

Submission: to Ministry of Fisheries

From: Area 2 Inshore Finfish Management Company Ltd

Re: Submission on Statement of Intent 2005-2008 and Output Plan for 2005-2006

This submission is divided into two sections. The first deals with the Statement of Intent (2005-2008) (SOI) and the second with the Output Plan (2005-2006).

1. Statement of Intent 2005-2008.

The first chapters (pages 9 – 20) contain many statements which require more detail in order to understand what exactly MFish intends to achieve.

For example -

Fisheries management “...is about implementing government fisheries outcomes and policy directions within the statutory framework” (page 11).

We disagree.

Fisheries management includes effort well beyond government outcomes. Many Commercial Stakeholder Organisations (CSOs), SeaFIC, iwi and individuals are involved in fisheries management.

For example –

“... the Ministry needs to [...] promote economic growth and non- commercial values” (Page 9).

What does this mean? What non commercial values will MFish promote?

For example –

“Standards will be developed to provide consistency in approach “ etc etc (Page 12).

What happened to past objectives to develop standards? This section reads as if work on this topic is just beginning yet this intent has been stated for many years.

All in all, Area 2 can find the SOI vague and finds nothing to suggest there is anything other than more of the same lined up for the next few years.

The initiatives for Fisheries Plans and Stock Strategies have a long way to go before management systems are developed that are workable and efficient.

2. Output Plan 2005 – 2006

The final page of the SOI shows that for most services, 2005-2006 is the first of two transitional years (Page 23). There is little to suggest anything “transitional” is happening in the Output Plan. It reads as if it is work as usual with no theme of change.

Area 2 would like to see

- explicit reference to a review of Cost Recovery Rules
- a full explanation of why so much funding is required to monitor Fishserve