensure that fishing is environmentally sustainable**

Key areas of the discussion paper

1. Getting better information on catch and values
2. Setting the Total Allowable Catch
3. Priorities for allocating Total Allowable Catch
4. Setting and adjusting amateur and commercial allocations
5. Local area management
6. Redress following adjustments in allocations / access
7. Representing amateur fishers' interests

Policy proposals

1. Getting better information on the catch and values

More survey and monitoring work

Reporting for recreational charter operations

Estimating relative values for commercial and amateur fishing

Policy proposals

2. Setting the Total Allowable Catch

Setting the TAC for a stock target level above that which achieves Maximum Sustainable Yield

Setting the TAC in depleted fisheries to allow faster rebuild times

Policy proposals

3. Priorities for allocating Total Allowable Catch

Clarify provision for Maori customary take

Priority for amateur fishing over commercial fishing

Policy problem

4. Setting and adjusting sector allocations

Setting a baseline

- The starting point for allocations

Ongoing adjustments

- Clear rules are needed for how adjustments should be made

Policy proposals

Starting from a
baseline

Status quo where TACs have been set

Agreements under a fisheries plan

Exceptions for a few key fisheries

Policy proposals

4A. Baseline
allocations

Re-set allocations following an independent assessment

Re-set allocations following a study of value in the commercial and amateur sectors

Re-set allocations following a negotiation process

Policy proposals

4B. Ongoing adjustments

Proportional adjustments

Value-based adjustments

Combination model

Policy proposals

5. Local area management

Provide for a coastal zone or areas where key species are managed with priority for non-commercial fishing

Provide for sector-initiated proposals to protect or strengthen specific interests

Create area-based fisheries plans appropriate to shared fisheries issues

Policy proposals

6. Redress following adjustments in allocations / access

Leave redress with the courts

Provide a process for consideration of redress to the commercial sector

Policy proposals

7. Representing amateur fishers' interests

Establishment of amateur fishing trust

Trustees appointed by the Minister and funds could come from the Government and other sources

Work with existing amateur fishing organisations to provide professional input to fisheries management

Promote the development of a representative, accountable and funded structure for the amateur fishing sector

Find out more...

By reading the full Shared Fisheries discussion document.

The paper can be downloaded from the Ministry of Fisheries website
www.fish.govt.nz

Or obtained by calling 0800 666 675

Or contacting the Ministry of Fisheries

Policy timeline

1. Shared fisheries policy initiative launched December 2005
2. Initial discussions with tangata whenua and stakeholder groups
Early 2006
3. Development of policy proposals Mid-2006
4. Discussion document released 25 October 2006
5. Consultation period – submission deadline 28 February 2007
6. Submission analysis & policy development early-2007
7. Final Cabinet decisions on reforms mid-2007
8. Any necessary legislation passed by end of 2007
9. Implementation 2008 onwards

Have your say

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www.fish.govt.nz

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Shared Fisheries consultation

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Have your say

What do you think of the proposals? Why do you support or not support them?

Where options are presented, which do you favour? Why? Is there another possibility that should be on the list?

Are some reforms more important than others? What do you think the priorities for action should be?

What shared fisheries should have the highest priority for attention?

What other approaches could be taken to address the issues raised?

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