



Indicator Review  
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**RE; Submission in response to the MFish request for information and advice on indicators to measure sector outcome performance.**

## **Introduction**

This submission is made by NZ Fishing: Keep it K-iwi on behalf of the groundswell of New Zealanders who are appalled by MFish allowing the ongoing fish extraction from the New Zealand Exclusive Economic Zone by foreign crews fishing for NZ companies.

## **Background**

The 200 nautical mile NZEEZ was declared 32 years ago. The New Zealand public holds a legitimate expectation that exploitation of fish stocks from the NZEEZ will deliver for the 'social, cultural and economic wellbeing of all New Zealanders'. Our polls indicate that 94% of respondents believe that Foreign fishing crews should not take jobs that New Zealanders can do. Our polls indicate that 95% of respondents believe that NZ caught fish should be processed by Kiwi's in NZ.

Despite the push to 'New Zealandise' the deep water fisheries in the late 1970's and early 1980's through Joint Venture licensing, retention of the valuable skill sets required to achieve this have not been supported by MFish policy / regulation or other departments, eg the Department of Labour, IRD.

Foreign fishers have been working in the NZEEZ on work visas since its inception and yet in that whopping 32 years fishing skills have never appeared on the long term (or short term) skill shortage list.

Quasi privatisation of the common resource of fisheries into the QMS in 1986 has resulted in half of the catch from the NZEEZ being caught by foreign fishers and processed by foreign workers offshore. This does not support the 'social, cultural and economic wellbeing of all New Zealanders' – only the profit of a select few companies and their shareholders. It seems that MFish has failed to recognise that the purpose of a sustainable fishery is to support people (without people you would not need a fishery) and that these fisheries are in NZ, so the primary people to support are New Zealanders. There is no evidence to suggest that profiteering by a few companies results in the 'social, cultural and economic wellbeing of all New Zealanders'. However it is clear that employment through domestic catching and local processing does improve the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of all New Zealanders through more wages, more taxes, less dole, less crime and better role models in communities.

Government departments need to collaborate to incentivise activity that supports enhancement of the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of all New Zealanders. We suggest a tax break for domestic processing of deep-sea species caught on NZ crewed vessels – let's face it this tax was lost to NZ in any event as the processing is currently done offshore so it costs the country nothing.

## Submissions

**MFish USE1 SUPPORTING OUTCOME: An internationally competitive and profitable seafood industry that makes a significant contribution to our economy.**

### **Indicator Asset Value (Quota and ACE)**

We do not agree. It is essential that the PI is amended;

- a. Add '...for the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of all New Zealanders'

This indicator needs to measure the right things to determine if a significant contribution is being made to the economy.

- a. How many Kiwis are being employed in the catch sector PA?
- b. How many foreign crew are being employed in the catch sector PA?
- c. What tonnage is caught by Kiwi crews and by foreign crews?
- d. What tonnage is processed in NZ and offshore?
- e. How much PAYE and personal income tax is being paid by Kiwi crews and by foreign crews?
- f. Calculate:
  - I. What would the tax take be if these jobs were all done by Kiwis?
  - II. How many fishing skilled New Zealanders are there?

- g.** Introduce:
  - I. Quota on foreign crew per vessel fishing in NZ waters (50% max in 2011, reducing to 0% in 2014)
  - II. Support of succession strategies through the Seafood ITO
- h.** Measure:
  - I. Increase in Kiwi fishing employment PA
  - II. Reduction in foreign crew employment PA
  - III. Increase in NZ caught tonnage PA
  - IV. Increase in domestic processed tonnage PA
  - V. Increase in service industry jobs PA
  - VI. Increase in qualified and experienced crews
  - VII. Increase in tax take PA per sector

NZ Fishing: Keep it K-iwi appreciates the opportunity to submit in response to the Ministry of Fisheries' request for information and advice on indicators to measure sector outcome performance. We would like to be kept informed of future developments.

Yours sincerely,

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