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Honorable Jim Anderton
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Emailed to jim.anderton@parliament.govt.nz

Dear Sir

Today the New Zealand Big Game Fishing Council (NZBGFC) lodged its Submission on the Shared Fisheries Discussion Paper. The Submission is called "The Peoples Submission" in which we were a major contributor with our other partner organizations and individuals identified in the submission. This process has been one that has caused a huge amount of effort on our part to pull together a large group of knowledgeable and well informed participants on fisheries management who also have a good background of the history of fisheries management since the early 1980's. The combined effort and consensus outcome required considerable writing and rewriting of the final submission and the accompanying papers that go with it. The end result is one the NZBGFC is very proud of and represents one of the biggest commitments in terms of effort we have submitted to date on any fisheries management initiatives.

The Peoples Submission is submitted on behalf of our full Council of 60 clubs and 32,000 members' as their elected representatives. However, due to time constraints and effort to bring the submission to you by the deadline of 28th February 2007 we have not had the opportunity for it to be fully distributed in its final state to all our membership and seek their full endorsement of it. This is a naturally time-consuming affair within club structures which takes time to process any business due to monthly meeting cycles of club representatives and for themselves to gauge opinion within the club. I believe the nature and importance of the discussion paper is such that we should seek their reaction to The Peoples Submission paper and intend to appraise you of the club reactions to the submission as soon as this can be completed.

I also wish to state the NZBGFC endorsement of the submission placed by the NZRFC as a founding member of that organization. We have been fully appraised of the contents and believe it fits in closely with the intent of The Peoples Submission. This too will undergo individual club support process and reaction will be advised to you.

I will be in touch again once this information is available but expect this to be early April before it can be completed.

Yours sincerely

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PRESIDENT

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