

Questions for MFish from the Hokianga Accord hui, Waipapa marae, Auckland University

November 9th, 2007.

1. What criteria does MFish use to measure a regional iwi fisheries forum?
2. Why is the Hokianga Accord not recognised as an iwi forum?

Given that Stan Crothers advised Phil Heatley that the reason the Hokianga Accord is not recognised is because recreational fishers are involved in the forum.

Maori are recreational fishers too.

The Hokianga Accord has previously advised MFish they cannot limit who the Accord invites as manuhiri to their hui.

The Hokianga Accord is aware that recreational fishers have participated in both Nga Hapu o Te Uru and Mai I Nga Kuri Forum hui, yet both of these forums are still officially recognised by MFish.

MFish are applying an inconsistent approach when allocating resources.

3. If the Hokianga Accord does not meet 'official' iwi forum status at present then MFish need to provide the criteria by which they do meet the requirements. The Accord wants clarification on what needs to be done so they can meet the criteria.
4. MFish repay, with haste, the outstanding fee for the Hokianga Accord hui held at Naumai marae in July 2006.
5. Will MFish supply the Hokianga Accord with written details on the Mataitai Reserves Policy?
6. Will MFish confirm this document is now referred to as the Mataitai Guidelines?
7. Will MFish supply a financial breakdown of how the \$17.045 million Deed of Settlement appropriated funds from the Vote Fisheries Bid 2004 has been spent, including which MFish sections the money has been spent and how much in each section?
8. What is the weighting given to information supplied by tangata whenua compared to MFish information, when a mataitai application is being considered?
9. What measures do MFish plan to put in place to enable section 12 obligations to be met, to **provide for the input and participation** of tangata whenua into specific sustainability measures?
10. What specific actions will MFish take to **provide for the input and participation** of Ngapuhi, Ngati Whatua and Ngati Wai, being the mandated iwi organisations of the mid north?