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CAB Min (09) 9/8A

Minute of Decision

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Actions to Unlock the Economic Potential of the New Zealand Fisheries Sector

Portfolio: Fisheries

On 16 March 2009, following reference from the Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee (EGI), Cabinet:

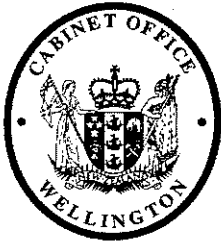
- 1 **noted** that an independent review undertaken by PricewaterhouseCoopers has found that the fisheries sector has the potential to deliver significantly greater benefits to the New Zealand economy;
- 2 **noted** that fisheries stakeholders involved in the PricewaterhouseCoopers review agree on the need for more certainty and alignment with a shared direction for the sector;
- 3 **noted** that the lack of a plan to provide overall direction and to co-ordinate actions across the fisheries sector is preventing improved environmental and economic performance;
- 4 **agreed** that the Ministry of Fisheries work in collaboration with tangata whenua and fisheries stakeholders to build on the PricewaterhouseCoopers report and confirm a shared direction and plan of action for the fisheries sector;
- 5 **noted** that some aspects of this work may be contentious and will require consideration of issues that fall within the portfolios of other Ministers;
- 6 **noted** that the Ministry of Fisheries will seek advice on across-agency matters from an inter-departmental Deputy Chief Executives natural resources reference group and central government agencies;
- 7 **directed** officials (Ministry for the Environment and Ministry of Fisheries joint lead) to provide advice to Ministers by June 2009 on a review of the aquaculture legislation including, if possible, a draft Bill;
- 8 **invited** the Minister of Fisheries to report back to the Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee in July 2009 with recommended actions that will enable the fisheries sector to make a significantly greater contribution to the New Zealand economy.

Rebecca Kitteridge
Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: CAB (09) 96; EGI Min (09) 3/3

Secretary's note: This minute replaces EGI Min (09) 3/3. Cabinet amended paragraph 7.

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Report of the Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee: Period Ended 13 March 2009

On 16 March 2009, Cabinet made the following decisions on the work of the Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee for the period ended 13 March 2009.

Committee Minute	Title	Cabinet Decision
EGI Min (09) 3/1	Commerce Commission Funding for the Implementation of Part 4 of the Commerce Act 1986	CONFIRMED [Deferred by EGI]
EGI Min (09) 3/2	Waste Policy: Release of Discussion Document	CONFIRMED
EGI Min (09) 3/3	Actions to Unlock the Economic Potential of the New Zealand Fisheries Sector	Separate Minute: see CAB Min (09) 9/8A
EGI Min (09) 3/4	Processing Times for International Airline Passengers: Progress Report	CONFIRMED [Paper withdrawn at EGI]

Rebecca Kitteridge
Secretary of the Cabinet

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