

FISHERIES 2030

I am writing to let you know that the Hon Phil Heatley Minister of Fisheries has now released Fisheries 2030 goal and strategy for fisheries.

Fisheries 2030 will enable the fisheries sector to improve its environmental performance, deliver benefits to non-commercial fishers and make a significantly greater sustainable contribution to the New Zealand economy.

Cabinet endorsement of Fisheries 2030 represents a major step forward for the Ministry and the fisheries sector.

This is an exciting opportunity to work together in a more coordinated way so that we can address the challenges identified and the potential benefits from improved environmental and economic performance.

You will note that the Fisheries 2030 long term goal for the sector remains “New Zealanders maximising benefits from the use of fisheries within environmental limits”. I strongly believe that improved economic benefit can be obtained from smarter use of our fisheries, while at the same time protecting the health of the fishery and the marine environment.

From my perspective your involvement in Fisheries 2030 has helped to develop a clearer picture of where the sector wants to be positioned in the future. More detail has been provided about the specific results (outcomes) sought from the use of fisheries resources and the environmental performance that will be necessary if the long term goal and the creation of value across the sector is to be achieved. The more specific strategic actions have been reviewed and better aligned to ensure that these outcomes are achieved. Governance conditions that are well specified, transparent, and which support cost-effective and accountable decision-making are identified to enable the outcomes to be met. A set of values and principles have been added to outline the approach to undertaking actions and making decisions.

It is important to note that Fisheries 2030 is a 20-year strategy, and not all aspects of it can be implemented simultaneously. The Minister therefore has Cabinets’ endorsement of a five year plan of

action to begin implementing Fisheries 2030. The focus for the next five years will include:

- Improving the management framework
- Supporting aquaculture and international objectives
- Ensuring sustainability of fish stocks
- Improving fisheries information
- Building sector leadership and capacity
- Meeting obligations to Maori
- Enabling collective management responsibility

I would like once again to thank you for contributing to the process that has led to the development of Fisheries 2030. We look forward to ongoing engagement around the implementation of the action plan and your aspirations and ideas for conservation and use of fisheries resources.

If you have not yet had a chance to read the Fisheries 2030 report you can download a copy from the Ministry of Fisheries website www.fish.govt.nz.

If you would prefer to have a hard copy of the report please email Phil (kirkp@fish.govt.nz) and we will have one posted out to you.

Yours sincerely

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