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**Review of Sustainability Measures for all Kahawai Stocks (KAH 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 and 10) October 2010**

This submission is being made by The Kiwi Party - a political party formed in February 2008. The Kiwi Party has from its inception been an advocate for policies designed to reinforce and re-establish values in our society that will make New Zealand a great nation. An integral part of those values relate to the importance of family and the important role healthy families play in building our society. Recreational Fishing is enjoyed by the vast majority of New Zealanders, many having grown up with the experience of fishing to provide for their social and cultural and economic well-being. For many fishing is not a recreational activity but one which puts healthy food on the family table.

The decimation of the inshore fisheries over the past 30 years, particularly by the over fishing of the commercial industry in the inshore fishery, has resulted in hardship for many and a loss of cultural heritage for all Kiwis..

The Kahawai is an important fish in our oceans and is commonly called 'the peoples' fish' because of its role in the cultural experience of us all.

The Kiwi Party supports the submission made by the Hokianga Accord, NZ Sport Fishing (NZSF) and option4 and fully endorses the recommendations made by that submission. The quality of their submissions speaks for itself and is a tribute to those who voluntarily engage, year after year, in submissions to the Ministry in an attempt to give the best possible input to the Minister's processes for decision-making. Their work should be highly regarded and valued..

Having had some personal involvement politically in the Kahawai quota allocations I would like to address the remainder of the Kiwi Party's submission in a personal manner to the Minister, the Hon Phil Heatley, by way of the attached letter.

Yours Sincerely

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Kiwi Party leader