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### Parliamentary Questions

#### Question 11. Fisheries Sector-Enhancement

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11. COLIN KING (National-Kaikoura) to the Minister of Fisheries: What reports has he received regarding the enhancement of the fisheries sector to boost its economic potential?

Hon PHIL HEATLEY (Minister of Fisheries) : I have recently received an independent review by PricewaterhouseCoopers entitled Fisheries 2030-Vision, result areas and action plan. The next steps in this process will see the Ministry of Fisheries working with stakeholders to consider the best suggestions from the report, and then we will action those ideas.

Colin King: Are any general outcomes expected from this consultation?

Hon PHIL HEATLEY: Of course, specifics have to flow from the consultation, but I hope that we will see a more coordinated and fruitful approach by all stakeholders-customary, recreational, commercial, aquacultural, and environmental non-governmental organisations. This is about maximising the economic potential. For example, the National Government is committed to ensuring that our aquaculture industry gets going, instead of languishing under the current law. We expect this approach to support that.

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