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Dear Stakeholder

Consultation on North Island West Coast Finfish Plan

The Ministry of Fisheries has been working with tangata whenua and stakeholders to develop a number of Fisheries Plans. These plans identify the value different stakeholders obtain from the fishery, set objectives for the fishery to get best value, design the management of the fishery to achieve the objectives and make fisheries management more transparent.

Please find enclosed a copy of the summary of the draft Fisheries Plan for North Island West Coast Finfish. The plan has been developed by an advisory group comprising tangata whenua, commercial, recreational stakeholder representatives, and MFish. This plan will eventually make up a chapter of a more encompassing Inshore Fisheries Plan that will be developed in future years.

The Minister is considering whether to approve, under section 11A of the Fisheries Act 1996, the plan's objectives and general strategies¹. MFish is now consulting on the plan on behalf of the Minister of Fisheries.

Written submissions on the plan should be sent to:

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or emailed to tracey.steel@fish.govt.nz

Submissions are due by **Friday 16th October**.

Please contact me for the more detailed version of the plan. The full plan, further information on the plan and the minutes of the advisory group are also available on the North Island West Coast Finfish Plan website at <http://fpcs.fish.govt.nz/>.

¹ Actions and services arising from the plan are subject to MFish/Stakeholder prioritisation and are not part of the Minister's approval process.

MFish and stakeholder representatives from the advisory group are happy to discuss the plan. Please contact me if you wish to discuss the plan or meet with one of the stakeholder representatives.

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